

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 2, 2014

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Newark

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

March 5



7:00am Daily Mass

9:00am Daily Mass

12:00pm Daily Mass

4:00pm Scripture Service w/ashes

7:00pm Lenten Mass w/ashes

**OVERNIGHT
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Friday's during Lent 8:00pm
until 9:00am Sat. morning

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent

7:00 am Monday – Friday

9:00 am Monday – Saturday

7:00 pm Wednesdays & Fridays (during Lent)

Please note there will be no evening Mass Holy Week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays during Lent 7:30pm



Join us in Church every Friday evening during Lent at 7:30pm, as we pray the Stations of the Cross. The practice of “walking the Passion with Jesus” is quite ancient. Traditionally, pilgrims to Jerusalem would follow the route of Jesus’ Passion. Those traveling to the Holy Land were able to experience the devotional Way of the Cross and its spiritual benefits. Today this practice allows us to also walk that route with Christ, to meditate on his Passion and to share it in a particularly intimate way with one another.

LENTEN BLACK BOOKS

Little Black Books will be available this weekend in the Narthex. These books are a wonderful Lenten prayer book. Take 6 minutes a day to focus and reflect on the scriptures.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Peters Pence

Collection for the Works of the Holy Father.

SENIORS

The Seniors will be meeting this Monday, March 3, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and (2) smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence “substantially” or as whole is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2014 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15, 2014.

**Canon 920. §1 All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

*The Parishioners of
St. Mary & St. Bridget Churches
cordially invite you to the
Installation Mass of our new Pastor,*

Rev. Helber Victoria

Sunday, March 9th, at 12 Noon

Most Rev. Thomas Donato, Presider

*St. Mary's Parish
209 Third Street, Jersey City*

*Reception will follow Mass
Acompañanos a celebrar todos juntos este dia.*

RICE BOWL FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available next weekend on March 8 & 9. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

We encourage individuals who have experienced a loss to come to Bereavement Night held on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:30pm-9pm in the Amadeus Room in the Parish Center. We will be meeting this Wednesday, March 5. Bereavement Ministry team will be there for support during this difficult time.

CANONIZATION PILGRIMAGE

With Father Tom Ganely & Deacon Tim Kennedy April 25 – May 3, 2014

A 9 Day Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni, Assisi & More
Please contact Marianne Murphy at 1800-842-4842. Forms are available at the Parish Center. This is the Pilgrimage Deacon Tim was speaking about this past weekend at the Masses.

SPECIAL THANKS...

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children would like to thank the parishioners of St. Elizabeth for their generous contributions to the General Scholarship Fund. This fund provides partial tuition scholarships for low-income students in grades K to 12 attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. For more information or to make a contribution visit www.sfinj.org.

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!



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

**"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: Richard Hourihan,
John Marrinan**

"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.**

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Congratulations to our Girl Scouts for all the great work they continue to do.

On Sunday March 9th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass we will honor the Girl Scouts. We will ask God's assistance and inspiration so they may grow in the grace of God and in friendship with all people. Also on that Sunday the Girl Scouts will have a cookie sale as a fundraiser for their local chapter. All proceeds from the sale will support their activities and will not be sent to the Girl Scouts USA headquarters.

Recently, some of our parishioners voiced their concerns about connections between GSUSA and organizations promoting ideas contrary to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. I have contacted the Youth Office of the Archdiocese of Newark and was informed that GSUSA and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are working out a statement that will precisely respond to a variety of concerns however the document has not yet been finalized.

According to the GSUSA official publications they deny any relationship or partnership with Planned Parenthood. They let parents and guardians make all decisions regarding program participation of the girls in any event that is of a sensitive nature. More information is found at Office of Youth and Young Adults Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark website: www.newarkoym.com/girl-scouts or by calling Rich Donovan at 201-998-0088 ext. 4150 or by email: donovari@rcan.org

Blessings, Fr. Maciek Zajac

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS

To a special Girl Scout Mass on Sunday, March 9th at 10:30am
The Girls will receive a special blessing. Please come in uniform and meet in the back of the church for anyone wanting to participate. Please contact mpitot104@aol.com for additional information.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES SALE
AFTER ALL MASSES ON MARCH 8/9.**

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.

AN URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS



There is an urgent, critical need for volunteer blood donors as a result of the current cold weather conditions and donors canceling because of illness.

According to Community Blood Services of New Jersey, which supplies blood and blood products to more than 18 hospitals in New Jersey, there is less than a one-day supply on hand in our area to meet the needs of patients.

All eligible blood donors are asked to call 201-251-3703 now to schedule appointments at one of Community Blood Services donor centers to help rebuild the fragile supply.

All blood types are needed, but especially Type O negative. There has been a continuing shortage of O negative blood donors because they represent only 7% of the population. Type O negative blood also is in most demand by hospitals because Type O donors are "universal donors" whose blood can be transfused into anyone in emergency rooms and trauma situations when there is no time for blood typing. Give so others can live!!

FEED THE HUNGRY

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION VOLUNTEER

Would you like to help people in need? Then please consider joining our ministry as a volunteer. We are men and women who assist Eva's Village in Paterson, NJ to feed 400 homeless and working poor daily. Working in pairs, we pick up baked goods and produce from local sources and deliver the food to Eva's Village. You can volunteer once a week, once a month or whatever time you can share. Experience the joy of giving back and bringing hope to the less fortunate. Please contact Tom Veit at [201 444 2683](tel:201-444-2683) or Gene O'Rourke at [201-906-3640](tel:201-906-3640).

RESPONSE TO RECENT NEWS COVERAGE ON THE ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE

The current news coverage about the construction at the Archbishop's weekend residence contains a number of misrepresentations. In addition, comments from readers that have appeared along with these news stories also contain numerous errors and mistakes.

Contrary to what some readers are writing in the Comments section of these stories, the Archdiocese has not maintained a full-time residence for the Archbishop in the Llewellyn Park area of West Orange for decades. The last Archbishop to live in that house was Archbishop Boland, who retired in 1974. That house was sold decades ago. It is also important to know that Archbishop Myers' principal residence has always been the rectory of the Cathedral Basilica, where he lives in community with four other priests within the City of Newark. Like Archbishop Myers, both Archbishop Gerety and Cardinal McCarrick used the Cathedral Basilica rectory as their principal residence. Both had also maintained weekend residences as well.

The current weekend residence and future retirement home of Archbishop Myers was purchased in 2002 with funds from the sale of a prior residence at the Jersey Shore that had been donated to the Archdiocese several decades ago. This former residence was sold for more than the purchase price of the current weekend residence, and the Archdiocese used those funds for ministry purposes.

The planned construction is being paid for by donations from individuals specifically given for this purpose and the sale of other residential properties that the Archdiocese owns but does not need. The sale of these properties is expected not only to pay for the construction, but also to provide funds for other ministry uses.

No parishioner funds or AAA contributions are being used on this project.

Similarly, no convents, schools or other Archdiocesan buildings are being sold to provide funding for this project.

The Archdiocese does pay real estate taxes on this property.

It is also important to know that in recent years the Archdiocese of Newark, both directly and through subsidies by parishes, has provided some \$15 million annually to maintain Catholic schools within the Archdiocese. Under the Lighting the Way strategic plan, the Archdiocese will continue to provide substantial financial support to Catholic elementary schools, and also will devote more resources toward marketing and enrollment services -- two areas that many individual schools have not been able to master on their own.

Support for Catholic Charities and other outreach ministries continues to be provided through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and remains a key commitment to serving the needs of people, regardless of their religion.

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"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." - Mt 6:31, 32b-33a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
 Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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



"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." Matthew 6:24

Do you have other "gods" in your life (job, money, power, ego, possessions?) Do you put them before the Lord? A stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living stewardship 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry. It means re-prioritizing and putting God first.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$20,304 (of which \$2,760 was from online giving.) Year to date collections amounted to \$763,853 vs. our year to date budget of \$821,010.



ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Saturday, March 22, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food contact, Dylan Wyka at 201-294-0329 or email at dwyka89@gmail.com. It would be very helpful for planning is you can rsvp by Tuesday, March 18.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Bags are being distributed this weekend for our monthly food collection. Food bank supplies are low at this time of year, so please help by returning a bag of groceries next weekend.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	Mar. 1	5:00 PM	Frank & Teresa Anello
Sun.	Mar. 2	7:30 AM	Carl Nevoso
		9:00 AM	Josephine Palladino
		10:30 AM	Kathleen Curran
		12:00 PM	People of the Parish
Mon.	Mar. 3	St. Katharine Drexel	
		7:00 AM	Ronald Beckerle John Van Slyke
		9:00 AM	J. F. Dunn
Tue.	Mar. 4	St. Casimir	
		7:00 AM	Julianna Leskauskas, 30 th Ann.
		9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of The D'Ura & Gringeri Families
Wed.	Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday	
		(See page 1 for Distribution of Ashes)	
		7:00 AM	Josephine DiCristo
		9:00 AM	Emilio & Estrella Horrilleno
		12:00 Noon	Wanda Roy
		7:00 PM	Margaret Bahlert
Thu.	Mar. 6	7:00 AM	Margaret Fitzmaurice
		9:00 AM	Michael Fitzgerald Arthur Zahauer, 4 th Anniv.
Fri.	Mar. 7	SS. Perpetua & Felicity	
		7:00 AM	Rosa Branco
		9:00 AM	Dr. Michael Novack
		7:00 PM	Polly McGuire
Sat.	Mar. 8	St. John of God	
		9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
		First Lent Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	Mar. 9	7:30 AM	Jean Kearns
		9:00 AM	Roy Varda
		10:30 AM	Edmund Costello
		12:00 PM	Josephine Palladino

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 2, 2014**

*Altar Bread & Wine, Candles on the Altar,
Sanctuary Lights &
Flowers for St. Elizabeth's Shrine:
In Memory of Polly McGuire,
Given by: The Pearce Family.*

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