

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 15, 2013

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please bring your Christ child figure from the family nativity set to church next Sunday. This will be our Baminelli Sunday.....when these figures are brought to St. Peter's Square every year to be blessed. We will bless these Christ child family statues at Mass as a reminder of Christ's coming to us as the true Christmas gift.

TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY ON PASTORAL CHALLENGES TO THE FAMILY IN THE CONTEXT OF EVANGELIZATION

In response to the Holy Father's recent call on the laity to help Bishops from around the world prepare for an Extraordinary Synod on the Family in October 2014, the Archdiocese has prepared an online survey asking for your opinions and thoughts on a range of topics dealing with the challenges to the family in the contact of evangelization. We encourage you to visit the archdiocesan website – [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org)- to take the survey, and add your voice to the many millions of Catholics from around the world on issues important to the dignity of people, and to families. The survey will be online through December 16, so please take this opportunity now. Thank you. Below is the link:

[http://www.rcan.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=feature.display&feature\\_ID=3075](http://www.rcan.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=feature.display&feature_ID=3075)

This link is also available on our church's website at [www.saintelizabeths.org](http://www.saintelizabeths.org). Hard copies can be picked at the Parish Center.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Thank you for supporting the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline. If you have not yet made your gift, please complete your gift envelope as soon as possible and either send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish.

ST. E'S SCHOOL GIFT CARDS FOR PURCHASE

Gift cards will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend, to accompany the Giving Tree Donations. Gift Cards are available in the school office during school hours.



FINAL WEEKEND FOR 2013 ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE SHARING!

This is the last chance to participate in the 2013 Advent Giving Tree Ministry at St. Elizabeth's. Please take a gift card and purchase a gift to help brighten Christmas for the many children, women and men in need this year. **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 15<sup>th</sup>.** The gifts you donate are delivered to the various organizations on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Holy Hour Friday, Dec. 20, 7pm-8pm  
Overnight 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month  
Next Overnight Adoration January 3

Holy Hour will take place on Fridays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Overnight Adoration, will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Families, couples, parish ministries, teens and individuals are all invited. Graces and blessings await you.

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.

ADVENT; AWAITING CHRIST WITH HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE  
Monday Night's December 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>



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.

CALENDARS FOR 2014

Calendars for the upcoming year will be available in the Narthex this weekend. Please pick one up.

OUR LADY SAVES!



This past Saturday a group of St. E's parishioners headed by Father Maciek brought the Icon of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE to the abortion mill in Hackensack. There, we were joined by people from other parishes. With OUR LADY at our side we prayerfully recited the Rosary for the unborn as the sidewalk counselors spoke to the young woman entering the building to give them help with abortion alternatives. I returned home and found this e-mail waiting for me from one of the counselors, "Thank you so much for bringing the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe today. Please let all your St. Elizabeth's friends know that after most people had left, a young woman came out of the clinic and said she had changed her mind and was not going to abort her baby. God is good to let us witness this."

When your faith is strong miracles do happen! Our Lady Saves! She is the sweet intercessor to her son Jesus Christ. The Icon will travel to a new place, to give strength and hope to others. If you would like to know more about the Respect Life Ministry please contact Teri @ 201-485-8242.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT TONIGHT



December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### "COME AWAY TO A DESERTED PLACE... AND REST A WHILE." (Mk 6:31)

Discernment Retreat for Religious Life for Men and Women

January 10 at 5pm to January 12 to 3pm

Vocationist Fathers and Sisters, 90 Brooklake Rd., Florham Park, NJ, \$125 for weekend, meals included. Price should not be an obstacle to come (call us if price is an issue). Contact the Vocations for Religious Life Office, 973-497-4368.

### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



This month you donated 301 bags of groceries that were distributed to Emanuel Cancer Foundation, Midland Park, Star of Hope Ministries and Oasis, Paterson. Thank you for your continued generosity helping those in need.

**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

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)

#### HIGHLIGHT

BOLD High School  
**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

Tuesday, Dec. 17  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Youth Room

**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](mailto:jcamiolo@saintelizabeths.org)

**"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:** Daniel Flannery & Maureen Winters,  
Joan Domm

**"A time for joy..."**

**Recently Baptized:**

Giuliani Cantinieri, Leo Spagnuola,  
Katherine Kavallieratos, Emma Singer

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

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Carpenito, Olympia Nunziata

**"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, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Nolan Dunn. **Amen.**

### 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.

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR CORNERSTONE 2014



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

Why should I attend Cornerstone?

- Cornerstone fosters new friendships and encourages people to take time out of their busy schedule to get to know others, as well as, themselves better.
- Cornerstone is a means to look within ourselves, to locate what may be missing in our lives, and to appreciate what has always been there.
- Cornerstone is a time to relax, reflect, refocus, and renew. Come and see why you should be part of Cornerstone XXI.

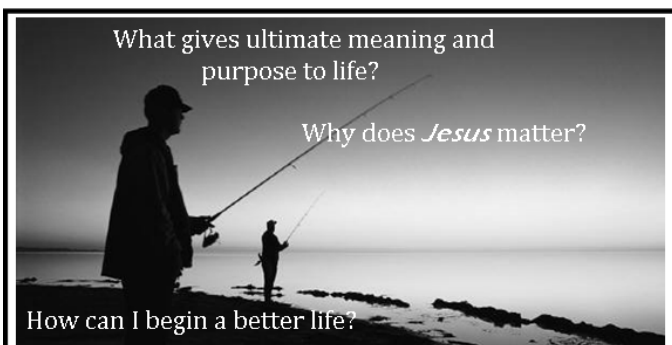
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Or visit our website: <http://teamxxi.wordpress.com/about>



What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Why does *Jesus* matter?

How can I begin a better life?

**Discovering Christ 2014** - an exciting 7-week series where we gather to 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. **Thursday evenings, January 23rd - March 13th, 6:45-9:15 PM Elizabeth Room; Retreat Day Sunday March 2nd, 9:00AM-4:00PM**

**Discovering Christ Enrollment**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph #: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

If signing up with another family member, would you like to be in the same group?  Yes  No

Please return form to the parish office.



**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](mailto:elsangel@live.com) or [www.anthonyliguorijr.com](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.



**Confessions**

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays

**Advent Series**

Monday's, December 16, 23, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Facilitator - Deacon Anthony Liguori

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. (Daily Mass only)

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

7 a.m. & 9 a.m. Mass

No Holy Hour

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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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*"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." - Mt 11:10-11*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**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**



*"Go and tell John what you hear and see; the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleaned, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." Matthew 11:4-5*

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things-our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$20,628 (of which \$3,631 was from online giving) vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235. Year to date collections amounted to \$520,868 vs. our year to date budget of \$557,405.

**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



**Mass Intentions**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Sat. Dec. 14 5:00 PM Charles Lerro, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Sun. Dec. 15 7:30 AM Helen & Peter Dahlinger  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Stephen Yagos, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
12:00 PM Josephine Novack

Mon. Dec. 16

7:00 AM Louise Rokoszak,  
John Casazza, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
9:00 AM John Gringeri

Tue. Dec. 17

7:00 AM Charles Franchavilla  
9:00 AM Elizabeth Ciarleglio

Wed. Dec. 18

7:00 AM Kim Acocella  
9:00 AM Matthew Rahelich &  
Ann & William Hopf

Thu. Dec. 19

7:00 AM Hugh E. Zona  
9:00 AM Ruthkoff & Hurtz Families,  
Hulsizer, Gloeckner, Lane,  
Foley, & Babcock Families

Fri. Dec. 20

7:00 AM Kimberly & Christopher Huber  
9:00 AM Carmelo & Frances Pecorino  
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Sat. Dec. 21

9:00 AM Memorial Mass  
Hugh & Elizabeth O'Keefe

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sun. Dec. 22 5:00 PM Edward Zaretski  
7:30 AM The McCormack Family  
9:00 AM McNiff, Broderick  
& Meehan Families  
10:30 AM Capalbo & Calandra Families  
12:00 PM Peter & Carin Cantilina

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 15, 2013**

**Altar Bread & Wine:** In Memory of Mary Muhleisen,  
Given by: Donna & Darren Sposa.

**Flowers for St. Elizabeth's Shrine:**  
In Memory of Hugh & Elizabeth O'Keefe,  
Given by: Claire Perazzo.

*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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