

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 29, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Pope Francis spoke recently on family life. On this Sunday may his words guide and direct us in following the example of the Holy Family.

“The Family prays. In the light of God’s word, I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: How can we? Prayer is something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace...Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God, like the tax collector! And we need simplicity! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is something all of you can do. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And praying for one another!

The Family keeps the faith. How do we keep our faith? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often “racing” from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this “racing” could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families, in their everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!

The Family experiences joy. Family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life’s journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respect towards all. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God’s love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates its naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!”

All God’s blessings for peace and well-being in the New Year.

With every good thought and prayer,

Fr. Harahan

Joy to the World

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour Friday, Jan. 3

Overnight 2nd Friday of each month

Next Overnight Adoration January 10

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.

PARISH CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 31st 9-12 noon

Wednesday, January 1st Closed





MASS BOOK FOR 2015

To accommodate those who work during the week, the Mass Book for 2015 will be opened on Saturday, January 11th, in the St. Francis Room at the Parish Center after the 9:00am Mass for those who wish to arrange Mass intentions for next year. A limit of 3 Masses will be taken at this time.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

“Bereavement Night” is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Facilitators will be available this coming Wednesday, January 8th, at 7:30pm in the Amadeus Room at the Parish Center to lend support to anyone who has experienced a loss.”

CALENDARS FOR 2014

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

RENEW YOUR MAGNIFICAT

Our subscription to the *Magnificat* expires at the end of January 2014. 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 as 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 23.**



BOLD March for Life, Youth Rally & Mass for Life

Jan 21-22, in Washington, DC

BOLD Youth Ministry will be going down to Washington DC for the March for Life 2014! We will leave for DC on Tuesday, January 21st after school and will spend the night. On Wednesday morning, January 22nd, we will be attending the Youth Rally & Mass for Life in the Verizon Center followed by the March for Life with over 500,000 people! All high school students are welcome, but space is limited. Please contact Brian Flanagan at bflanagan@fiatventures.com by Friday, January 3rd for more details if you are interested.

VAN DRIVERS & HELPERS NEEDED

Please consider donating some of your time to St. E’s “VAN Ministry.” We are looking for men and women willing to join the group of dedicated parishioners who visit pre-selected local food stores and receive food donations and then drive the food to soup kitchens and food pantries for the poor. If not picked up the food items would have been discarded and thanks to our ministry they benefit families and individuals in need. The group works Tuesdays-Fridays. Please contact Gene O’Rourke at 201-906-3040.

“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: Susan Amato

“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



Your resolution for 2014 is to eat right, exercise, and experience....Cornerstone!

You can’t afford not to.

Cornerstone is a gift you can give yourself. Imagine spending 24 hours connecting with yourself and your fellow parishioners. Especially after the holidays, you deserve some quality time away from the duties of everyday life. The environment is very relaxed and informal. Some people come to Cornerstone to listen and reflect, others are more outgoing enjoy entering into discussions. Please know that all are welcome! Treat yourself to the experience of Cornerstone! Join us for our 21st year. How can you afford not to? For more information contact:

Joan Thorne: earlythorne@verizon.net

Andonia Scoropanos: ascoropanos@yahoo.com

Johnathan Vanslooten: Johnathan.vanslooten@gmail.com

Justin Gornell: Jbgornell@gmail.com

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

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

Round Trip Bus Price: \$40.00 per person.

Seating is limited, so please sign up early.

(Remember to bring \$5.00 for the subway)

Make all checks payable to

St. Elizabeth’s Knights of Columbus


Departing from St. Elizabeth’s Church
after 6:00 AM Mass

Returning to St. Elizabeth’s Church parking lot.
Bagels and coffee will be served in the morning.

A boxed lunch will be provided on the bus.

For more information, Call Teri Colby (201) 485-8242.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



BOLD
youth ministry

Don't miss BOLD this Winter!

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

TNL = Teen Night Life
(regular High School meeting)

January 7, 21
February 4, 25
March 11, 25

HIGHLIGHT

**March for Life
& Youth Rally**

Tues-Wed, Jan 21-22
Washington, DC

For info...Email
bflanagan@fiatventures.com

Other High School Dates to Remember:

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

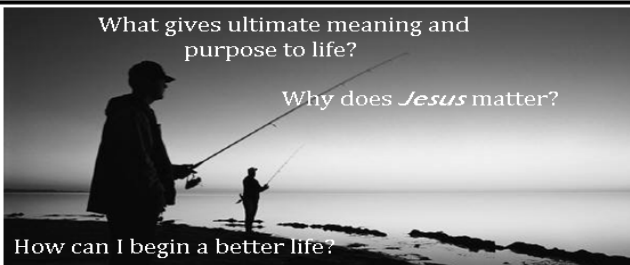
BOLD Retreat
2/28-3/2

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

Saturday, 1/11
BRIDGES Prep
Time & Place TBA

Friday, 1/17
8:00-10:00 pm
Tubing @ Campgaw

for more information, email jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org



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.



connecting adults to christ and their catholic faith

Faithful Readers

Join us to discuss this tremendous author and book!



The VIOLENT BEAR IT AWAY


By Flannery O'Connor

Wed, January 29

9:30 AM in St. Francis Room

Books at Parish Office—\$15

Questions? Ask Jonathan (201) 891-3262



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.



We are so happy that you have joined us today, if you would like to become a registered parishioner, kindly fill out the form below. You may drop it in the collection basket or drop the form off at the parish center. Thank you again for being a part of St. Elizabeth's Parish.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

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DECEMBER 29, 2013**



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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



"Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts." Colossians 3:14-15

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts that God has packed within our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.

The gift of treasure for last weekend will be announced in the upcoming bulletin.

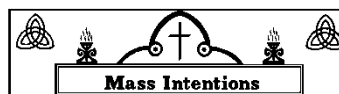
SAVE THE DATE...

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat.	Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents	
		5:00 PM	Daniel Giletta
Sun.	Dec. 29	7:30 AM	Dorothy & Patrick Driscoll
		9:00 AM	Veronica Clarke, 20 th Anniv.
		10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		12:00 PM	Anne Maureen Waldron, 1 st Anniv.
Mon.	Dec. 30		
		7:00 AM	Charles Franchavilla, Michael Joseph Murphy
		9:00 AM	Silvia Ciaccio
Tue.	Dec. 31		
		9:00 AM	Dorothy Tilton

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of
 The Grosso & Ciarleglio Fam.

Wed. Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 AM Rosemarie Landers
 10:30 AM Josephine Palladino

Thu. Jan. 2 7:00 AM Ronald Beckerle
 9:00 AM Bruce Nelson
 Josephine Palladino

Fri. Jan. 3 7:00 AM Edmund Costello
 9:00 AM Helen, Bill & Billy Fallon
 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Sat. Jan. 4 9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Epiphany of the Lord

		5:00 PM	Raymond Tahnke
Sun.	Jan. 5	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Michael O'Shea
		10:30 AM	Carol Zabik, 1 st Anniv.
		12:00 PM	Josephine Palladino

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Jane Donlan,
 Given by: Chris & Ed Imperiosi.

Candles on the Altar & Sanctuary Lights:
 In Memory of Veronica Clarke 20th Anniversary
 Given by:
 Kathleen Clarke Englert & Mark Englert Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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