

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Enclosed in today's bulletin is an update on our Capital Campaign. You can see what work has been accomplished to date. Thanks to everyone who so generously participated with prayers and financial support. Our parish is the home of our worship and the center of our ministries and faith formation. St. Elizabeth's parishioners have always held this parish as an important place in their hearts and lives. May we continue to grow in the faith first planted here by our forebears.

Your continued efforts for our campaign are most appreciated. We welcome the help of anyone interested in being a part of this effort. As you can see our additional space needs remain unrealized. Hopefully, we will reach our goal and bring to completion the work envisioned in this effort.

Fr. Po has extended his thanks for the gift of \$8,982 sent directly to him from parishioners and friends here. He is most grateful for everyone's help and prayers. Part of his note reads: "I was informed by friends in St. E.'s that our good pastor and my colleague in the ministry, Msgr. Robert Harahan, told the congregation about our situation and ask those who may wish to give something to us and towards our cause, to drop their checks at the parish office...through generosity of these people, we can realize our project in due time and more... a noble project is eyed to follow...REBUILD MY CHURCH! In answer to that call of Christ to Saint Francis made many, many centuries ago...and still echoes after the destruction of our centuries-old churches during the earthquake that happened October 15th...exactly one month ago today...join me in silence and in prayer...as we bring to memory that day we will long remember...for as long as we live!...that event that will be etched in our history as a people who have remained resilient in faith amidst adversity! The Lord Jesus reign...in our homes, in our lives, in our hearts!" Our thoughts and prayers continue for Fr. Po and his community.

Congratulations to our children who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Friday night. May they always know the joy of God's mercy and forgiveness. May each of us during this season of Advent come to be reconciled in preparation for the feast of Christmas...a good gift to ourselves, an even better gift for our family. Wouldn't it be great if the lines for confession and forgiveness were longer than those at Macy's! Be blessed in this Advent season.

With every good thought and prayer,

Fr. Harahan



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION **Holy Hour Friday, Dec. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND **Retirement Fund for the Religious**

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the US. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication for elder religious, I remain grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith and for the tremendous service they have offered our Archdiocese. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS HAS COME TO **THE RESPECT LIFE STORE!**

Beautifully decorated Advent candle holders and candles along with BRAND NEW Christmas stock have arrived! Please think of us as you buy your Christmas gifts this year! We have quality nativities, jewelry, ornaments and other seasonal items. Stop by the Parish Center during office hours....ALL proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.

ROSARY SOCIETY **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** **Friday, December 13, at 10am**

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Elizabeth Room Friday, December 13th, 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.



ADVENT; AWAITING THE CHRIST **HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE** **Monday Night's December 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.

Sister Maureen Collins, CSJP



August 18, 1942- November 23, 2013

In her own words..." *Being a CSJP has enriched my life in ways I never expected or imagined. One of the aspects that attracted me to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, along with the gently nudging of my cousin Maeve, was the possibility of working with orphaned children. Alas, that was not meant to be. Instead of forty plus years I taught and learned at St. Anne's in Fair Lawn; St. Joseph's, West Virginia; St. Anthony's, Northvale; Holy Trinity, Alabama; St. John's Bergenfield; and as Principal of St. Elizabeth's, Wyckoff for fifteen years. I loved teaching and am profoundly grateful to the many, many students and colleagues who graced my life during those wonderful years. I resonate with astronaut Christa McAuliffe, who profoundly said, "I teach - I touch the future."*

Our parish was truly blessed with the dedication and service of Sr. Maureen Collins, CSJP. Sr. Maureen served as principal for 15 years. In that time she manifested the spirit and charism of her community, a love of Christ and His church, and a desire to educate children in these commitments. May she be blessed forever with eternal life and peace in God's kingdom.



2013 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE SHARING CONTINUES....

There is still an opportunity to support the Advent Giving Tree Ministry at St. Elizabeth's. Please help us continue to bring Christmas joy to the many families in need this year 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. Gifts are then picked up and delivered to the various organizations on Monday, December 16th. If anyone would like to help sort gifts on Saturday or Sunday, December 14th/15th, from noon to 4p.m., please call Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email djkljk@verizon.net. 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!

"To everything there is a Season and a Time for every Purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed..."

Please pray for: Joan Domm

"A time to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Mary Ann Mills, Irene Sheffield, Eileen Cobb, Sr. Maureen Collins

"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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CORNERSTONE 2014

Women's Cornerstone Men's Cornerstone

February 7-8, 2014

March 7-8, 2014

With a "to do list" a mile long, how can you possibly add Cornerstone to your life?

Studies have proven that if you don't take care of yourself...you can't take care of others effectively. Why not treat yourself to some quiet reflective time and learn about yourself again? Cornerstone is only 24 hours and is designed to give you some time away from your hectic life and to reflect on what is really important to you. Your time will be filled with touching speakers, great talks and discussions, enlightening activities, and let's not forget excellent food and drinks.

For more information contact:

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Or visit our website: <http://teamxxi.wordpress.com/about>

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.





BOLD
youth ministry

Don't miss BOLD this Fall/Winter!

TNL's
Tuesdays
7:30-9:00pm

TNL = Teen Night Life
(regular High School meeting)

December 10, 17
January 7, 21
February 4, 25

HIGHLIGHT
BOLD High School
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday, Dec. 17
7:00-8:30 pm
Youth Room

Other High School Dates to Remember:

March for Life
Washington, DC
(January 22)

Ski Trip 2014
January 24-26
Okemo, VT
SIGN UP NOW!!!!
Forms in Narthex!

BOLD Retreat
(2/28-3/2)

BOLD Middle Youth Ministry
(for all 6th, 7th & 8th Graders)

Friday, 12/6
Elves on Strike!
7:00-8:30 pm
Youth Room

Friday, 12/20
7:00-8:30 pm
Christmas Party

for more information, email jcamiolo@saintelizabeths.org



Register for our upcoming Advent & Christmas session!
Thursdays 10-11 am in the Youth Room
December 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 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
 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

7 a. m & 9 a.m. (Daily Mass)

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord.
- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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



"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. As we are immersed in the Holiday shopping season now might be a good time to evaluate what gifts do we give to God?

The gift of treasure for the week of November 24th was \$21,672 (of which \$3,251 was from online giving) vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235. Year to date collections amounted to \$474,529 vs. our year to date budget of \$508,935.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$25,711 (of which \$3,656 was from online giving) vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235. Year to date collections amounted to \$500,235 vs. our year to date budget of \$533,170.

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



Second Sunday of Advent

Sat. Dec. 7 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

Mon. Dec. 9 The Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:00 AM Lillian Vecchiotti,
Shelly McCrohan O'Connell
9:00 AM Margaret & Harold Bell
& Bonnie Bell Gerli

Tue. Dec. 10 7:00 AM Rudolph Draudin
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members
Of the D'Ura & Gringeri Fam.

Wed. Dec. 11 St. Damasus I

7:00 AM Charles Franchavilla
9:00 AM John Gringeri

Thu. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Rose De Marco
9:00 AM Rosario Coscia, John Gringeri

Fri. Dec. 13 St. Lucy

7:00 AM Marie Lyle
9:00 AM Joseph Tilton
7:00 PM **Holy Hour**

Sat. Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. Dec. 15 5:00 PM Charles Lerro, 20th Anniv.
7:30 AM Helen & Peter Dahlinger
9:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Stephen Yagos, 9th Anniv.
12:00 PM Josephine Novack

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 8, 2013**

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Charles Franchavilla,
Given by: The Franchavilla & Bell Families.

Candles on the Altar: In Memory of John MacQuaide,
Given by: Rosemary MacQuaide.

Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Bronia Jedrzejewki,
Given by: Jean Avia & Karen Avia.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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