

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 19, 2014

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Sr. Faustina, now Saint (+1938), was canonized by Pope John Paul II as the first saint of the new millennium. She is known from her writings as the "Saint of Divine Mercy." Jesus told her to write down her revelations and share them with the world. They center on trust in the One whose mercy brings us salvation. St. Faustina's teachings lead us to see Jesus as the source of unconditional love in our lives. In a world of hurt and broken promises Jesus invites us to surrender ourselves to His care. Felix Carroll writes:

"Through St. Faustina, Jesus takes great pains to show empathy for our own St. Thomas-like struggles. In words tailored to our wary age. He tells us through her '[I]f you do not believe My words, at least believe My wounds.' (*Diary*, 379).

Another way of putting it is that in our wounds, He invites us to discover His wounds. Indeed, for many of us, the wounds come first. Only through our wounds – our brokenness, despair, and distrust – can we begin to reach out to God. As Pope Francis says, 'Sometimes in our life, tears are the glasses to see Jesus.' Indeed, for many in this wary age, only through our wounds can we come to understand *Christ's* wounds – and, by extension, His *words*."

Our profound need of Divine Mercy is represented in an image that will soon be placed in our church. This image focuses on our need for God's mercy and His limitless mercy given to us. This image that Our Lord asked St. Maria Faustina to have painted is a portrait of Jesus as Merciful Savior. The red and pale rays represent the blood and water that flowed from His pierced Heart as a fountain of mercy for us to come to Jesus with trust and to be merciful to others; and it always carries the signature, "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Many parishioners already embrace the Divine Mercy devotions. The new image in church recognizes these prayers and hopefully will deepen our understanding of and devotion to the Savior who offers us mercy from the fullness of His loving heart. In the coming weeks more information will be available on Divine Mercy.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Observance of Martin Luther King Day



Monday, January 20st

One Mass only at 9am

Parish Center will be closed.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 21st.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour Friday, January 24

Next Overnight Adoration February 14

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.

NEW JERSEY'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS SPEAK OUT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The NJ Catholic Conferences has been working with the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking to raise awareness of the importance of identifying and rescuing victims.

For information on how to identify human trafficking victims; how to locate law enforcement resources; and how to join others in combating the evil of human trafficking, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/humantrafficking/awareness-education.html>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS NOT A SPORT

Human slavery- also known as human trafficking is still happening today!

An estimated 21 million people, including children as young as age five, are trafficked for commercial sex or forced labor across our world today.

Large sporting events such as the Super Bowl are known to provide a lucrative market for human traffickers. During the days leading up to the Super Bowl event, Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities will conduct surveillance operations in an attempt to prevent human traffickers from conducting their "business."

Faith communities and many civil society groups have been active educating hotel staff and the wider public about human trafficking. It is our hope and prayer that Super Bowl XLVII will be a big win in our nation's effort to end human trafficking.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS



How many of you can claim to know the inspiration behind a major motion picture? Friend of our parish, Kathy DiFiore of Several Sources Shelters in Ramsey, is the subject of the movie "Gimme Shelter", set to release nationwide on January 24, via Roadside Attractions. Based on inspiring true events, the movie centers on the courageous story of Apple Bailey (played by Vanessa Hudgens) and her incredible path to motherhood as a pregnant, homeless teenager. Other stars include Rosario Dawson, Brendan Fraser and James Earl Jones. This film has been given glowing endorsements by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Priests for Life, and the Pontifical Academy of Life in the Vatican. Please look for the film in theaters throughout NJ. Visit the website www.gimmeshelterthemovie.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Did you make a New Year's resolution to do something good for someone this year? Did it involve helping someone less fortunate than you? Are you still not sure what it is that you can do? How about making a meal for 8 people with HIV-Aids? St. Elizabeth's made a committed many years ago to bring a meal twice a month to Harrison House, now we are in need of more help to continue this ministry. Harrison House is on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center. If you can make and deliver a meal one time a year you can join this worthwhile ministry. Questions, call Patti at 201-207-1753. *"When I was hungry you gave me something to eat" Matthew 25:35*

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

Come celebrate the journey of the Women's and Men's Cornerstone teams at this year's 21st anniversary of Cornerstone. Cornerstone is a 24 hour "getaway" for our parishioners. It is a time where you can reflect and renew your faith. Your time is spent listening to short talks prepared by Team Members (previous year's Cornerstone participants), engaging in informal group discussions, enjoying some quiet time so that you can catch your breath from your very hectic lives, and, of course, socializing and sharing meals and refreshments. Treat yourself to the experience of Cornerstone! How can you afford not to? For more information contact: Joan Thorne: earlythorne@verizon.net or Justin Gornell: Jbgornell@gmail.com Or visit our website: <http://teamxxi.wordpress.com/about>

MOM'S MINISTRY REUNION



Come and reconnect with old friends! On Wed., Feb 12th, 7-9pm in the Elizabeth Room, Dinner & Dessert, BYOB Contact: Rita Dunne at rsdtime@optonline.net or Paula Powers at paulampowers@gmail.com, RSVP by Feb. 1st.

MEN'S SHARING



Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, January 25, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month you donated 224 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.

Bishop Hebda

will be joining us here at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, February 2, at the 10:30am Mass.

LAST CALL TO ORDER MAGNIFICATS JANUARY 23

SAVE THE DATE
Catholic Conferences 2014
 Men's Catholic Conference Day March 15, 2014
 Women's Day of Reflection April 26, 2014

"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, Germaine March, Caryn Colombo, Brian Nagotko, Infant Gavin Baradel, Alfred Camara

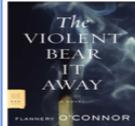
"A time for joy..."

Recently Baptized: Cameron Concha, Luke Merse, Nicholas O'Brien, Avery Renshaw

"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.

FaithFusion
 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

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.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL
Catholic Schools Week January 26-February 1

Our students believe fully in God's unconditional love. They are taught to respect differences, to act with kindness, to forgive readily, to build community and to bridge disunity. Our students led prayer services and liturgies give testimony to these beliefs and provide an opportunity for students to grow spiritually. During the course of the year the children gather to honor St. Elizabeth of Hungary, to pay tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed for our country on Veterans' Day, to remember the importance of peaceful dissent on Martin Luther King Day and there will be many other gatherings for either joyful or solemn prayer. We invite all parishioners to check the website; you are welcome any time to join us as we gather together in church.

St. Elizabeth School is often recognized for its record of academic excellence. Students consistently rank in the top quartile, both nationally and locally, for the Terra Nova standardized tests. Our eighth graders have an incredibly high acceptance rate and receive thousands of dollars in scholarships from area Catholic high schools, including Regis, Delbarton, Don Bosco, Bergen Catholic, IHA, AHA, Mary Help, St. Joseph's, and DePaul. Alumni are known to be well-grounded in the tenets of their faith, public speaking, writing proficiency, technological expertise and logical thinking....all skills which will serve them well during secondary school and beyond.

Faculty, students and parents collaborate throughout the year on service projects for inner city Catholic schools, our troops overseas, homes for mothers and children in crisis, the homeless, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and disaster relief both in our country and across the globe. Each year we collect and distribute over eight thousand dollars in goods and monetary contributions. It is our hope that these children will develop a lifelong commitment to social justice issues and to volunteerism.

The success of our school is due to an exceptionally well qualified faculty completely devoted to our mission, a parent community whose commitment to Catholic education manifests itself in time, talent and treasure, a pastor who is recognized as an advocate for Catholic schools, as well as, the generosity of you the parishioners. We are very grateful and know that in the future you will look with pride upon our graduates as they reap the dividends of St. Elizabeth School and proclaim the Good News in all they say and do.

Come visit and see students empowered and engaged by a Christ-centered curriculum. **We invite you to our Open House from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday, January 26. Please note that we will have an additional Open House for interested parents only on Wednesday, January 29th, for Grades 1 to 8 from 8:55 AM until 10:25 AM and Pre-K and Kindergarten from 10:00AM until 11:00 AM.** Registrations for the 2014-2015 school year will be available starting January 26. Please consider St. Elizabeth School when making a choice regarding your child's education....it is an investment that is sure to pay **dividends**. May God bless you!

St. Elizabeth School News

St. Elizabeth School invites you to celebrate
Catholic School's Week 2014



**The fun begins Friday, January 24th at our
Talent Show at 7 PM**

All are invited to:

☆ Worship with our school community at
9:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, January 26th

☆ Join us for a continental breakfast in the
school gym following Mass.

☆ Drop by our Open House from 10 A.M.
– 12 P.M. on Sunday, January 26th or Wednesday,
January 29th from 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. and see
how St. Elizabeth School is a community of faith,
knowledge, and service.

**We invite you to come and explore
the opportunities for your child!**

Be sure to ask about our:

☆ **NEW** 5 days available for the 3-year-
old program.

☆ Extensive list of after school programs
for all ages including New this year robotics and
broadway theater program for primary grades.

☆ Technology initiative to expand the use
of Smartboards, laptops, and iPads in the
classroom.

For more information visit our website
www.sainte-school.org or call 201-891-1481

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John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
 Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

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



"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it? The gift of treasure for last week was \$21,582 (of which \$2,855 was from online giving) vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235. Year to date collections amounted to \$632,164 vs. our year to date budget of \$675,580.

We wish Fr. Paul well as he begins his new assignment Feb. 1st at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 326 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ 07002. We will miss him, but also with you I am grateful for his enthusiasm and priestly dedication. We pray for Fr. Paul in his transition to his new parish.

Fr. Helber will begin his new assignment as Pastor of St. Mary's, 209 Third Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302, on Feb. 1st. We congratulate Fr. Helber on his appointment and pray for continued fruitfulness of his priestly ministry. Ad multos annos to these priests and friends.

ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN



On Saturday, January 25, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food, contact Peter Ingrasi, 201-493-0870 or pingrasci@optonline.net. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, January 21.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. Jan. 18 5:00 PM Alfred Cipolletti, 4th Anniv.
 Sun. Jan. 19 7:30 AM Ann Corbett
 9:00 AM Tony Beahan
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 12:00 PM Julia McNamara

Mon. Jan. 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

9:00 AM Al Ferraro

Tue. Jan. 21 7:00 AM Josephine Palladino

9:00 AM Steve Gabriel

Wed. Jan. 22 7:00 AM Alice & Charles Cote

9:00 AM Anthony Godino

Thu. Jan. 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

7:00 AM Wheeler Dell

9:00 AM Barbara Daly

Julia & Edward Ryan

Fri. Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales

7:00 AM Louanne Cosenza

9:00 AM John Cannizzo

7:00 PM Holy Hour

Sat. Jan. 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Larry Tolosa, Jr.

Sun. Jan. 26 7:30 AM Victoria Mirkovic, Happy Bday

9:00 AM Bonislawa & Michael Chipek

10:30 AM Frank Catanese

12:00 PM People of the Parish

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF
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*Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Josephine Palladino, 1st Anniversary,
Given by: Irene Opsal.*

*Candles on the Altar: In Memory of Joseph L. Rigoli,
Given by: The Rigoli Family.*

*Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Anthony Guarriello,
Given by: Bronander & Guarriello Families.*

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