

CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2011

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY HOUR

Mondays 5-7pm with Benediction

Please consider some quiet time in prayer.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKENED

The Religious Retirement Collection will be Dec. 10/11. Religious women and men have faithfully served the Catholic Church in our country and need our support. Your generosity is always appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Can you give the blessing of time to the residents of
Christian Health Care Center**

St. Elizabeth's will be holding a special Christmas Mass for the residents of Christian Health Care Center on Saturday, December 17th, at 2:00pm. We need adults and teens to help transport the residents to the auditorium. The transport volunteer team will be meeting at 1:30pm at Heritage Manor. Teens can use this as part of their community service project of Confirmation service and will receive a letter for 2 hours of community service. If you can help, please call Lisa T. at St. E's 201-891-1122 ext. 200.

Final Weekend for 2011 Advent Christmas Tree Sharing! Gifts needed by Sunday, Dec. 11 at noon



This is the last chance to participate in the 2011 Advent Giving Tree Ministry. Please take a gift card and purchase a gift to help brighten Christmas for the many children, women and men in need this year. **The gifts must be returned NEW, WRAPPED, and WITH THE TAG Taped to the OUTSIDE to the Narthex no later than 12 NOON on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.** The gifts you donate are delivered to the various organizations on Mon., Dec. 12. If you would still like to donate gifts after Dec. 11, please bring them directly to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

VAN DRIVERS and VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesdays & Fridays: For Eva's Kitchen deliveries, St. E's is in need of van drivers and helpers for Wednesdays & Fridays, for food deliveries to Eva's kitchen. During 8:30am to 11am. Drivers needed for every other Fridays, and no special driver's license needed. Call Chuck Ryan at 201-847-1052 or skvisblue1@optonline.net for more information.

Mondays: Helpers needed for deliveries to Eva/Oasis on Mondays 8:30am to 11am (driving optional), approx. once a month. Please call Joe Meighan 201-891-4909 or Ernie Buonocore 201-891-4882 for more information.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS "Oplatki"



The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom long used in family celebrations. A brief prayer begins the festivities of sharing the blessed Christmas wafer. If you would like to continue or to begin this sacred tradition, wafers can be purchased at the Parish Office. Donation: \$2.00.

ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL

Christmas Party, Thurs., Dec. 15, at 10am

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Elizabeth Room Thursday, December 15th, at 10am for the Rosary Society's annual Christmas party. We will have a 'spirited sing-a-long of favorite Christmas songs, some great conversation & delicious home baked treats. "Come on down" and join in the festivities.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 17, 7:30pm

Betsy Maxwell, St. E's talented new music director, with the Festival Chorale, Spirit Group, Children's and Youth Choirs will present their annual Christmas Concert Saturday night, December 17, at 7:30pm in the church. Join us as they perform traditional and current favorites of the season. There will be no charge however, a **Free Will Offering** would be gratefully appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

It's time to sign up for your Christmas Mass. If you use the online scheduler, please go to the site and sign up now! If you do not have internet access, call Lisa T. at the Parish Center at 201-891-1122 ext. 200, and she will enter your Christmas Mass choices. Thanks for all you do!

RENEWAL TO SUBSCRIPTION OF THE MAGNIFICAT



Our subscription to the *Magnificat* expires at the end of January 2012. As you may know, *Magnificat* is a monthly prayer book that contains the prayers and readings for daily Mass, brief introductions on the feast or a short biographical sketch of the saint of the day, meditations on the liturgy well as the Liturgy of the Hours (abbreviated.) In addition to these, the *Magnificat* has spiritual reflections and beautiful reproductions of religious art along with a commentary on it. Regular subscription is \$44.95; but because we will be ordering in bulk, the cost is much less. If you are interested in renewing your subscription or ordering a new subscription, please bring \$30.00 to the Parish Office and put your name on the list **on or before January 26.**

MEN'S SHARING

Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, December 17, 7-9am in the **Youth Room** to informally share our Catholic Christian life.



CALENDERS FOR 2012

Calendars for the upcoming year will be available in the Narthex this weekend, please pickup yours.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Catholic Men's Conference, Sat., Mar. 10, 2012

The Women's Commission Day of Reflection, Sat. Mar. 3, 2012.

Both events will be at Seton Hall Univ.,

400 S. Orange Ave, S. Orange. For more information

Email : CatholicMen@rcan.org, or call 201-973-497-4545.

BOLD Youth Ministry

Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

Help Us Help the Homeless Bridges Outreach

St. Elizabeth's BOLD Youth Ministry will be making Bridges RUNS through the Bridges Outreach Program (www.bridgesoutreach.net) on December 17, 2011 and January 14, 2012 to Newark. We need your help.

If you would like to help provide these lunches, please take a slip from the box marked BRIDGES in the Narthex and return by designated date. **Cash donations for the cold cuts are welcomed.** If you would like to make a cash donation, please put it in an envelope marked "Bridges" and give to the Office of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

We continue to need toiletry kits for our street friends – **Bags with instructions are attached to the BRIDGES box in the hall outside the Narthex – take one home and return it when you come to Mass.** If any questions, please leave a message at 201-848-9769 for Maryrose McInerney and she will get back to you within 48 hrs. We will also be collecting sweaters and light weight jackets for this trip. We need **NEW** men's underwear and white socks. Drop your donation in the box marked **BRIDGES in hall outside the Narthex before December 16.**

BIBLE TIMELINE 2.0

24 week Bible Study launches in 2012

Join us for *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. This is a fascinating 24-part Bible study that will take you on a journey through the entire Bible. Go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible, and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. The first of 4 six week semesters begins January 11. Registration forms in Narthex, Parish Center or online at www.saintelizabeths.org. Contact Cathy at pingrasci@optonline.net or 201-493-0870.

MAKING MUSIC PRAYING TWICE

Wed. Dec. 14th 10:00-11:30 AM

Thursday, Dec. 15th 6:00-7:30 PM in Pajama's!

This is a NEW music program for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds to come and learn the music of our faith! It is a great program that will launch in 2012, but we have two special times to come and preview. Call Jonathan Camiolo (201) 891-3262 EXT. 225 if you are interested. Space is limited so sign up quick!

ALL TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Join us on Saturday, 17 December (2:00-3:30 P.M.) at the Christian Healthcare Center for a special Advent Mass and some good-spirited caroling! Need community service hours? Help us usher and carol! Want to sing with us during the Mass? Help us spread the joy and light of the season to those who may need a little cheer! Please contact Dylan immediately at wycckoff.nj@sstminternational.com for more information and to sign up! Please RSVP no later than Wednesday the 14th. Happy Advent!

**To everything there is a
Season and a time for every
Purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:11**

"A time to be healed..."

Prayers for those ill: will be included in the weekly bulletin with a name listing. Please call the Parish Center by Monday of each week to be included. All names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless we are notified.

Please pray for: Michael Giordano, Alexander Pope
Infant Bruce Douglas Robison, Ken Kenyon

"A time for joy..."

Recently Baptized: Mia Fonti, Joseph Kavallieratos,
John Rolla, Ella Taltavull, Julian Tindall

"A time for sorrow..."

Recently Deceased: Vincent La Iancona Jr.

"A time for war and a time for peace..."

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, Major Christopher Crotty, Miguel Tully, John Paul Phillips, Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, Captain Colin McNulty, Captain Luke Walsh, Capt. Raymond G. Tierney, LT. Joseph Toth, JAGC, USN, Capt. George Flynn, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Marines Private Martin E. Koerner Jr. PFC Daniel Auerbacher Amen.

"ELVIS, OH WHAT A NIGHT"

My Dear Friends,

WOW! What a night it was of friendship, fellowship and fun!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that helped make the "ELVIS" night such a big success. I have to admit that I was overwhelmed and humbled by the huge turnout that attended the show. I have performed countless concerts over the years but this by far was the most energetic and receptive audiences I have ever performed before.

Most importantly thank you for making me feel so at home here at Saint Elizabeth Parish. St E's is a place of prayer, and joy where families and individuals create wonderful friendships and fond happiness! What a blessing it is for me to be a part of this parish community. Thank you all!

Please receive this advent prayer.....

Loving God, send your grace this Advent Season to the people here at Saint Elizabeth Parish so that we may prepare for your coming. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve you and each other. Help us make room in our hearts for people who need us.

We thank you Lord for friends and strangers who have received us when we were lonely, afraid, or tired. May we be ready to receive the love you offer us and have the courage to share that love with others. Give us the peace of knowing that you came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus whose kingdom we seek. Amen.

◇◇ Peace and love be with you ◇◇

Deacon Anthony

CHANGES IN THE ROMAN MISSAL
The COLLECT or “Opening Prayer”

The priest invites the gathered church to the prayers of Mass with the words “Let us pray”. This phrase has origins in ancient Jewish prayers and announces the purpose of the words that will follow. We call these prayers “orations”, which means prayer itself. The Collect is formerly called the opening prayer and is the first of three orations in each Mass. It is called the “collect” because we have been gathered from many backgrounds into a community of faith. It also collects the many intentions we all have together and prays for the whole Church through Christ our Lord. We offer our intentions to God through this one prayer of the Church.

A traditional Roman Collect is carefully constructed. It is formal, structured and ancient. The Collect contains the following parts:

1. Naming God as Lord, Father, Almighty, etc.
2. Speaks about who God is by what God has done.
3. A petition for a request.
4. The goal of the request.
5. A motive or reason for the request, or why it is reasonable and good.
6. The concluding doxology to the Father through Christ the Son and in the Holy Spirit.
7. The “Amen”, from Hebrew, is the people’s closing of the prayer, meaning “yes” or “so be it”.

The form of these prayers is “Trinitarian” because we pray to the Father through the Son, Jesus Christ. We pray in the Holy Spirit who the Lord has sent and poured out for us. These ancient prayers are rich in theology, history and prayer. They help to form us in faith and speak to us about who God is and what God does for us. We can find many things to meditate in our own life through the prayers of the Church. The Third Sunday of Advent will have this collect:

“O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.”

This prayer stresses these points:

1. We cannot achieve salvation on our own effort; we need God’s work and intervention.
2. We need to receive the gift of God, and faith is received.
3. Salvation depends on Christ. He has done the work for us in becoming man.
4. We wait for the gifts of God in patience and faith.
5. The prayer of Mass is a taste of the joy of salvation.
6. We are praying for the gift of faith, joy and salvation. We give thanks in anticipation of these gifts from God.

Sources: “A Walk through the Mass”, by Sr. Janet Baxendale, SC, in *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ*, DVD with interactive resources, International Committee on English in the Liturgy. *Essential Presidential Prayers and Texts*, by Daniel Merz and Abbot Marcel Rooney, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. *At the Supper of the Lamb: A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass*, by Paul Turner, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011.

Joy to the World

Christmas Concert

Saturday, Dec. 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

Confessions - (Every Saturday @ 12:30 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 19th, 5-7 p.m. During Holy Hour

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Mass Schedule

9:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)

3:30 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)

5:00 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)

6:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant

7:00 p.m. Family Mass

8:30 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Caroling

10:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12 Noon

There will not be a 7:30 a.m.

Mass on Christmas Day.



Monday, December 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass only

Friday, December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)

9:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)

Saturday, December 31st New Year’s Eve

9:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)

5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 1, 2012 New Year’s Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

Monday, January 2, 2012

9:00 a.m. Mass only

Sunday, January 8, 2012
Solemnity of the Epiphany

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon



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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8



Third Sunday of Advent

Sat.	Dec. 10	5:00 PM	Patrick & Dorothy Driscoll
Sun.	Dec. 11	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Palladino & Croal Families
		10:30 AM	John P. Prendergast
		12:00 PM	Teresa Teegan

Mon. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM	Gloria Vasco, 25 th Anniv. Carl Lizza
9:00 AM	Peter J. Allocca
5:00 PM	Holy Hour

Tue. Dec. 13 St. Lucy

7:00 AM	Gladys May Boylan
9:00 AM	D'Ura & Gringeri Families

Wed. Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

7:00 AM	Anna Santamaria
9:00 AM	Matthew Radelich & William Hopf

Thu. Dec. 15 7:00 AM Cyrus Rao

9:00 AM	Josephine Novack, Calandra & Capalbo Families
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Fri. Dec. 16 7:00 AM Dan Dilger

9:00 AM	Elizabeth Ciarleglio
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Sat. Dec. 17 9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM	Kimberly & Christopher Huber
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Sun. Dec. 18 7:30 AM McCormack Boys

9:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Alice & Charles Cote
12:00 PM	Pecorino Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

- Miraculous Medal Novena** – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
- Novena to the Divine Mercy** – Fri. after 9 am Mass
- Men's Sharing** – Elizabeth Rm. Sat. 7 am
- Morning Prayer** – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am
- Rosary**-Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES



"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." Isaiah 61:1

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given the unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

The gift of treasure for the last week of was \$27,544 (of which \$3,249 was from online giving) vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235.

Year to date collections amounted to \$490,000 vs. our year to date budget of \$557,405.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY

By Senate resolution and a bill introduced to Congress, the second Sunday in December has been set aside as National Children's Memorial Day and Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting. The Fifteenth Annual Candle Lighting will take place this year on Dec. 11. At 7pm in every time zone, candles will be lighted in memory of all children who have died, creating a wave of light that will encircle the earth and create a virtual 24-hour memorial. The memorial candles are inexpensive and can be obtained locally. Please observe safety precautions for the lighting of candles in the home.

Please join us for Cornerstone 2012

Women's Cornerstone February 3-4, 2012
Men's Cornerstone March 2-3, 2012

For more information call:

Jean Marino	201-704-6310	Robert Kane	201-618-1526
Susan Paz	845-558-1311	Tom Spirito	201-370-5143

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK:

*Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of John Sheridan,
Given by: Nancy and Family.*

*Candles on the Altar: In Memory of Regina Dal Lago,
Given by: Pat & Al Jenks.*

*Flowers in the Sanctuary: In Memory of
Concetta & Carmelo Rizzo,
Given by: The Rizzo Family.*

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