

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



My dear friends in Christ,

I share the following little reflection as we enter into this most Holy Season of Advent. May we all be open to what God has in store for us and when he comes may he find us waiting in joy filled hope for his coming again in glory. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come soon!

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

Peace and all good things,

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
Holy Day Of Obligation Tuesday Dec. 8th



Monday, Dec. 7th, Vigil Mass 7pm
Tuesday, Dec. 8th, Mass 7am, 9am, 12Noon
Parish Center will be closed. There will be CCD on Dec. 8th

ANNUAL HOUR OF GRACE

Tuesday, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
December 4th, 9:30am-9pm

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays immediately following the 9am Mass with Exposition and concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction at 9pm on First Fridays and Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm on all other Fridays. All are invited to pray in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Even if just for a few minutes, make sure that you take the time to stop and give thanks to Him from whom every good comes. Call the Parish Center at 201-891-1122 or sign up in the Narthex for a weekly hour.

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!

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.



RESPECT LIFE STORE
Advent candles and holders

The respect life store at the Parish Center has a new shipment of beautiful resin and ceramic Advent candle holders and candles! Please stop by and support the ministry!



Christmas Choral Concert

Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 pm
More information to follow...

2015 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 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 13th. 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 dijklk@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity with your gift or time, talent or treasure.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

Six minutes a day, that's all it takes to have a meaningful Advent reflection. One of our oldest traditions of prayer is called "Lectio Divina" (sacred reading.) Blue books take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. *Pick up your little blue book in the narthex this weekend.*

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Please join the St. Elizabeth School Family in the lower gym for "Breakfast with Santa", on December 5th. Two seating's available: 8:30am and 10: 30am. Tickets are \$8.00 per person with a \$35.00 maximum per family. Seating is limited so call today for tickets! Contact Alison Migliaccio at Jmiggs1@verizon.net to reserve your spot.

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.

FaithFusion
connecting adults to christ and their catholic faith

Faithful Readers

Come discuss an amazing story of faith and courage of Ecuador missionaries

Through Gates of Splendor
by Elisabeth Elliot



Monday, December 7
9:30 AM—St. Francis Room

Books at Parish Office—\$15
Questions? Call Jonathan (201) 891-3262

**“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: Bob Hiner, Ray Witte, Joseph Columbo,
Joanne Calendrillo, Deborah Bauer, Stephen Kulpa,
Bernard Murphy, Patricia Moran, Diane Gerber

“A time for joy...”

Recently Baptized: Kylie Marco

“A time to mourn...”

Recently Deceased: Walter Dunn, Stanley Baynra,
James Tocoli, William Lavosky

“A time for peace...”

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, John Paul Phillips, CPO Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, Captain Colin McNulty, Captain Luke Walsh, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, Airman Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 2nd LT. Nolan Dunn, James Tully, Stone C. Koerner. **Amen.**



Our Parish Book of Remembrance

is located in the Narthex, by the St. Elizabeth statue. You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in parish Masses and prayers.

VAN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish's Van Ministry consists of volunteers, who weekdays (8:30am-11:30am) pick up local bakery goods and produce from stores and deliver the food to Oasis, Eva's Kitchen, CUMAC and Father English Food pantries. Volunteers can choose to work in pairs and use the Church van or individually with their own vehicles. To continue this good work, we need your help. We are seeking additional volunteer's men and women, drivers and non-drivers. The ministry welcomes all levels of participation. Thank you for considering our appeal. Please contact Tom Veit 201-410-9005 for details.

ALL THE BEST....FROM SES

Parents, You are cordially invited to attend a Pre-K Open House at St. Elizabeth School on Thursday, December 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please come and visit the classrooms, see our Little Blessings in action, and meet our teachers. Registration information for the 2016 Winter/Spring school years as well as information for the 2016-17 school years will be available. We look forward to meeting you on December 10th! Blessings, Mrs. Wright, Principal

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Family Masses (Children's homily in the church)
December 6 (10:30 AM)

Gather the Children (Separate Liturgy of the Word for Grades K-5) December 13 & 20 (10:30 AM) Volunteers interested in helping, please contact Donna at dgormley27@gmail.com.

Advent/Christmas Schedule



Communal Penance Service
Saturday, December 19th
St. Paul's Ramsey, 12noon



Confessions
12:30 p.m. on Saturdays
(no confessions on Dec. 19th)

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 20th, at 4 p.m.

Thursday, 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

Friday, 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)

Saturday, December 26th

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

**Sunday, December 27th,
Feast of the Holy Family**

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



Thursday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

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

Friday, January 1st, 2016, New Year's Day

Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
9:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016, Epiphany

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

SENIORS

The seniors will be meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, at 12 noon at Savini's in Allendale. For more information, please contact Joanne 201-891-3629. This will be the last meeting for the year.

NATIONAL NIGHT PRAYER FOR LIFE

Tuesday, Dec. 8th, at 9pm to Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 1am
Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego. It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (the celebrated on Dec. 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. Here at St. Elizabeth's we will begin with the Eucharist on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 9pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with night prayer on Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 1am. We will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion, and the restore of God's blessings of Life, Liberty, The Faith and His Peace in America and the entire world. We invite the Respect Life Committee, Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus and all parish groups to join us for this National Night of Prayer for life.

MEN'S SHARING



Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, Dec. 5th, 7-9am, in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

Wednesday, December 2nd, 7:30pm

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 to lend our support during this difficult time.

Women's Evening of Reflection
Make
~~"No Room at the Inn"~~

Wednesday December 2, 2015
at 7:30 PM
in the Elizabeth Room
RSVP to Cathy Ingrassci 201-637-4337
or pingrasci@optonline.net

BOLD & BRIDGES St. Elizabeth's
youth ministry by Fiat Structures **BRIDGES RUN**

Service Event:
Friday, Dec. 11 4-10pm

- Meet in JPII Youth Room then head out to NYC
- 12 High School Teens Needed
- Service - We will assemble Lunches and bring to the homeless in NYC through Bridges Outreach

RSVP by 12/8 at www.boldym.com/SEH/signup

Adults we need your help too! If you are willing to drive, donate supplies like water bottles, chips or apples please contact Genna!

Bridges
Bringing the Homeless and Homeless
together one community at a time.

Genna Grabowy at (201) 639-4636
or stelizabeth@boldym.com

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-

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



"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
 Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.



The gift of treasure for last weekend was \$22,605 of which \$3,566 was from online giving. Thank you for your generous support!



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Sat.	Nov. 28	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	Nov. 29	7:30 AM	Helen & Peter Dahlinger
		9:00 AM	Narciso Morson
		10:30 AM	Nicholas Maniaci
		12:00 PM	Joseph McNamara

Mon. Nov. 30 St. Andrew

7:00 AM	Doris Cooney
	All Souls
9:00 AM	Janet Accettura Synder

Tue.	Dec. 1	7:00 AM	Lorre Welsh
		9:00 AM	Timothy Costello

Wed.	Dec. 2	7:00 AM	Joseph Palladino
		9:00 AM	Timothy Costello

Thu.	Dec. 3	7:00 AM	Chuck Taylor
		9:00 AM	Maureen D' Arienzo Vera Gorlaff

Fri.	Dec. 4	7:00 AM	Joseph Palladino
		9:00 AM	Francis Rogalski

Sat.	Dec. 5	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
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Second Sunday of Advent

		5:00 PM	Schuh & Egan Families
Sun.	Dec. 6	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Thomas Verga
		10:30 AM	Rosemarie Engle
		12:00 PM	Carmela Sature

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 29th

*Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Eugene P. Gilmartin,
 Given by: Elaine Canto.*

*Candles on the Altar: In Memory of
 Anthony Charles Esposito, 1st Anniversary in heaven,
 Love Ma.*

*Sanctuary Light: In Memory of
 Frank Vitale, 1st Anniversary,
 With Love from his wife, Rosalie.*

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

This past April, Pope Francis announced an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and to continue until Sunday, November 20, 2016.

This Jubilee Year promises to be a time of grace for the Universal Church. Locally, in the Archdiocese of Newark, my prayer is that each of our Parishes and the entire Catholic Community-Clergy, Women and Men in Consecrated Life and the Lay Faithful- may have many opportunities to share in this grace.

There will be six Archdiocesan Parishes and Shrines as "Pilgrim Churches." Each of these Pilgrim Churches will enable the faithful to gain a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions as those at the Cathedral Basilica. The Pilgrim Churches are, Saint Francis Xavier Newark, Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Linden, Divine Mercy Rahway, Our Lady of Mercy Park Ridge, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Wallington, and Our Lady of Mercy Jersey City.

PRO-LIFE POSTER/ESSAY/VIDEO CONTEST

The Pro-Life Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark will once again sponsor the Pro-Life Poster/Essay/Video Contest.

Theme: "Every Life is Worth Living"

Winners will be awarded at the Noon Pro Life Mass on January 17, 2016 at the Cathedral~Basilica of the~Sacred~Heart All are invited. Any Questions contact Terry Colby at jerryandtericolby@yahoo.com.

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