

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2014

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



My dear friends in Christ,
The season of Advent is upon us. Advent is a time of preparation and patient waiting for the coming of Christmas when we commemorate the birth of Jesus, as well as the preparation for his coming again at the end of time. We are called this first Sunday of Advent to be alert, for we do not know when the time will come. We are called to live each day as if it were our first, our last, and our only. So when he comes he may find us waiting in joy filled hope. I pray this advent will be a time of deep prayer and reflection in the midst of the hustle and bustle, may we stay focused on the true meaning of the season.

Maranatha... Come Lord Jesus, come soon!

Peace and all good things,

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, December 3, 7-8pm



The next Overnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, December 12th. We are currently looking to expand the period of Adoration for both Wednesday and for the Friday Overnight.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Retirement Fund for the Religious

The Religious Retirement Collection will be next weekend. Religious women and men have faithfully served the Catholic Church in our country and need our support. Your generosity is always appreciated.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Holy Day of Obligation Monday Dec. 8th



Mass Monday, 9am, 12Noon & 7pm

**Parish Center will be closed.
There will be CCD on Dec. 8th.**

LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH AT MASS



What a wonderful tradition for you and your family. Would you like to light the advent wreath at Mass? Please call the parish office and sign up for your Mass date and time at 201-891-1122. **You will receive a reply with all the details and a confirmation of your date.**



ADVENT WREATH & CANDLE MEMORIAL FUND

What a lovely way to remember a loved one. If you would like to memorialize our Advent Wreath or Candles for this year, kindly contact the Parish Center at 201-891-1122 for more details.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath originated in Germany. With the onset of the cold and snowy winter months they would remove the wheels from their wagons and bring them into their homes, decorate them with greens and candles and suspend them from the ceiling. Without wheels on their wagons they could go nowhere and it became a period of waiting for the good weather to return. The church adopted this custom and the Advent wreath was born. A custom originally meant for the home made its way into the church and is a symbol of our patient waiting during the Advent Season and our ultimate waiting in hope for the coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This year our Advent Wreath will be a wagon wheel decorated with greens and candles and will be suspended in the Holy Family shrine in the front of the church; this is the same place where our Nativity scene is also located. What a nice way to connect the two seasons by using the same space.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus...come soon!

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

We encourage individuals who have experienced a loss to come to Bereavement Night, held on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:30-9pm in the Amadeus Room at the Parish Center. Our Bereavement Ministry team will be there for support during this difficult time on Wednesday, December 3rd.

BEREAVEMENT MASS CANDLES

There are candles that were lit at the Bereavement Mass of Celebration on November 2nd that have not been picked up yet. Please come to the Parish Center if you're interested in picking up your loved one's candle. The candles will be held until the end of November.

MEN'S SHARING



Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, December 6th, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

SENIORS

The seniors will be meeting this Monday, December 1, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room. All St. Elizabeth seniors are welcome!



ADVENT GIVING TREE SHARING

This Advent, St. Elizabeth's Community is again invited to share the spirit of Christmas with our less fortunate sisters and brothers. Your generous response over the years has made Christmas brighter for thousands of children, women and men in Paterson, Newark, Ringwood, Ramsey, Jersey City and our own local communities. Please help us continue this remarkable tradition by taking a card from the Christmas tree in the Narthex and purchasing a gift for that person. Please follow the wrapping instructions on the card you select and return your NEW gift WITH THE TAG taped to the OUTSIDE of the package no later than 12 NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time to help with this rewarding ministry, please call Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email djkljk@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity with your gift or time, talent or treasure.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 14th at 7pm

The Music Ministry of the Church of St. Elizabeth led by The Director of Sacred Music, Carl Patrick Bolleia, will present the annual Advent and Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 14th at 7 PM in the church. Mr. Bolleia will lead the accomplished Festival Chorale in presenting a variety of Advent and Christmas favorites from their repertoire, as well as new anthems being prepared for the 2014 Season ranging from spirituals, motets, contemporary pieces, and traditional choral classics. The Children's Choir, with their director, Cheryl Spierer-Wyka, will delight all with their exuberant and heartfelt singing. In addition, this year marks the return of the dynamic contemporary vocal group Spirit with their music director Dylan Wyka. Carl Patrick Bolleia will conduct the majestic St. Elizabeth's Festival Orchestra and the combined music ministry will come together in a collection of uplifting musical offerings that will surely make the assembly want to strongly sing out, "JOY TO THE WORLD!" Please come to this beautiful musical event in the life of our parish family as we celebrate the coming and birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ!



SEEKING CHOIR MEMBERS

Calling all those who love to sing – COME JOIN US!! Music has been a signature element of our celebrations at St. Elizabeth's over the years. We are actively engaged in preparing music of all genres to enrich our liturgies and the musical life of the parish. If you love to sing, you will enjoy being part of our choir. Women, men and young adults – please come. We are preparing for the Advent and Christmas season, as well as the annual Christmas Concert, and you can add your voices. Ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:45 PM in the music room. Come speak to Carl after Mass or email him at music@saintelizabeths.org. Remember, the one who sings, prays twice!

"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: Fr. Peter Funesti & Infant William

"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, 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, James Tully Amen.

SANTA BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 6th



Please join the St. Elizabeth School Family in the cafeteria for "Breakfast with Santa", on December 6th. Two seating's are available: 8:30am and 11:00am. Tickets are \$8.00 per person with a \$35.00 maximum per family. Seating is limited so RSVP today for tickets! Contact Michelle Pitot at mpitot104@aol.com to reserve your spot.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

All Masses - December 13 & 14



Each year in Rome, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child – the "Bambinelli" - from their family's Nativity scene or "Creche". The Pope blesses the children and the figurines they bring. Please bring the Christ Child figure from your family Nativity to Mass here at St. Elizabeth's December 13 and 14. Your "Baby Jesus" figures will be blessed as a reminder that Christ's coming to us is the true Christmas gift.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS "Oplatki"



The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom long used in family celebrations. A brief prayer begins the festivities of sharing the blessed Christmas wafer. By breaking and sharing this wafer with family and friends, we share the harmony and joy that bring peace and happiness to our hearts and home at this special time of year. If you would like to continue or to begin this sacred tradition, wafers can be purchased at the Parish Office. Donation: \$2.00.

Please join us for Cornerstone 2015

**Women's Cornerstone
February 6-7, 2015**

For more information call:
Enza Sardella: 201-694-6670
Peter Rizkalla: [646-627-3338](tel:646-627-3338)

**Men's Cornerstone
March 6-7, 2015**

Betsy Lahue: 201-788-8538
Jenny Feliciano: 914-462-8978
Kevin Purvin: [201-410-5082](tel:201-410-5082)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL HOUR OF GRACE

Monday, Dec. 8th, 12noon-1pm at Most Blessed Sacrament
Our Blessed Mother has promised to shower many graces on those who keep this special hour with her on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This holy hour will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER CITY CHILDREN

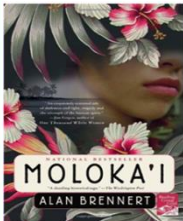
The SFIC invites all parishioners to join them for their Annual Christmas Breakfast on Thursday, December 4, 9am-10:13am at St. Michael's School, 27 Crittenden St., Newark. The breakfast will give our guests a firsthand view of one of our vibrant schools in action...take a tour, meet some students, enjoy the surroundings and the spirit of a school that changes lives forever. To rsvp or for more information call Barbara Cortes at 973-497-4279.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR Christmas Boutique, Luncheon & Auction, Thursday, December 4

This great event will be held at the Bethwood, 38 Lackawanna Ave., Totowa. 11am-3pm. Holiday gifts, baked goods and raffles. \$50 per person. For more information call Joann Splinter 201-447-6400.

Faithful Readers

Join us to discuss this bestselling novel by Alan Brennert



MOLOKA'I

Monday, January 5
9:30 AM
St. Francis Room

Books at Parish Office—\$10
Questions? Call Jonathan (201) 891-3262

TNL! BOLD

Tuesday
December 2nd
7:30 - 9pm

“There’s Something about Mary”

Your opportunity to encounter Pope Francis and experience in first person the universality of the Church -- World Youth Day 2016, Poland Learn more at the next Teen Night Live!



Learn about your Catholic faith with EUN and GAMES! Come and join BOLD Youth Ministry and discover the meaningful apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Open to HIGH SCHOOLERS!

FOR MORE INFO

Stefanie Allen | StElizabeth@boldym.com | (201) 639-4636 | www.boldym.com/seh

Advent/Christmas Schedule



Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14th, at 7 p.m.



Confessions

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays

Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

9 a.m. (Daily Mass)

4 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)

7 p.m. Christmas Pageant

7:30 p.m. Family Mass

10 p.m. Caroling

10:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day

(There **will not** be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day).

9 a.m. Church

10:30 a.m. Church

12 Noon (Church and Gym)

Friday, December 26th

9 a.m. (Daily Mass only)

Saturday, December 27th

9 a.m. Mass & 5 p.m. vigil

Sunday, December 28th, Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon



Wednesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

9 a.m., 5 p.m. vigil

Thursday, January 1st 2015, New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Sunday, January 4th, 2015, Epiphany

5 p.m. Sat. Vigil, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon



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"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

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



"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." Matthew 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time-our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

Elvis

**One Night with You Featuring
Deacon Anthony Liguori as Elvis**

**Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm
\$25 per person BYOB!**

Proceeds to benefit our parish mission projects. For more info call the Parish Center at 201-233-8242. Anyone interested in helping with the event please contact Deacon Anthony at 201-891-1122 or e-mail elsangel@live.com or www.anthonyliguorijr.com.

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.



First Sunday of Advent

Sat.	Nov. 29	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	Nov. 30	7:30 AM	Bud Bang
		9:00 AM	Andrew L. Demartini
		10:30 AM	Nicholas Maniaci
		12:00 PM	Joseph & Emily Shadiack

Mon. Dec. 1

7:00 AM Bronia Jedrzejewski
 9:00 AM David Ciolli

Tue. Dec. 2

7:00 AM Mary Delaney
 9:00 AM Thomas Verga

Wed. Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier

7:00 AM Maureen D'Arizzeno
 9:00 AM Gloria & George Barton

Thu. Dec. 4 St. John Damascene

7:00 AM Georgina Melo
 9:00 AM Leonard Emery,
 Thomas & John Daley

Fri. Dec. 5

7:00 AM Priests & Deacons
 of St. Elizabeth's
 9:00 AM Mark Aragona

Sat. Dec. 6 St. Nicholas

9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

		5:00 PM	Bertha Currie
Sun.	Dec. 7	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Calandra & Capalbo Families
		10:30 AM	Mary Zahauer, 25 th Anniv.
		12:00 PM	Carmela Sature

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF
November 30, 2014**

**Altar Bread & Wine, Candles on the Altar,
Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Carmela Sature,
Given by: The Minichetti Family.**

**Flowers For St. Elizabeth's Shrine:
Continued Good Health for Jim Dwyer,
Given by: Mrs. Forshay.**

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