

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2016

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
With Evening Prayer
Friday, March 11th, 9:30am-6pm

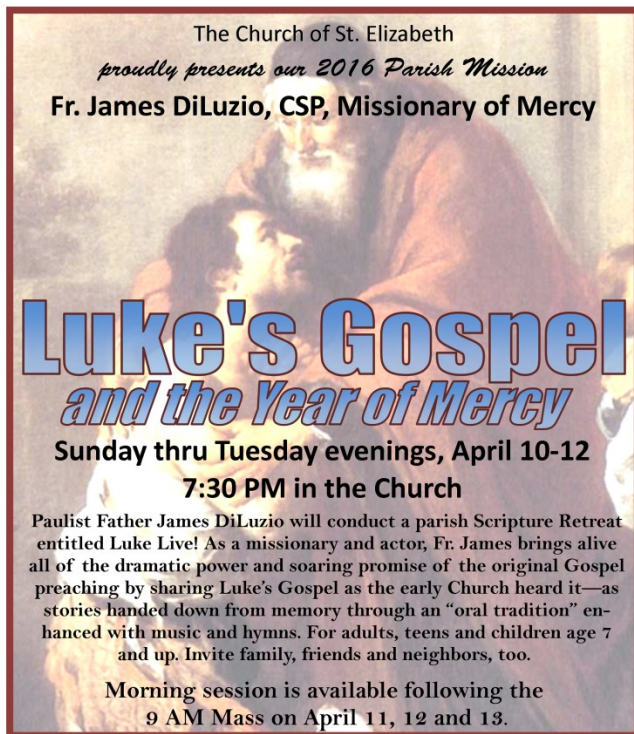
SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
PETER'S PENCE

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.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Sacred Heart in Newark on Monday, March 21st, at 8pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office.

The Church of St. Elizabeth
proudly presents our 2016 Parish Mission
Fr. James DiLuzio, CSP, Missionary of Mercy



Luke's Gospel
and the Year of Mercy

Sunday thru Tuesday evenings, April 10-12
7:30 PM in the Church

Paulist Father James DiLuzio will conduct a parish Scripture Retreat entitled Luke Live! As a missionary and actor, Fr. James brings alive all of the dramatic power and soaring promise of the original Gospel preaching by sharing Luke's Gospel as the early Church heard it—as stories handed down from memory through an “oral tradition” enhanced with music and hymns. For adults, teens and children age 7 and up. Invite family, friends and neighbors, too.

Morning session is available following the
9 AM Mass on April 11, 12 and 13.

YEAR OF MERCY

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" Jn 8:11



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..

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent

7:00 am Monday – Friday

9:00 am Monday – Saturday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday March 11th, 18th, 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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

On Saturday, March 12th at 12 Noon St. Elizabeth’s will be hosting a Communal Penance Service.

LENTEN REFLECTION

“If That Isn’t Love” Thursday March 10th, 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.

SENIORS

The seniors will be meeting this Monday, March 7th, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room. All St. E’s seniors are invited.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24th

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



EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

As the Lenten Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at St. Elizabeth will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Easter flowers/decorations that adorn the altar. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, flower envelopes are in your monthly packet or are located in the narthex of the church. Please complete the information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** A list of loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Easter Season.

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. ELIZABETH'S

Want to enhance your Christian life or Cornerstone Experience?

Consider joining the Saint Elizabeth's Men's Sharing Group. We meet in the Youth Room, alternate Saturdays, 7:00am- 8:45am, dates are published in the bulletin. Men's Sharing will meeting on Saturday, March 12th will be the next gathering.

Small talk over coffee dominates the first half hour; sharing the past week's events, workplace activities, and building friendships. A reading from the current Sunday's Mass or some other faith building text serves as a catalyst for sharing Christian thoughts and values during the rest of the meeting.

Becoming an active member of the Men's Sharing Group is a great opportunity to extend your Cornerstone experience, regularly meet with Christian men who support each other, share Christian values, and develop lifelong friendships. To join us, or for more information call: Joe Verdone, 201-825-8819.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION UPDATE

February Donation-	191 Bags & \$474	Cash
January Donation-	225 Bags & \$557	Cash
2016 YTD Donation-	416 Bags & \$1,031	Cash
2015 YTD Donation-	423 Bags & \$1,771	Cash

Above donations went to OASIS & Star of Hope Ministries in Paterson. Thank You.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Bags are being distributed this weekend for our monthly food collection. Food bank supplies are low at this time of year, so please help by returning a bag of groceries next weekend. No time to shop? No worries cash, check or gift cards joyfully excepted. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity

**"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, Joseph Pizzuro

"A time to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Michele Meussner, Theresa Crowe

"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, 2nd 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.

RESPECT LIFE

"Every human life is precious in God's sight and no effort should be spared in the attempt to promote throughout the world a genuine respect for the inalienable rights and dignity of individuals and peoples everywhere." — Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

April 16th, 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.



ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Saturday, March 26th, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food contact, Peter Ingrassi at 201-493-0870. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, March 22nd.

COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP MIDLAND PARK

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

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THE ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL ADVANTAGE

A stellar education in a Christ-centered environment
Religious and sacramental training for all students
World Language program—Oratorical Exposition
Computer classes with controlled internet access
National Junior Honor Society--Resource Room
EXCEL (Extended Care Enriching Learning)

A challenging academic curriculum
Secure and caring environment
Outstanding athletic program
Reasonable tuition
For registration information

Call the school office at 201-891-1481

St. Elizabeth School students exemplify success in our community through a love of learning, positive self-esteem, and respect for one another. If you are thinking about an educational change for your child, please consider St. Elizabeth School where academic excellence in a faith filled environment allows each child to reach his/her full potential spiritually, physically, socially, and academically. Registration for the 2016-17 School Year at St. Elizabeth School has begun. If you or someone you know is interested in sending their child to our school next year, please contact the school office (201-891-1481). We will be happy to provide you with registration information or schedule a tour of the school. **Please attend our Open House on Thursday, March 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** A Catholic School education provides your child with an advantage for life.

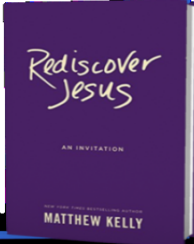


Faithful Readers
Join Fr. Jim for a discussion on this wonderful book by Matthew Kelly given out this past Christmas!

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.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



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 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.



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 11th
Friday, March 18th

Communal Penance Service Saturday – March 12th 12 Noon

Chrism Mass Monday – March 21st

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

Holy Thursday – March 24th

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 25th

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12 Noon Way of the Cross
(For the children and families)
3 p.m. Lord's Passion
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Holy Saturday March 26th

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
(No 5p.m. Mass)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday March 27th

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church & Gym)
12 Noon Mass (Church & Gym)



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They said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." - Jn 9:10-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

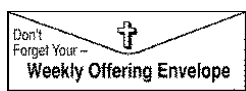
Miraculous Medal Novena – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
Novena to the Divine Mercy – Fri. after 9 am Mass
Men's Sharing – Elizabeth Rm. Sat. 7 am
Morning Prayer – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am
Rosary- Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES



"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



The gift of treasure for last weekend was \$20,638 of which \$3,578 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 for more information. If you have questions, please contact Jack Polito at 201-891-1122, Ext. 202 jpolito@saintelizabeths.org.

UPCOMING SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Family Masses at 10:30 AM

(Children's homily in the church)

Apr 3, May 1, and June 5

Gather the Children at 10:30 AM

(Separate Liturgy of the Word for Grades K-5)

Mar 13, Apr 10 & 24, May 15 & 22, Jun 12

Volunteers interested in helping, please contact Donna at dgormley27@gmail.com.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat. Mar. 5 5:00 PM Kevin Tinsley, Noriel Cruz, Vincent Cosentino, Deborah Hunter, Ted Deptuch, Joseph Bozza, Katherine & Charles "Chick" Kenny, Jayne Buttenmuller, 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

Mon. Mar. 7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

7:00 AM Andrew Sproha
Frank J. Giordano
9:00 AM Edith Dabal

Tue. Mar. 8 St. John of God

7:00 AM Joan Kathryn Schnell
9:00 AM D'Ura & Gringeri Families
Living & Deceased

Wed. Mar. 9 St. Frances of Rome

7:00 AM Margaret & Harold Bell
Bonnie Bell Gerli
9:00 AM James Russo

Thu. Mar. 10

7:00 AM Andrew Sproha
9:00 AM Raymond Maniaci, Teresa Varda

Fri. Mar. 11

7:00 AM Frank Golden
9:00 AM Calandra & Capalbo Families

Sat. Mar. 12 9:00 AM Memorial Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Ernst Leineweber, Judy Carpentieri, Joseph Palladino, John Jerrahian, Thomas Feola, Peter Giannantonio, Eve Janaowski, Joanne Langan, Susan McGahey, 6th Anniversary, Raymond Vega

Sun. Mar. 13 7:30 AM Michael Paul Ernst

9:00 AM Sharon Taormina
10:30 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Joseph & Emily Shadiack

