

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Protecting God's Children

Over the last 11 years, there has been a concerted effort in the Church to increase the measures we have taken to protect our children and ensure their safety. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People has instituted programs and procedures that have yielded positive results. The article below helps us all understand the impact programs like Protecting God's Children and the continuing education provided have made. I hope that you find it enlightening and encouraging.

As the Local Safe Environment Coordinator (LSEC), I am grateful for the efforts and compliance at our parish. Thank you to all of our parents and volunteers that make St. Elizabeth's a safe and wonderful place for our children and youth to grow, develop and thrive. May God bless us and watch over all of our children.

*Yours in Christ,
Jonathan Camiolo*

Then and Now

By Sharon Doty, J.D., M.H.R.

Child abuse prevention efforts have come a long way in the past two decades. In fact, no other social service program in recent history has had the impact and effective implementation that all of the diocesan prevention programs have collectively accomplished. In looking at and appreciating the collective strides we have taken in our efforts to combat child sexual abuse, it is helpful to know about the context from which we all have come.

Most of the time, new approaches to existing societal issues arise because of a crisis. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), for example, was born of the tragedy of a child's death. Seatbelts in cars were developed as a result of the involvement of insurance companies because people were dying needlessly in car accidents. In the same way, the Protecting God's Children programs were developed to address the existing societal issue of child abuse in a new, unique way.

In 1997, when the platform for the Protecting God's Children programs was being developed by The National Catholic Risk Retention Group (TNCRRG), a new approach to child sexual abuse prevention was being created with a landscape already established for training children, but not for adults. Many schools had simple and complex programs to empower children to protect themselves from the advances of sexual predators. Simple programs using puppets and coloring books addressed the issue in ways that gave children permission and encouragement to speak up. More complex programs had several weeks of safety education curricula that instructed children about child sexual abuse prevention.

Adult education, in contrast, was limited to teaching adults how to recognize children who might have already been abused, handling and responding to disclosures of abuse by children and reporting allegations to authorities.

The professional community had focused their attention on the education of youth, because children are a captive audience in our school systems while educating adults presented greater challenges. For those who were experiencing the consequences of these types of crimes against children, it was clear that there was an urgent need to raise awareness and better educate adults.

In lieu of the fact that the professional community had not yet found a way to meet the challenge of effectively educating adults, TNCRRG strove to find a new way to raise awareness in the community and to teach adults how to prevent child sexual abuse from occurring. The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children program was the finished product, and was a unique effort to raise the issue with adults in a way that created and maintained safe environments for children and those who work with them. The completion of the program toward the end of 2001 meant it was available and ready to implement when the child sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church became front-page news in Boston the next month. Later, in 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) mandated adult education and awareness in June of 2002 through the bishop's **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter)**. This subsequent decision by the bishops was the catalyst for establishing a framework for prevention that is making a profound difference in the level of awareness and education about protecting children and promoting safe environments.

There are many programs that are training a large quantity of adults in the United States. Just with the VIRTUS programs, more than one hundred Catholic dioceses have presented safe environment training to over 2 million adult Catholics in the years since 2002. The ability to have such a widespread net of training for adults would not be possible without the mandate from the bishops. The willingness of the bishops to issue the mandate and to continue to enforce it has and is making our Catholic churches safer for our children.

After 11 focused years of raising awareness about this issue in our parishes, schools and organizations, it is time to focus our attention on continuing education, reinforcement and refinement of the message and expansion of the material in ways that enhance our ability to protect our children. Our collective objective now might be to have the adult's ability to recognize potentially risky behavior in those working with children become second nature and as automatic as buckling a seat belt. Those who have been engaged in addressing this issue in the Catholic Church in the last 11 years can and must provide leadership for the community at large, to spread this message.

You, as a protector of God's children, are an integral part of spreading the message. Thank you for your continued commitment to protect children. Our efforts to secure a safe environment for all would not be possible without you.

This article can be found at: www.virtusonline.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Holy Hour & 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.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
FEBRUARY 9**



This Sunday in our Cathedral Basilica we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make a profession of God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
This weekend February 8/9**



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is part of your personal commitment to Christian Stewardship – Giving thanks to God by returning a portion of the blessings He has given you. If you have not already made a pledge, envelopes may be found at the back of the church.

MOM'S MINISTRY REUNION



Come and reconnect with old friends! Join us 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. The suggested donation is \$10.

ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Saturday, February 22, we will be serving meatloaf, red rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables and dessert. If you can donate food contact, Dolores Cacace 201-445-8175. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, Feb. 18.

K OF C TROOP DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual US Troop Drive next weekend at all masses. There will be a second collection to raise funds to purchase care packages to be shipped overseas to support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Knights thank you in advance for your generous support in this patriotic cause.

**“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, Rosalie Gerber, Marie Mazur, Alfred Camara, Infant Gavin Baradel

“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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN us to discuss this book!

**The First Phone
Call from Heaven**

By Mitch Albom



Monday, March 3

9:30 AM - St. Francis Room

Books at Parish Office—\$15

Questions? Ask Jonathan (201) 891-3262



ST. E'S ANNUAL DINNER/ GALA

St. Elizabeth School will host its Annual Dinner/ Gala on Saturday, April 5th at the North Jersey Country Club. Proceeds from the dinner support the operating budget to keep tuition affordable, fund initiatives such as math, science and other technological advances, and provide professional development opportunities. Dinner tickets are \$75 per person and may be purchased at the School Office.

The committee would greatly appreciate your support of its 50/ 50 Raffle. For a gift of \$100 you have the chance to win up to \$28,750! Only 575 tickets will be sold. Visit the school office for tickets. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses on March 15-16, March 22-23 and March 29-30. Thank you for your continued support!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JANUARY 2015

With Jeff Cavins & Msgr. Harahan



Let's experience this enriching spiritual journey together and join an 11-night trip to Israel led by bible scholar and author Jeff Cavins. Some of you may have met Jeff Cavins during his recent October visit to St Elizabeth's as a guest lecturer on Matthew. His Minnesota-based staff offers Holy Land tours regularly and we are now making plans for a group from our parish, along with Msgr. Harahan, to participate in his "Holy Land Bible Study Tour" - January 2015 – exact dates coming very soon!.

We encourage all interested parishioners to go to the Cavins website today! You will find general information, itineraries, blogs and photos of past and ongoing tours. Get familiar with details and begin planning for this once-in-a-lifetime trip. Some of the sites include Mt. Carmel, Armageddon, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tel Dan, Qumran, Bethlehem, Via Dolorosa, Masada and the Jordan River.

\$4500 approximate cost per person....\$300 deposit due March

Ready to go? Contact Jonathan @ 201-891-3262 ext.225
Registration forms and 2015 brochures will be available online shortly at Cavins website. Also, a parish information session will be scheduled later in year.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

2014 ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage. 2014 Anniversary Masses are celebrated at the Cathedral of Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on the following dates:

April 6 All Counties 3:00pm 50 years

May 4 All Counties 3:00pm 25 & 5 years

Registration for eligible couples wishing to participate in these liturgies may contact our Parish Office at 201-891-1122.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Help us support the Bishop's Initiative on marriage! Couples who make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend not only rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationship, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger and healthier. GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT ON VALENTINE'S DAY. Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter and give the gift of a great marriage, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15 through Sunday, Feb. 16. Please call Marty & Flo Conroy at (845) 635-8566.

Congratulations to all couples celebrating a January anniversary

**GIVING BACK TO YOUR PARENTS
WITH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both peace of mind and an income tax deduction., please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On this World Marriage Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family. As we strive to live our particular vocations and respond to the Lord's grace in our lives, let's also consider how we might dedicate renewed prayer and attention to marriage and the family. As a start, here are possible areas we might consider:

We begin with prayer: First, let's pray for the Synod and for our Holy Father and Bishops as they prepare for it. Let's also make an effort to pray for marriages and families throughout our nation. A great way to do this is to join our Bishops who are promoting a nationwide Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty (see www.usccb.org/pray).

Second, let's reclaim Sunday as the Day of the Lord and a day of the family. We are already doing it now by participating in the celebration of Mass. But is there something more the Lord is inviting us to when we go back home? Praying together, or spending some time together in leisure, or having dinner together as a family...

And third, let's consider how our homes, families and parish are places of hospitality and welcome. How might the Lord be calling us to become more generous? Maybe we will find renewed ways to shine the light of Christ to others. This could include reaching out to those who are lonely, or sick, or are suffering because they don't have family members to care for them.

Lastly, let us stay close to those who are hurting from difficulties in their families and let them know they are loved. This is where families can reach out with love to others in need. Ultimately, the Church is the "family of God" and all are welcomed with joy by God the Father. All of us are beloved sons and daughters of God. As domestic churches, Christian families witness to the promise of Christ through his Church that no one is ever alone.

May the Lord be glorified in all our words and deeds, and may our families be the salt of the earth and shine with the light of Christ for all to see. Amen.

PRAYER CHAIN NEWS

Become a link in our prayer chain! Once a month a list of those who would like to be remembered in prayer will be mailed to you. The praying is done at home with respect for the confidentiality of those seeking prayer. With prayer, all things are possible. If you would like to join our prayer chain or have someone who has special intentions or need for healing and would like to have them prayed for, please contact Annette 201-445-5363 or email ablues@optonline.net.

**Lectors Workshop at the Archdiocese on
Saturday, Feb. 22, 8:45am-12:30pm
Special Ministers
Saturday, April 5th, 8:45am-12:30pm
Call the Parish Office for more information**

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Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:13a, 14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

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



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don’t put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$27,167 (of which \$3,430 was from online giving) vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235. Year to date collections amounted to \$702,947 vs. our year to date budget of \$748,285.

ST. ELIZABETH’S ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving is a simple yet powerful way for our parishioners to support Saint Elizabeth Church and completely manage contributions online. Anyone with a bank account or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) can take advantage of this convenient and secure system. “I gave online” cards will be available in the narthex for the offertory collection during Mass. Please visit our website at www.saintelizabeths.org for more information. If you have questions, please contact Marlene Nardone at 201-891-1122, Ext. 202 or e-mail her at marlene@saintelizabeths.org.

ST. ELIZABETH SHRINE

Have you noticed the lovely statue of our Patroness Saint Elizabeth in the Narthex? We are now memorializing flowers for Saint Elizabeth’s Shrine. Every week new roses will be placed next to her statue and you will have a chance to be a part of this tribute. Maybe your flowers will be in memory of a loved one, for an anniversary, or as a thank you for answered prayers. Whatever your reasons consider a flower memorial to St. Elizabeth. For a 20 dollar donation you will receive a card and notice in the weekly bulletin. Contact the parish office, 201-891-1122 for more information.



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Sat.	Feb. 8	5:00 PM	Susan McGahey, 4 th Anniv.
Sun.	Feb. 9	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Margaret & Harold Bell Bonnie Bell Gerli
		10:30 AM	Carol Zibik
		12:00 PM	Christopher Gaertner
Mon.	Feb. 10	St. Scholastica	
		7:00 AM	Edward Zaretski, Bertha Currie
		9:00 AM	John & Bridget Rocks

Tue. Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 AM Rose Fernandez
 9:00 AM Jean Kearns

Wed. Feb. 12 7:00 AM Rose Fernandez
 9:00 AM James Fallon

Thu. Feb. 13 7:00 AM Rose Fernandez
 9:00 AM Ann Corbett,
 Letitia Marie Boucher

Fri. Feb. 14 SS. Cyril & Methodius

7:00 AM Paul Schlegel
 9:00 AM Patricia Donnelly Madigan
 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Sat. Feb. 15 9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

		5:00 PM	Patricia Busch
Sun.	Feb. 16	7:30 AM	Daniel Lupo
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Josephine Palladino
		12:00 PM	William O’Connor

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF February 9, 2014

*Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Bertha Currie, 1st Anniv.
 Given by: Kate & Tom Fitzpatrick*

*Flowers For St. Elizabeth’s Shrine: For Elizabeth Tully,
 Given by: Marie & Jim Tully*

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