

# CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2014

### THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



My dear friends in Christ,  
On this Second Sunday of Advent we are being called to make straight the path for the coming of the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we must be willing to decrease and allow the light of Christ to increase and shine through the darkness - in doing so illuminate the path that will lead all to Him. Has this Advent been about allowing Christ's light to shine more brightly in our lives or have we been consumed by the light of the "holiday season?" In our lives there should only be one light, He who is the way, the truth and the life. It is not too late to prepare for His coming again in glory - watch, wait and pray while you still can.

Maranatha...Come Lord Jesus, come soon!

Peace and all good things,

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### OVERNIGHT EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

The next Overnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We are currently looking to expand the period of Adoration for both Wednesday and for the Friday Overnight. This will require even more people to sign up to spend time with the Lord. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord...I am sure He would love to see you!

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

##### Retirement Fund for the Religious

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the US. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication for elder religious, I remain grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith and for the tremendous service they have offered our Archdiocese. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

#### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 12noon  
at Guardian Angel Church

It is good to seek and offer forgiveness to one another - and wonderful to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year our communal penance service will be at Guardian Angel Church, 320 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale on Saturday, December 20th at 12 Noon. We will gather with priests and parishioners from our neighboring parishes, St. Luke's, St. Elizabeth's, Church of the Nativity and St. Paul's. All are invited! Please note: There will be no confessions at St. E's on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY Holy Day Of Obligation Monday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>



Mass 7am, 9am, 12Noon & 7pm

Parish Center will be closed. There will be CCD on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

#### 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!

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Congratulations!

On Friday, December 5th, 2014, our parish celebrated God's wonderful gift of mercy, forgiveness and grace with 128 of our children in RECONCILIATION for the first time! Congratulations to our children who shared in this wonderful sacrament of healing. God loves you all more than any of us can imagine.

#### ROSARY SOCIETY'S

##### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Youth Room, Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10am for the Rosary Society's annual Christmas party. We will have a 'spirited sing-a-long of favorite Christmas songs, some great conversation & delicious home baked treats. "Come on down" and join in the festivities. Please bring a \$10 gift for the "exchange game" we plan to play.

#### THE ADVENT WREATH & CANDLE MEMORIAL

This year's Advent Wreath Candles were donated by:

Jack & Jo-Ann Cooley

In Loving Memory of Rita Ann Vassallo

Anita Smith & Family

In Loving Memory of Paul R. Smith

The Brooks Family

In Loving Memory of Anthony Esposito

Al & Pat Janski

In Loving Memory of Anne & Gino Boffa



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm

The Music Ministry of the Church of St. Elizabeth led by Director of Sacred Music, Carl Patrick Bolleia, will present the annual Advent and Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Advent and Christmas 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 Saint 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](mailto:music@saintelizabeths.org). Remember, the one who sings, prays twice!

### ADVENT GIVING TREE SHARING



There is still an opportunity to support the Advent Giving Tree Ministry at St. Elizabeth's. Please help us continue to bring Christmas joy to the many families in need this year by taking a card or two 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 14<sup>th</sup>. The gifts are sorted and packed that afternoon and then picked up and delivered to the various organizations on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to help sort gifts on Saturday or Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4p.m., please call Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email [djkljk@verizon.net](mailto:djkljk@verizon.net). Thank you for your generosity with your gift or time, talent or treasure.

### ANNUAL HOUR OF GRACE

**Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**"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 Smith, Mary Brown, Kimberly Puleo, Ann Daley, Hannah McManus

**"A time to mourn..."**

**Recently Deceased:** William McNeill, Doris Cooney, Peter Hartevelde, John Weingartner, Mary Jean Sullivan.

**"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, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Nolan Dunn, James Tully, Captain Michael Scott Sidman US Army Amen.

### 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.

**TNL! BOLD**  
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**Annual TNL Christmas Party**

Bring a wrapped **OUTRAGEOUS** gift (less than \$10) for the **Wacky White Elephant Gift Exchange!!!**

**Tuesday  
December  
16th  
7:30 - 9pm**

**Ugly sweater wearers and friends are welcome!**

**FOR MORE INFO**  
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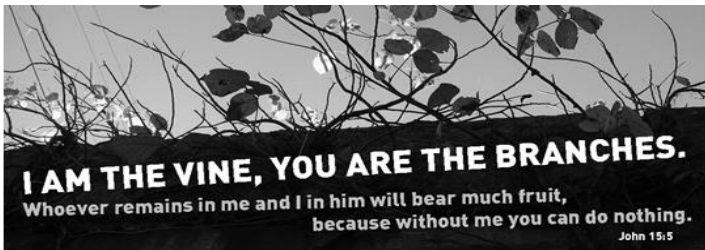
**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

Bags are being distributed this weekend for our monthly food collection. Food supplies are low right now with the holidays fast approaching. Did you know that when school is out for the holiday, most needy children survive on one meal a day. Most school in poor areas providing breakfast & lunch to their students. That makes the need even greater. Would you take a bag home this weekend and fill it for a family in need. There is a Food Bag Donation Basket in the Narthex for cash, checks & VISA gift cards in case you don't get a chance to shop!!!

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION EVENING**

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St. John the Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, NJ. A staff member of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will provide basic information about annulments; the requirements for annulments and how to begin the process of petitioning for an annulment. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session. Pre-registrations is not necessary, but for directions, please call the parish at 908-486-6363.



**COME, GET CONNECTED  
DISCOVERING CHRIST**  
WEDNESDAYS 7:15 PM Jan. 28 to March 11  
Please join us...Enjoy free dinner, a dynamic teaching and engage in fellowship.  
Register/info: [StElizabethDC@gmail.com](mailto:StElizabethDC@gmail.com) 201-892-1122

**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. Anyone interested in helping with the event please contact the Parish Center at 201-891-1122, Deacon Anthony [elsangel@live.com](mailto:elsangel@live.com) or [www.anthonyliguorijr.com](http://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.

**Advent/Christmas Schedule**



**Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.



**Confessions**

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays  
(no confessions on Dec. 20)

**Communal Penance Service**

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Guardian Angel Church, Allendale  
12noon

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. (Daily Mass only)

**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>,**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

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



**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve**

9 a.m., 5 p.m. Vigil

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, New Year's Day**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

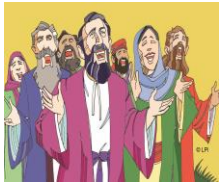
**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

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

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Epiphany**

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 7, 2014**



*John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47.  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**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 week day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

**SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES**



*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." Mark 1:3*

We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that –it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy too.

The gift of treasure for Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> was \$23,848 (of which \$2,659 was from online giving.) Year to date collections amounted to \$428,928 our year to date budget of \$508,935.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$21,373 (of which \$3,409 was from online giving.) Year to date collections amounted to \$450,301 our year to date budget of \$533,170.

**K OF C ESSAY CONTEST**

The Knights of Columbus is awarding \$50-100 cash prizes for the best 3 essays about **"The Importance of Religious Freedom"** submitted by parishioners in grades 8 – 12. Discuss the challenges Catholics face in the political arena, and the importance of religious freedom for society. [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay) has more info on the topic. Contact Erik Ruebenacker at [erikpr@hotmail.com](mailto:erikpr@hotmail.com) with additional questions. Entries must be submitted at the Parish Center by January 5. The unnamed, typed, 500-750 word essay must be attached to the official contest entry form, obtained at [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/youth/essay/entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/youth/essay/entry_form.pdf)

**SENIORS**



The seniors will be meeting on Monday, Dec. 15, at 12 noon at LaNeve's, North Haledon. For more information, please contact Joanne 201-891-3629. This will be the last meeting for the year.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Sat. Dec. 6 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<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
 12:00 PM Carmela Sature

**The Immaculate Conception of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**

Mon. Dec. 8  
 7:00 AM Mary Brown-Good Health  
 Lita Ybanez  
 9:00 AM Edward Swanton  
 12 NOON Josephine Palladino  
 7:00 PM Marion & Ron Rodda

**Tue. Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego**

7:00 AM Mary Delaney  
 9:00 AM Sue Gaito

**Wed. Dec. 10**

7:00 AM Rudi Draudin  
 9:00 AM Margret & Harold Bell & Bonnie Bell Gerli

**Thu. Dec. 11 St. Damasus I**

7:00 AM Matthew Barbieri  
 9:00 AM Leonard Emery,  
 Thomas & John Daley

**Fri. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:00 AM Rudolph Draudin  
 9:00 AM Hulsizer, Gloeckner, Lane  
 Foley & Babcock Families

**Sat. Dec. 13**

9:00 AM Memorial Mass

**Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM Salvatore, Lucia, Luciano Alu  
 Sun. Dec. 14 7:30 AM Thomas Verga  
 9:00 AM People of the Parish  
 10:30 AM Joseph Palladino  
 12:00 PM Teresita Ulgasan

**Memorials for the Week of December 7, 2014**

**Altar Bread & Wine:** In Memory of Stephen Yagos, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
 Given by: Marta Yagos.

**Candles on the Altar:** In Memory of Anthony Liguori, Sr.  
 Given by: Nick & Lois Ciampo.

**Sanctuary Light:** In Memory of George Anderson,  
 Given by: Nick & Lois Ciampo.

**Flowers For St. Elizabeth's Shrine:** In Thanksgiving,  
 Given by: Henry & Joan McNamara.



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