

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners:

Archbishop Myers' letter in today's bulletin draws attention to the challenge of the Affordable Care Act. Some basic principles of Catholic moral teaching and its foundation in natural law are at issue. It is important - rather it is critical - to see this lest we succumb to the temptation of saying, "This would never happen here." Down the road from the initial violation of fundamental moral truths are the tyranny of the powerful creating their own "truth," and the loss of basic freedoms necessary for life, families, culture and even the economy. Put another way, when the government removes God from society, government becomes the "god."

Natural law stands in bold contrast to this. Natural law emanates from the heart, mind and conscience of the human person. It is the basis for law in civil society. It fosters freedom and human development. When civil laws or government regulations are formulated without a natural foundation - without being built on the intrinsic truth and identity of the human person - they are restrictive of our humanity and contradictory to our nature. The Affordable Care Act has veered from the natural law in legislating what is inconsistent with the truth and dignity of the human person.

Catholic moral teaching builds on, guides and seeks to protect the fundamental demands of the natural law. Our faith illuminates for us the divine law that is inscribed in our human nature. Aided by reason, experience, education and formation in faith, we embrace the natural law and its critical role in our self-understanding. It is our belief in the ability to access and assess our nature through human reason that establishes natural law as fundamental to our living and provides the way for peoples of different cultures and languages to recognize what is profoundly binding in our humanity. Additionally we know that faith sheds light on our understanding.

We believe that reason and intelligence are divinely given so that our human understanding can develop, seek and question. We also believe that our experience of faith opens our eyes to seek the divine truth about our humanity in its triumphs and in its sufferings. We prize Jesus as God's Son who took on our nature. In Him faith enables us to know ourselves as children of God. Natural law allows us to establish a common language and understanding as people of all faiths and people of none.

But where in all this can we find it natural, or lawful in the most profound sense, to take the life of an unborn child? What could be more contradictory of human nature and the impulse to live and to love? Where does the power to take unborn life come from? Left to a court decision we open the door to more affronts to human life and dignity, legal but divorced from the law deep within our hearts. Yielding to individual rights and freedoms - autonomy and choice - to allow the taking of life creates endless opportunity to contradict human dignity as cultures surrender their common trust over the lives of their most vulnerable members.

When laws dismiss what is human - and therefore what is just and true - citizens and our rights are dismissed as well. Even the practice of our religious faith - when limited or circumscribed by civil demands imposed by authoritarian fiat - is dismissed. In effect this drives religion and religious works out of the public domain and keeps them isolated from society.

It can happen here. It happens anywhere the truth of the human person is violated, natural law is overlooked and government insists it knows who we are, how we are to believe and what is determined to be moral and right.

Let us pray for conversion of minds and hearts.

*With every good thought and prayer,*

*Jr. Harahan*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:00pm

The Parish of St. Elizabeth provides the opportunity for everyone to share Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 5:30-7:00 pm. We invite all to pray in silence for 15 or 30 minutes or longer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Even if just for a few minutes, make sure that you take the time to stop in Church and give thanks to Him from whom every good comes.

OVERNIGHT EXTENDED ADORATION

1<sup>st</sup> Monday, of each Month

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm - 6:45am

**NEW!!!** For the Year of Faith, St. Elizabeth's will have extended Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Join us on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at the normal time of 5:30 pm, but will extend overnight concluding with Benediction at 6:45 am before the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday. We are looking for parishioners to commit to a once a month time slot for a Holy Hour. You can commit for the same time slot each month or simply for a month at a time. Commit with a friend, a spouse, or a child to come and pray. Prayer groups, parish ministries and families are encouraged to commit some time to this invitation. Please call Pat Khanjian at 201-891-3262 ext. 227 or email [jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org) to sign up for a time slot.

**Please consider some quiet time in prayer.**

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL CARDS



Cards will be available in the Narthex starting this week if you wish to have your mother (living or deceased) remembered during the Masses for Mother's Day. They can be returned to the parish center during normal operating hours from Monday through Saturday.

**MEMORIALS**

We recently purchased some new items for the church.

Plain Cream Chasuble	\$ 225
Cream & Gold Assistant Chasuble	\$ 770
Cream, Black & Gold Funeral Stole	\$ 330
Green & Gold Stole	\$ 315
Plain Cream Stole	\$ 140

If you would like to memorialize any of these items, please contact Lisa Hroncich at the Parish Center 201-891-1122.

**May Crowning**

Join us in honoring Our Lady

May 12th, Mother's Day

Following the 10:30 am Mass

- First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire and lead our procession.
- Procession will begin at the bell tower in front of the church and continue to the Grotto of Our Lady.
- (In the event of rain, the crowning will be held in Church.)

**SPRING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

An evening group is being offered to begin on Tuesday, May 7th in the Amadeus Room in the Parish Center. This group will run for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY**

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Retreat Director Fr. William Dowd

All Ladies of the parish are invited to a Day of Prayer on Wednesday, May 8th at St. Joseph's Shrine in Sterling, NJ. Fr. Wm. Dowd, Chaplain of the NY Giants Football team has a wonderful Spiritual Day planned for us. It will include 2 Conferences, Mass, Holy Hour, Benediction & Recitation of the Rosary. Cost for the day is \$35. This includes a Hot Lunch & Bus Transportation. The bus will leave St. E's at 8:30 am & return by 4:30 pm. Checks are payable to St.'s Rosary Society for \$35. They may be left at the Parish Center or sent to Mary Brown 441 Weymouth Dr. Wyckoff. Reserve your place now. Any questions, call Mary 201-891-4609.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Communion Gifts

The respect life gift shop at the Parish Center has a large selection of Communion items available for sale: Mass books, rosaries, medals, jewelry, photo albums, frames, crosses, children's bibles and much more! All the proceeds help the work of the respect life ministry.

**"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:

Donald McCormick & Rita Carey

**"A time to mourn..."**

Recently Deceased: Rose Fernandez, Andrew L. Demartini

**"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, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Marines P.F.C. Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Nolan Dunn, Taylor Mosera, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT, Conner Gillen Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Sgt. Peter Gentry USMC, Amen.

**Calling all family members.** If you have a loved one serving in the forces, we would like to include them in our weekly bulletin so we can keep them close in prayer. The names will remain on our list for three months. If you would like their name to remain longer, please call Lisa at 201-891-1122 ext.203.

**PENNY POWER**

We are still helping Sacred Heart School amass 100,000 pennies in celebration of their 100th birthday. As of April 14, we have collected 25,030 pennies. Keep up the good work! Pennies may be deposited in the jars marked Penny Power in the Narthex. Thank you all for your efforts.

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**"All Served With Honor and Pride"**

Calling all St. Elizabeth Parish groups and ministries, if your group would like to march at the Memorial Day Parade in Wyckoff, please contact the Municipal Clerk at the Wyckoff Town Hall or email at [clerkassist@wyckoff-nj.com](mailto:clerkassist@wyckoff-nj.com) for details

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Monday, April 29**

- Holy Hour, 5:30-7pm, Church

**Tuesday, April 30**

- Scripture Sharing, 10am-12noon, St. Francis Room

**Saturday, May 4**

- Food Bags, Narthex

**Sunday, May 5**

- Food Bags, Narthex

BOLD Youth Ministry  
NJ Catholic Youth Rally  
Six Flags Great Adventure



Sunday, May 19, 2013  
7:30 AM – 10 PM

\$80 a person, For all 8-12<sup>th</sup> Graders Price includes transportation, ticket, a FREE return ticket, all-you-can-eat buffet lunch, Opening Ceremony, and a Closing Mass – over \$170.00 value – you save more than \$90.0 Contact Jonathan Camiolo - 201-891-3262 or look for forms in office/Church/website.

**R.C.I.A.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Season. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

**IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW?**

Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or is a Catholic but has yet to receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include:

- Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church
- Baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church
- Adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so.

Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more information, please contact Jonathan Camiolo, 201-891-3262 x 225 or [jcamiolo@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:jcamiolo@saintelizabeths.org).

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
If you are interested in inquiring about RCIA, please contact Jonathan Camiolo at 201-891-3262 ext. 225 or submit the form below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in becoming a Roman Catholic.  
 I am a Roman Catholic, but haven't received Confirmation.  
 I would like more information.  
 I am a parish member and would like to join the RCIA team.

Please detach and return to the Parish Center.

**ST. E'S GIRL SCOUT TROOP  
COLLECTING PET FOOD**

St. Elizabeth School's Girl Scout Troop 1134 is collecting Cat and Dog supplies for their Bronze award. The donations will benefit the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge. Please help the animals by donating supplies. There will be a collection box in the Narthex. The collections will begin on Thursday, April 25 and end on June 20. Thank You for your generosity. Troop 1134.



**RELAY FOR LIFE  
FIGHT FOR THE CURE**

The Relay for Life of Flow (Franklin Lakes, Oakland and Wyckoff) will be held at Ramapo High School's athletic fields on Friday, May 17 from 5pm-until Saturday Morning 5am. The Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's biggest event promoting celebration of cancer survivors, remembrance of those who have died from cancer and raising money to fight to cancer so no one else suffers. There will be live music, food, games and heartfelt stories while walking to find a cure. You are invited to come to the event, form a team of family, friends, co-workers, clubs, or organization members and raise money and walk during the Relay. Or dedicate a luminaria bag to honor someone in your life who battled cancer. And if you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is, we would like to honor them for their courage and strength by beginning the event with an honorary lap. The individuals are celebrated in various ways from food and t-shirts, to dance and games! For more information and to do any of the above please visit the website [www.relayforlife.org/flownj](http://www.relayforlife.org/flownj).

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL  
RESTAURANT NIGHTS...**



Want a delicious Italian meal on a Monday or Tuesday evening or take-out on those days?...Just go to Pizzeria Mandara in Boulder Run...tell them you are from St. Elizabeth School or St. Elizabeth's Parish and they will give a 15% rebate back to the school. This will continue till the end of the school year. Thank you for your support!

**ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE  
May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>**



St. Elizabeth School will be collecting used clothes, handbags, belts, comforters, towels, sheets, stuffed animals and shoes through an organization called Fashion Republic. Their website is [www.fashionrepublicinc.com](http://www.fashionrepublicinc.com). These items will be distributed to villages in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Please place items in large plastic tightly tied "trash" bags. Please place shoes in a separate bag. Drop off at the St. Elizabeth School's gym on Saturday, May 18th between 8am-6pm or Sunday, May 19th between 8am and 3pm. This is an opportunity to raise funds for the school and at the same time help those who are in need. If you have any questions please call the school at 201-891-1481 during school hours. Thank you!

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*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - Jn 13:34-35*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 2

**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**



*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*  
 John 13:34

Jesus showed His love by healing the sick, giving hope to the hopeless and ultimately dying on the cross for us.

We, too, are called to show our love for one another.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$22,714 (of which \$3,746 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$957,027 vs. our year to date budget of \$1,017,870.

The collection Easter for March 31, 2013, will be announced after the Easter Season.

**PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday & Tuesday: 9:00-8:00pm**  
**Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00am-5:30pm**  
**Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm**  
**Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm, Sunday: Closed**

**NEED MEETING SPACE?**

All scheduling of rooms must be submitted in writing with a "room request form" which can be picked up at the Parish Center or on our website at [www.saintelizabeths.org](http://www.saintelizabeths.org). All requests are to be submitted to [lisah@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:lisah@saintelizabeths.org). You will receive a confirmation email or phone call.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Information to be included in the church bulletin must be submitted **2 weeks** ahead. Please use the email address below for bulletin submissions [lisah@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:lisah@saintelizabeths.org), or you may bring it to the Parish Center attention Lisa H.



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sat. April 27 5:00 PM Patrick & Dorothy Driscoll  
 Sun. April 28 7:30 AM Helen & Peter Dahlinger  
 9:00 AM Anna Gocłowski  
 10:30 AM The Tilton Family  
 12:00 PM Daniel Giletta & Marie Vardiman

**Mon. April 29 St. Catherine of Siena**

7:00 AM Barbara Daly  
 Neil Van Der Horn  
 9:00 AM James & Margaret Pressimone  
 5:30 PM **Holy Hour**

**Tue. April 30 St. Pius V**

7:00 AM Wanda Tschudy  
 9:00 AM Patricia Cunneely

**Wed. May 1 St. Joseph the Worker**

7:00 AM Neil Van Der Horn  
 9:00 AM Timothy Alber

**Thu. May 2 St. Athanasius**

7:00 AM Dr. Randell M. Giles  
 9:00 AM Gloria & George Martin  
 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

**Fri. May 3 SS. Philip & James**

7:00 AM Kimberly & Christopher Huber  
 9:00 AM Patsy Riccio

**Sat. May 4 9:00 AM Memorial Mass**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM People of the Parish  
 Sun. May 5 7:30 AM People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM Joseph L. Rigoli  
 10:30 AM Narcisco Morson  
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Welsh

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK**

*April 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>*

**Sanctuary Lights & Candles on the Altar:**

*In Memory of Neil Van der Horn,  
 Given by: The Elliot Family*

*April 28<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>*

**Altar Bread & Wine: In Celebration of:**  
*Marie & Jim 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary,  
 Given by: Marie*

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