

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 28, 2016

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
With Night Prayer  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION  
THIS WEEKEND



Scholarship for Inner City Children

Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children (SFIC) has been to provide partial tuition scholarships to enable low-income children living in the inner-cities and urban areas of Essex, Union, Hudson and Bergen counties to attend private and parochial schools. SFIC assists families who seek a safe and nurturing school environment where their children will have the opportunity to receive high quality academic and character development education.

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PETER'S PENCE

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world. Pope Francis reminds us that true power lies not in amassing possessions and resources for ourselves but in giving. Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world. Please be generous in the Peter's Pence Collection.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Join us in Church on the Fridays listed above, at 7pm, 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.

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent  
7:00 am Monday – Friday  
9:00 am Monday – Saturday

ARCHDIOCESAN 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 (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, February 14, 2016 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.

\*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..

"IF THAT ISN'T LOVE"

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm



Please join, Deacon Anthony on a spiritual night of Lenten reflections and songs, in the Church focusing on the love Christ has for each of us. My prayer is that this evening will inspire us to see Christ in all those we meet along our journey.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>

Procession & Adoration

Following the 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper we will process to the Elizabeth Room for Adoration until 11:00pm. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:38

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon St. Elizabeth's will be hosting a Communal Penance Service.



BEREAVEMENT NIGHT  
Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

We encourage anyone who has experienced a loss to come to Bereavement Night to be held on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Amadeus Room, Parish Center from 7:30-9pm. The Bereavement Ministry will be there to offer their support during this difficult time.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MOM'S MINISTRY

Do you have experience working with young children and are looking to share your gifts with the church?

Volunteers for childcare are needed for our weekly mothers' ministry on Thursday mornings throughout the winter and spring. Meetings are weekly but weekly babysitting commitment not required. A Small stipend available (if desired). Mother's with little ones welcome! Training in Protecting God's Children required and will be provided for volunteers. Contact Jenica Purisima at [jenicapurisima@gmail.com](mailto:jenicapurisima@gmail.com) or (908) 507-3214.

### COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP MIDLAND PARK



The Community Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers. The week of March 29 – Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm. If you are interested, call Dot at the Parish Center 201-891-1122.

### 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.

**“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**

**“A time to mourn...”**

**Recently Deceased: Joseph Brino**

**“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, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Nolan Dunn, James Tully, Stone C. Koerner. **Amen.**



### Our Parish Book of Remembrance

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

### CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS

To a special Girl Scout Mass on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am The Girls will receive a special blessing. Please come in uniform and meet in the back of the church for anyone wanting to participate. Afterwards please join us downstairs in the Cafeteria for refreshments. Please contact [mpitot104@aol.com](mailto:mpitot104@aol.com) for additional information.

### DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-5:30pm**

**Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx**

Bus departs St. E's at 6:45am and will be returning approximately 7pm. The cost is \$90 per person, includes registration fee and transportation. Bring your own lunch. Call the Parish Center to reserve your spot.


### THE YEAR OF MERCY

#### What Are The Holy Doors?

Called a “*Porta Sancta*,” a Holy Door is a special door in a major church (a basilica or a cathedral) that remains closed except during a Jubilee Year. Each of the Four Major Basilicas in Rome have three large doors, and the door on the right is the *Porta Sancta*.

*Rome is the home of the whole Catholic world; it is the Holy City of all Christians. Burdened with their sins, but wishing to be cleansed, pilgrims from all countries approach the four Holy Doors. And behold! When, praying and singing, they walk through these Doors, they gain a plenary indulgence, they are purified.” – Dom Albert Hammenstede, O.S.B.*

The Church's primary Holy Door is in St. Peter's Basilica. At the close of each Jubilee, this Holy Door is sealed up, along with its key, in brick and mortar. It has remained sealed since 2001. This is the Holy Door that Pope Francis will open on December 8th to inaugurate the Jubilee just like his predecessors. Read more about the beautiful spiritual symbolism of Holy Doors.

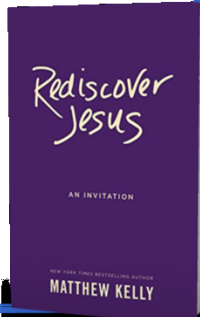


**Faithful Readers**  
Join Fr. Jim for a discussion on this wonderful book by Matthew Kelly given out this past Christmas!

## Rediscover Jesus

**Monday, March 14**  
**9:30am in St. Francis Room (Parish Center)**

**Books at Office—FREE**  
Please call Jonathan Camiolo - (201) 891-3262 if interested in evening discussion.



### SAVE THE DATE...

### Easter Parish Mission

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>**

**More details to follow.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### Daily Masses During Lent

Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

### Confession Schedule

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

### Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> No Stations of the Cross,  
(There will be Adoration till 9pm with Night Prayer)  
Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

### Communal Penance Service Saturday – March 12<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon

### Chrism Mass Monday – March 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at the (Cathedral Basilica)  
For transportation contact the Parish Center at 201-891-1122.

### Holy Thursday – March 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Procession & Adoration 9:30 – 11:00p.m to the Elizabeth Rm.)

### Good Friday – March 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### Holy Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

(No 5p.m. Mass)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Mass (Church & Gym)

12 Noon Mass (Church & Gym)



## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



### 2016 ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage. 2016 Anniversary Masses are celebrated at the Cathedral of Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on the following dates:

April 24

3:00pm

5 & 25 years

May 1

3:00pm

50 years

Registration for eligible couples wishing to participate in these liturgies may contact our Parish Office at 201-891-1122.

### Catholic Men's Conference

#### Saturday, March 5 at Seton Hall University

This year's theme is "*Be Not Afraid: Trust in His Mercy!*" Speakers for the English track will be **Patrick Madrid**, best-selling author "*Why be Catholic?*" and radio host of "Patrick Madrid" show on the Immaculate Heart Radio Network & **Gus Lloyd**, host of **Seize the Day** radio show on the XM Radio Catholic Channel. For registration please visit our websites at [www.rcanmenscommission.org](http://www.rcanmenscommission.org) (MEN), call 973.497.4545 or contact St. E's Parish Center at 201-891-1122. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

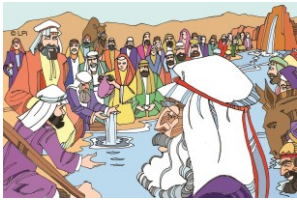
The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office would like to thank Fr. Jim Weiner, the event organizers and all the people of St Elizabeth Parish for the January 16th evening of entertainment in support of our Rachel's Vineyard Ministry. Elvis Night was a collaborative undertaking that revealed the heart of your parish to be both generous and fun loving. Deacon Anthony Liguori and his musicians amazed us with their talents while we enjoyed singing along to favorite tunes from days gone by. St. Elizabeth is a great example of a thriving community living life to the fullest! Rachel's Vineyard binds the wounds of men and women who, through abortion, have lost hope and joy. We are thrilled that your spirited evening provided funds that will fuel our ministry to reach more suffering people with the message of Mercy. We trust in God's providence, so we have never turned away anyone who asks to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The money your love has generated will allow us to invite many people in need to experience forgiveness, freedom and peace available through Christ Our Savior.

We are delighted and grateful for the unanticipated blessing of your support. We pray that each of you will share in the abundance of mercy in this jubilee year.

If you know someone who may be struggling with the after effects of an abortion, please let them know there is help and healing. Encourage them to reach out. <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>  
Respect Life Office at 973 497-4350 or e-mail [rileyche@rcan.org](mailto:rileyche@rcan.org)  
all calls and e-mails are confidentially.

**Don't forget to shop for your Catholic Gifts at the Parish Center Respect life store. If you can't find it, we can order it!**

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*Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42  
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

**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**



*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" Luke 13:7*

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.



The gift of treasure for last weekend was \$24,370 of which \$3,073 was from online giving. Thank you for your generous support!

**ST. ELIZABETH'S ONLINE GIVING**



Online Giving is a simple yet powerful way for our parishioners to support Saint Elizabeth Church and completely manage contributions online. Please visit our website at [www.saintelizabeths.org](http://www.saintelizabeths.org) for more information. If you have questions, please contact Jack Polito at 201-891-1122, Ext. 202 [jpolito@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:jpolito@saintelizabeths.org).

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Walter Gunn,  
Given by: Marie Tully.*

*Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Catherine Francica,  
Given by: Ryan & Ann Doegnes.*

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Sat.	Feb. 27	5:00 PM	Mark, Happy Birthday, Charles & Phyllis Margiotta, Noriel Cruz, Edward Zeman, Joanne Langan, William Dvoretzky, Nicholas Phillips Sr., Eileen Carney, Ernest Cuccaro, Ralph Verleur
Sun.	Feb. 28	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Vito Picinic
		10:30 AM	Leslie Ring Plaplan
		12:00 PM	Libero Rubbo
Mon.	Feb. 29	7:00 AM	Joseph Szwerz, Joan Schnell
		9:00 AM	Elizabeth Calandra
Tue.	Mar. 1	7:00 AM	Joseph Napolitano
		9:00 AM	Kay Johnston
Wed.	Mar. 2	7:00 AM	Andrew Sproha
		9:00 AM	Conrad & Helen Hurtz
Thu.	Mar. 3	<b>St. Katherine Drexel</b>	
		7:00 AM	Jack McElligott
		9:00 AM	Emilio, Estrella & Ellery Horrilleno, Andrew Mainardi
Fri.	Mar. 4	<b>St. Casimir</b>	
		7:00 AM	Julianne Marie Leskauskas, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
		9:00 AM	Daniel Giletta
Sat.	Mar. 5	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>			
		5:00 PM	Kevin Tinsley, Vincent, Cosentino, Deborah Hunter, Noriel Cruz, Ted Deptuch, Joseph Bozza, Katherine & Charles "Chick" Kenny, Jayne Battenmuller, Douglas Leonardo, Peter Giannantonio
Sun.	Mar. 6	7:30 AM	Marlene McKenzie Delavan, Salvatore D'Amico
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Stephanie Kirchner
		12:00 PM	John & Bridget Rocks



