

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 9, 2014

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners:

Lent is a season for conversion and penance. Jesus' own experience in the desert fortified Him to embrace the work of our redemption in the face of the devil's temptation. Jesus was hungry. Bread would have strengthened him. His work might have been more efficient if he had accepted all the kingdoms of the world. And Jesus knew already that His father's angels were at the ready to minister to Him. So the devil this time went away empty handed.

In the face of temptation we pray that neither bread nor power will distract us from the God and His glory. We need to enter the desert of Lent so we can strip away all that is not needed, save for the strength of grace and the power of faith. Lent is a time to decide about our lives and our eternal lives.

For the whole church Lent is a season of conversion and turning back to our Father. The devil would love nothing more than an open door into our life as Christ's body.

To help us to grow during Lent and resist the power of evil we have the opportunity for the sacrament of penance. Each of us should take advantage of this season to come to confession. The chance to be forgiven and made strong is ours. Let us live the Lenten season eager to prepare for the dying and rising of Jesus for us.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan



*Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Newark*

2014 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 **two(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.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND Peter's Penace

Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent

7:00 a.m. Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. Monday – Saturday

7:00 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays (during Lent)

Please note there will be no evening Mass Holy Week.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 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.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH ST. PAUL'S IN RAMSEY

On Saturday, April 5th at 12 Noon St. Elizabeth's will be participating in a Communal Penance Service. The service will be at St. Paul's in Ramsey. No confessions at St. Elizabeth on April 5.

RICE BOWL FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

Available this weekend

First week of Lent, CRS Rice Bowl Refection: Kenya

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

THE LAST SUPPER (THE SEDER MEAL)

Discover how the Passover meal becomes the Paschal Mystery in Christ Saturday, April 12th at 6:00pm (after the 5 pm Mass). Tickets are \$20 per adult or \$60 for a family of three or more. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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 1-800-842-4842. Forms are available at the Parish Center. This is the Pilgrimage Deacon Tim was speaking about two weekends at the Masses.

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 dwyka89@gmail.com. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, March 18.



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!

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).

**"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: Judith Ann Rizzuoto

"A time to mourn..."

**Recently Deceased: Timothy Tomai,
Steven Statham, Anna Buys**

"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.**

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.

DIVORCE

Divorce has affected us all either ourselves, family members, friends or coworkers. We don't like to talk about it but it happens and it hurts. Beginning March 19, St. Gabriel's will offer a twelve week program to help separated and divorced Catholics and their families. The program will feature a thirty minute DVD each week covering topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and much more. Participants will receive a personal guide with survival points, tips and reflections. If you are able, we ask you to make a donation to help cover costs. To sign up, contact Sr. MaryRose at MrMroz@StGabrielSR.org or 201- 327-5663, Preview a video and read more at DivorceHealing.WordPress.com

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 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

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES SALE
AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

**MEN’S CATHOIC CONFERENCE
March 15**

Be not afraid! A Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 15, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Contact Terry at 973-497-4545 or email: CatholicMen@rcan.org.

**WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
April 26**

Be not afraid, rejoice in God’s Mercy. A day of reflection on April 26 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Seton Hall University. For more contact Terry at 973-497-4545 or email: CatholicMen@rcan.org.



Faithful Readers
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN us to discuss this book!

The First Phone Call from Heaven
By Mitch Albom



**Monday, March 10
9:30 AM - St. Francis Room**
Books at Parish Office—\$15
Questions? Ask Jonathan (201) 891-3262



Daily Masses During Lent

Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.m. (No evening Mass Holy Week)

Overnight Holy Hour

Every Friday 8:00 p.m. till 9:00 a.m. (Except Holy Week)

Confession Schedule

Saturdays 12:30 p.m. (Except Holy Week)

Parish Mission “Surge of the Heart”

March 16, 17 & 18, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Church
Daytime option Monday March 17, 11:30am in the church

Communal Penance Service

Saturday, April 5th at 12 Noon
(At St. Paul’s, in Ramsey (no confessions here))

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:30 p.m. (Except Holy Week)

Chrism Mass Monday – April 14th

8:00 p.m. Chrism Mass (Cathedral Basilica)
Mass with Archbishop Myers blessing the sacred oils for the coming year.
For transportation contact the Parish Center at 201-891-1122.

Holy Thursday – April 17th

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord’s Supper
(Procession & Adoration 9:30 – 11:00p.m.)

Good Friday – April 18th

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12 Noon Way of the Cross
(For children and families)
3 p.m. Lord’s Passion
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae



EASTER

Holy Saturday April 19th

9 a.m Morning Prayer
Followed by the Blessing of the Food
(No 5p.m. Mass)
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 20th

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church & Gym) &
12 Noon Mass

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 9, 2014**



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. - Mt 17:1-3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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



"It is written: The Lord, your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$24,238 (of which \$4,020 was from online giving.) Year to date collections amounted to \$788,191 vs. our year to date budget of \$845,245.



LENTEN PRAYER

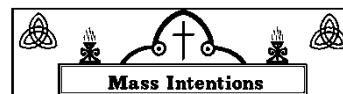
*Loving God,
We thank you for the many
gifts you have given us.*

*Bless our prayers and
sacrifices this Lent.*

*May these gifts from our table
bring hope and life to our
sisters and brothers who suffer
with hunger each day.*

*Unite us through Christ with
the poor worldwide, and bless
our efforts to bring relief to
those in need.*

Amen.



First Sunday of Lent

Sat.	Mar. 8	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
Mon.	Mar. 10		
		7:00 AM	Raymond Maniaci, Joseph Barone
		9:00 AM	Margaret & Harold Bell & Bonnie Bell Gerli

Tue.	Mar. 11	7:00 AM	Walter Grigorenko
		9:00 AM	Mary Dorrian
Wed.	Mar. 12	7:00 AM	Bertha Currie
		9:00 AM	Betty MacCallum
		7:00 PM	James Rogan
Thu.	Mar. 13	7:00 AM	Mark & Debbie Hulsizer
		9:00 AM	Patricia Madigan, Jack Martin
Fri.	Mar. 14	7:00 AM	Rita Lapinski, Happy 90 th Bday
		9:00 AM	Laura Sardon
		7:00 PM	Robert DiCaprio

Sat.	Mar. 15	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
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Second Sunday of Lent

		5:00 PM	Julia & August Berchler
Sun.	Mar. 16	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Maryann Furst
		10:30 AM	Rose Manglone
		12:00 PM	Josephine Palladino

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 9, 2014**

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Wanda Roy, 1st Anniversary,
Given by: The Cornett Family.

Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Wanda Roy, 1st Anniversary,
Given by: The Cornett Family.

Flowers For St. Elizabeth's Shrine:
In Memory of Raymond Maniaci.

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