

# CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2014

### THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



My dear friends in Christ,

On this the Third Sunday of Advent we are reminded that nothing is impossible with God. May we, like Mary, place complete trust and confidence in God, knowing he will provide for our every need; there is no greater proof of this than the gift of his son Jesus – the one whose return we patiently await. Let us rejoice this *Gaudete* Sunday as we pray - Maranatha... Come Lord Jesus, come soon!

Peace and all good things,

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HOLY HOUR

There will be Holy Hour on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm.



#### 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!

#### 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.



#### 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.

### 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 in Allendale on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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>**



### FINAL WEEKEND FOR 2014 ADVENT GIVING TREE SHARING!

This is the last chance to participate in the 2014 Advent Giving Tree Ministry at St. Elizabeth's. Please take a gift card and purchase a gift to help brighten Christmas for the many children, women and men in need this year. **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 you donate are delivered to the various organizations on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

### 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 Jensk  
In Loving Memory of Anne & Gino Boffa*

### **.VAN MINISTRY NEEDS MONDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Our two person teams meet Mondays 8:30 to 11: 30AM, picking up bakery products from local stores for delivery to Paterson, food pantries, feeding the needy poor in our area. You can volunteer monthly, seasonally or temporarily to suit your availability. Retired, semi-retired, part time employed & unemployed men & women are all welcome. The benefits are heavenly! Please contact Joe Meighan @ 201-891-4909 or Ernie Buonocore @ 201-891-4882. Thank you for your consideration.

### **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)

### **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. 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 EVENING OF PRAYER WITH SCRIPTURE**

God is with us! Amidst our hectic schedules of tasks and shopping, you are invited to come for one hour of peace to help restore the spirit of Advent in your life. Please join us Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. for a one-hour session of quiet prayer with a passage from an Advent Gospel passage ... we will use the “lectio divina” method of prayer – quiet listening with a guided contemplation, led by Fr. Charlie Pinyan. We will gather in Church of the Guardian Angel (at the corner of Allendale Avenue ), 320 Franklin Turnpike in Allendale.



### **ST. MARTIN’S SOUP KITCHEN**

On Saturday, Dec. 27, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food contact, Dylan Wyka, 201-294-0329. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, Dec. 23.

**“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, Mary Brown, Maureen Parks, Infant William Smith, Kimberly Puleo, Ann Daley,

**“A time for joy...”**

**Recently Baptized:**

Daniel Barzola, Nicholas Lewis, Lucas Mutzberg,  
Charlotte Roeder

**“A time to mourn...”**

**Recently Deceased:** Anthony Esposito,  
Hannah McManus, Marie Rooney

**“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.

### **Please join us for Cornerstone 2015**



**Women’s Cornerstone Men’s Cornerstone  
February 6-7, 2015 March 6-7, 2015  
Is Cornerstone for you?**

- Do you find the pace of life so fast and need to take a much deserved break?
  - Do you have a desire to know yourself better?
  - Are you looking to jump-start your journey toward spiritual growth?
  - Are you looking for an opportunity for renewal of energy, faith, and/or friendship?
  - Are you searching for inner peace?
- Come and experience Cornerstone for yourself and see why men and women have been a part of Cornerstone for over 20 years!  
For more information call: Betsy Lahue: 201-788-8538  
Enza Sardella: 201-694-6670 Jenny Feliciano: 914-462-8978  
Peter Rizkalla: [646-627-3338](tel:646-627-3338) Kevin Purvin: [201- 410-5082](tel:201-410-5082)

### **MEN’S SHARING**




Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, December 20, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

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**Annual TNL Christmas Party**

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



Ugly sweater wearers and friends are welcome!

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

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



**I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.**  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

**COME, GET CONNECTED**

**DISCOVERING CHRIST**  
WEDNESDAYS 7:15 PM Jan. 28 to March 11

Please join us ...Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and engage in fellowship.

Designed for you to revitalize your faith, or to reconnect friends and family who have been away from the church and are open to exploring the meaning of life in Jesus Christ.

To Register or for more information:  
[StElizabethDC@gmail.com](mailto:StElizabethDC@gmail.com) or 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



### Confessions

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays  
(No confessions on Dec. 20, at St. E's)



### Communal Penance Service

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

Guardian Angel Church, Allendale at 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

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

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

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

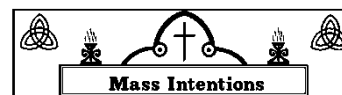
5 p.m. Sat. Vigil, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 14, 2014**



*The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."*  
- Lk 1:30-31



**Third Sunday of Advent**

Sat.	Dec. 13	5:00 PM	Salvatore, Lucia & Luciano Alv
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

**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

Mon. Dec. 15

7:00 AM Nancy Solimando,  
St. Elizabeth's Staff

9:00 AM Josephine Novack

Tue. Dec. 16

7:00 AM Mary Delaney  
9:00 AM D'Ura & Gringeri Families  
Living & Deceased Members

Wed. Dec. 17

7:00 AM Sr. Maureen Collins  
9:00 AM Elizabeth Ciarleglio,  
Susan Amato  
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Thu. Dec. 18

7:00 AM Frank Leskauskas  
9:00 AM Alice & Charles Cote  
Ruthkoff & Hurtz Families

Fri. Dec. 19

7:00 AM Frank Leskauskas  
9:00 AM Emilio & Estrella Horrilleno

Sat. Dec. 20

9:00 AM Memorial Mass

**Forth Sunday of Advent**

		5:00 PM	Anthony Godino
Sun.	Dec. 21	7:30 AM	Joseph Kutruetz
		9:00 AM	McNiff, Broderick & Meehan Families
		10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		12:00 PM	Edward Zaretski

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 14, 2014**

**Altar Bread & Wine:** *In Memory of Mary Gormley,  
Given by: The Torrissi Family.*

**Candles on the Altar:** *In Memory of  
Kimberly & Christopher Huber,  
Given by: Mary & Michele Huber.*

**Sanctuary Lights:** *In Memory of Douglas Reitz, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Given by: The Lombardo Family.*

**Flowers For St. Elizabeth's Shrine:**  
*In Memory of John Mastroeni,  
Given by: Richard & Carol Ossi.*

**SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES**



*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstance: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The gift of treasure for last week was \$24,617 (of which \$3,707 was from online giving.) Year to date collections amounted to \$474,918 our year to date budget of \$557,405.

The total amount collected for the Retired Religious Collection amount to \$9,652. Your generosity is always appreciated.

**ONLINE GIVING**



This year why not make a new year's resolution that you can keep! Start giving your weekly offering online. It's easy to set up, our website

has a link, or you can call Marlene at the parish center for help or questions 201-891-1122 ext. 202.

**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.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

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 confidentiality. 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 the Parish Center at 201-891-1122. With prayer, all things are possible.



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