

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER MACIEK

We often hear people say that living a spiritual life in the digital era is a great challenge. With so many things to do, information to process and videos to watch we may find little time and energy to look into the Bible or our traditional prayer books. The good news is that all of these and plenty more are available online too. You may choose from Facebook pages, YouTube clips and whole websites dedicated to prayer, worship and spiritual enrichment, some even available as Apps on your cell. Why not to try to use your cell as your Bible and a prayer book too. Check these out and find some more.

Busted Halo

www.bustedhalo.com

[facebook.com/bustedhalo](https://www.facebook.com/bustedhalo)

[youtube.com/bustedhalovideo](https://www.youtube.com/bustedhalovideo)

"The Busted Halo Show" on Sirius XM Channel 129 Monday through Friday from 7 to 10pm (The Catholic Channel)

Busted Halo is a great ministry that has lots of great online resources and has a very fun, light-hearted style in approaching the faith. If your family has Sirius XM the Busted Halo Show is the perfect show to have on in the background while you're doing your homework or just hanging around in the evenings.

Catholic Answers

www.catholic.com

Catholic Answers Live podcast & radio show on Sirius XM Channel 130 Monday through Friday 6 to 8pm

Catholic Answers is a great resource for questions like "why does the Church teach this or this" or "why is such and such a sin" or "how do I explain to my friends about why we go to Mass, etc."

Steubenville Youth Conference Videos

www.youtube.com/steubenvillyouth

This youtube channel has all the talks from all the Steubenville Youth Conferences from all over the country for the past 2 summers.

Helpful Apps

Laudate - this great app has daily Mass readings, prayers of the Mass, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, pretty much every written prayer you would ever want including Latin versions of them all, a full version of the New American Bible, the translation we use at Mass, and tons more!

Catholic Encyclopedia, The Pope App EWTN App

Fulton Sheen App - we don't have video or audio of St. Francis preaching, but this app has about 300 recorded talks from this 20th Century soon-to-be Saint.

www.usccb.org is an official website of the Roman Catholic bishops in the USA, that covers current issues, Church activities and teachings, Bible, daily mass readings etc.

www.vatican.va is the official website of the Holy See. Check out the latest news on Pope Francis as well as an extensive online library in various languages.

Fr. Maciek

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Holy Hour Friday, Dec. 6
Overnight 2nd Friday of each month
Next Overnight Adoration December 13

Holy Hour will take place on Fridays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Overnight Adoration, will take place on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 7:00pm until benediction just prior to the 9:00am Mass on Saturday. This new schedule increases the hours available to pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider a once a month commitment and sign up for a specific overnight hour on 2nd Friday of the month. Families, couples, parish ministries, teens and individuals are all invited. Graces and blessings await you.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

"Bereavement Night" is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Facilitators will be available this coming Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30pm in the Amadeus Room at the Parish Center to lend support to anyone who has experienced a loss."

SENIORS



Christmas Party

The seniors will be meeting on Monday, Dec. 2, at 12 noon at Portobello's in Oakland. For more information, please contact Joanne 201-891-3629. This will be the last meeting for the year.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Bags are being distributed this weekend for our monthly food collection. Food bank supplies are low at this time of year, so please help by returning a bag of groceries next weekend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
TYPHOON RELIEF IN PHILIPPINES

Archbishop Myers, has authorized an emergency collection to be taken at all Catholic parishes in the Newark Archdiocese, to aid humanitarian and institutional needs of the Catholic Church in the Philippines and surrounding areas. The collection will be taken during the Masses this weekend, November 30/December 1. We appreciate your generosity. Some of you have already donated to Fr. Po for this collection and that money has been sent directly to him.



ADVENT; AWAITING
THE CHRIST WITH THE
HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE
Monday Night's December 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd

All are invited to enter into the Joyful Season of Advent with Deacon Anthony Liguori as he presents; "The Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Advent". On Mondays in December at 7:30 pm. Deacon Anthony will awaken our hearts to the sacredness of the season with heartfelt reflections and songs. No need to sign up, just join us.

HELP US LIGHT UP OUR CHRISTMAS



St. Elizabeth's is in need of new or "gently used" clear or blue Christmas Lights. These lights will be part of our Christmas display. Please drop off the Christmas lights at the Parish Center.



2013 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE SHARING CONTINUES....

This Advent, St. Elizabeth's Community is again invited to share the spirit of Christmas with our less fortunate sisters and brothers. Your generous response over the years has made Christmas brighter for thousands of children, women and men in Paterson, Newark, Ringwood, Ramsey, Jersey City and our own local communities. Please help us continue this remarkable tradition by taking a name from the Christmas tree in the Narthex and purchasing a gift for that person. Please follow the wrapping instructions on the card you select and return your NEW gift WITH THE TAG taped to the OUTSIDE no later than 12 NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th. Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, December 15th, at 7pm

The Music Ministry of St. Elizabeth's, with their new Director of Sacred Music, Carl Patrick Bolleia, will present the annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 15th, at 7 pm in the church. In his first Christmas Concert at St. E's, Mr. Bolleia will lead the highly-regarded Festival Chorale in presenting a variety of Advent and Christmas favorites from their repertoire, as well as some new hymns and anthems being prepared for the 2013 Christmas Season. In addition, the Children's Choir, under the direction of Cheryl Spierer-Wyka, will delight all with their exuberant singing. The Children's Choir and Festival Chorale will combine for some uplifting selections and guest instrumentalists will enhance the singing and add to musical grandeur. The entire assembly will be able to join in the caroling and lift their voices in praise of "Christ, the Lord, our newborn King"! Please be with us for this joyful event in our parish family!



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. By breaking and sharing this wafer with family and friends, we share the harmony and joy that bring peace and happiness to our hearts and home at this special time of year. If you would like to continue or to begin this sacred tradition, wafers can be purchased at the Parish Office. Donation: \$2.00.



SANTA BREAKFAST Saturday, December 7th

Please join the St. Elizabeth School Family in the cafeteria for "Breakfast with Santa", on December 7. Two seating's are available: 8:30am and 11:00am. Tickets are \$8.00 per person with a \$35.00 maximum per family. Seating is limited so RSVP today for tickets! Contact Michelle Pitot at mpitot104@aol.com to reserve your spot.

**"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:

Please pray for: Infant Lottie Lucielle Joyner

"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, 2nd LT. Nolan Dunn. Amen.

♪ MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES ♪

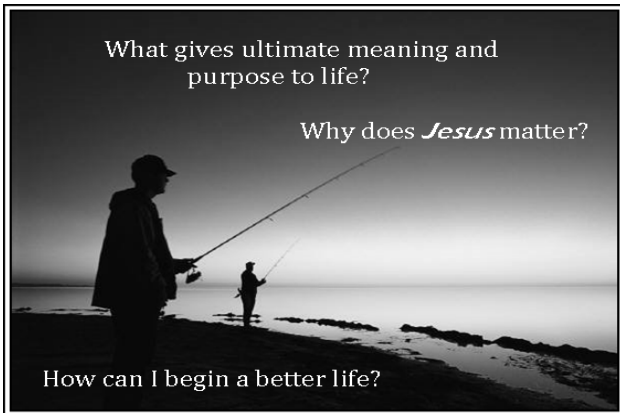
Veni Veni Emmanuel - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Happy New (Liturgical) Year! We begin the season of Advent this weekend, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas, but also we prepare for His second coming. To emphasize the arrival of this season, this weekend we will be singing in its entirety the hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". Each verse addresses Christ by a different prophetic title from the Old Testament. These titles are commonly referred to as the "O Antiphons". These antiphons are as followed: Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King of the Nations, and God With Us. We will also sing this hymn during the lighting of the Advent Wreath throughout the season.

Last week, I brought up the principle of "progressive solemnity". With that principle in mind, the season of Advent will mark a change in how the music "sounds". This is done to emphasize the different spirituality of the season. While Advent is still joyful, we want to musically reflect the idea of "darkness turning into light" and the arrival of Our Lord. For the most part the music will be a bit more reflective, the Gloria is omitted, the organ postlude will tend to be more meditative in nature, the Responsorial Psalm will be accompanied on the piano as opposed to the organ, and the ancient Advent plainchant, "Creator of the Stars of Night", will be sung at various points throughout the liturgies of the season. These changes in music will provide the appropriate "prelude" to the joy of the Christmas Season. Until then, we pray Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus. Blessed Advent to All, Carl



BOLD MIDDLE (Grades 6-8) will be having a service event ("Elves on Strike") here at the parish on Friday, December 6th. Our goal is to fill approximately 500 "lunch bag size" goodie bags for children in need. Donations of large quantities of some of the following items would be appreciated:

Christmas pens/pencils, erasers, Christmas candy, Christmas socks, gloves/mittens, individually wrapped cookies/snacks, small stuffed animals, tissues, stickers, small notepads, small novelty items, keychains, crayons, etc. Please contact Brian Flanagan - bflanagan@fiatventures.com with questions. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center this week for Brian.



What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Why does *Jesus* matter?

How can I begin a better life?

Discovering Christ - this exciting 7 week series is returning to St. E's! Come share a meal, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life. Enrollment begins in December. Course begins January 23, 2014.



Making Music
PRAYING TWICE

Register for our upcoming Advent & Christmas session!
Thursdays 10-11 am in the Youth Room
December 5, 12, 19 & January 2, 9

Saint Elizabeth's is excited to offer Making Music Praying Twice. MMPT is a fun, hands-on parent/child music course for our youngest parishioners, 0-5 years of age. Children and parents use instruments, toys, and scarves to dance, chant, sing, play games, and pray together. Curriculum is carefully chosen to enhance music aptitude and attitude in growing brains, while remaining sensitive to maturing souls.

1 child - \$80 2 children - \$120 3 children - \$150

(Includes 5 classes, Advent/Christmas Music CD's and a corresponding, illustrated songbook with parent information)
Call Patty Barker (MMPT teacher) 201-848-8623.



Elvis

One Night with You
Deacon Anthony Liguori as Elvis
Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 7:30pm
\$25 per person BYOB!

Proceeds to benefit our parish mission projects. For more info call Deacon Anthony at 201-233-8242 or e-mail elsangel@live.com or www.anthonyliguorijr.com. Anyone interested in helping with the event please contact Deacon Anthony.

Tickets

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to reserve: _____

Seat/Seats at \$25 per person. Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth's Church. Checks maybe dropped off at the Parish Center or mailed to "Elvis" C/O Parish Office St. Elizabeth's Church, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff, NJ 07481.

Advent/Christmas Schedule



Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15th, at 7 p.m.



Confessions

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays

Advent Series

Monday's, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Facilitator - Deacon Anthony Liguori

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Mass Schedule

- 9 a.m. (Daily Mass)
- 4 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
- 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
- 7 p.m. Christmas Pageant
- 7:30 p.m. Family Mass
- 10 p.m. Caroling
- 10:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

(There **will not** be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day).

- 9 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. (Church and Gym)
- 12 Noon (Church and Gym)

Thursday, December 26th

9 a.m. (Daily Mass only)

Friday, December 27th

7 a.m. & 9 a.m. Mass
No Holy Hour

Sunday, December 29th, Feast of the Holy Family

5 p.m. Sat. Vigil, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon

Monday, December 30

9 a.m. (Daily Mass only)

Tuesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

9 a.m. (Daily Mass)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014, New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

5 p.m. Tues. Vigil, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2014, Epiphany

5 p.m. Sat. Vigil, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon

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"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Mt 24:40-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
 Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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



"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." "Matthew 24:42

Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, "Not yet!" We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. The Lord is coming!

The gift of treasure for last week will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.



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Sat.	Nov. 31	5:00 PM	Joseph McNamara
Sun.	Dec. 1	7:30 AM	James Hammond
		9:00 AM	Elizabeth Welsh
		10:30 AM	Marion & Don Rodda
		12:00 PM	Raymond Maniaci
Mon.	Dec. 2	7:00 AM	Fr. Bernard Lickteig, Edward Zebrowski
		9:00 AM	Mary Zahauer, 24 th Anniv.

Tue.	Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier	
		7:00 AM	Elizabeth (Betty) Finelli
		9:00 AM	Gloria & George Barton

Wed.	Dec. 4	St. John Damascene	
		7:00 AM	Joan Hliboi
		9:00 AM	The De Loraine Family
Thu.	Dec. 5	7:00 AM	Rose Frances Farley, 1 st Anniv.
		9:00 AM	The Vitrone Family, Jim Ryan

Fri.	Dec. 6	St. Nicholas	
		7:00 AM	Carmela Sature
		9:00 AM	Neil Van Der Horn
		7:00 PM	Holy Hour

Sat.	Dec. 7	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
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Second Sunday of Advent

		5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	Dec. 8	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Bert Baumeister
		10:30 AM	Felicita Salto
		12:00 PM	Paul & Angela Hearn

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF
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Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Carmela Sature,
Given By: Frank, Betty & Kris Ann Minichetti.

Candles on the Altar: In Memory of Carmela Sature,
Given By: Frank, Betty & Kris Ann Minichetti.

Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Carmela Sature,
Given By: Frank, Betty & Kris Ann Minichetti.

CARE CONVERSATIONS

"Our Aging Parents Family Dynamics" Wyckoff YMCA

When Care at Home is Not Enough	January 14
Paying for Care	March 11
Mental Health & Aging	May 20
Relief for the Caregiver	June 12

SAVE THE DATE...

Respect Life March, Washington, DC
Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Elvis Night - Deacon Anthony Liguori
Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 7:30pm

Catholic Conferences 2014

Men's Catholic Conference Day March 15, 2014
 Women's Day of Reflection April 26, 2014

Women's Cornerstone **Men's Cornerstone**
 February 7-8, 2014 March 7-8, 2014

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