

FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2016

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

“ Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led forward to Christ’s second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a time of devout and expectant delight” (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Universal Norms 39).

During the Advent Season all of the homilies will be preached in a spirit of helping us to prepare for Jesus’ coming again but also recognizing His presence with us in the gift of the Eucharist. We the priests would like take this opportunity to call your attention to the Gift of the Eucharist and hopefully inspire a deeper desire to spend time with the Lord during periods of exposition and adoration. We would like to help you connect on a deeper level to the powerful gift of the Eucharist. We hope to resume adoration after the New Year and hopefully with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the opportunity to spend time with the Lord and to have even greater participation. In a world that is so desperate to know peace, we have the Prince of Peace – Jesus Christ Emmanuel God with us in His true Body and Blood in the gift of the Eucharist available to us every day.

So, I hope and pray the days of Advent will be a time for you to prepare for His coming again but also a time to grow closer to Him recognizing He is always here just waiting for us to come and spend a little time with Him in prayer and adoration. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus, come soon!

Peace and all good things,

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Holy Day Of Obligation, Thursday, Dec. 8th

Wed., Dec. 7th Vigil Mass at 7pm

Thurs., Dec. 8th 7am, 9am & 12 Noon

Parish Center will be closed. There will be CCD on Dec. 8th

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Retirement for the Religious Collection

VOCATIONAL CHALICE

As we pray for Vocations for our Church, families are invited to take the Vocational Chalice home for a month, beginning of December. Find the signing sheet in the narthex or call the parish center at 201-891-1122 for the schedule.

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.

2016 GIVING TREE SHARING CONTINUES...



Share in the spirit of Christmas by supporting the Giving Tree Ministry at St. Elizabeth’s. Please help us 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 11th. The gifts are sorted and packed that afternoon and then picked up and delivered to the various organizations on Monday, December 12th. It is important to have ALL GIFTS RETURNED ON TIME. If anyone would like to help sort gifts on Saturday afternoon 12/10, or on Sunday 12/11 between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, please contact Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email them at djkljk@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity with your gift of time, talent or treasure.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Sat., Dec. 19th - 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 The Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, 320 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, on Saturday, December 19th 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. 19th.

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.

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.*

WOMEN’S EVENING OF REFLECTION

December 7, 2016 (after the 7pm Mass)

Elizabeth Room RSVP or more information, contact Cathy Ingrasci pgrasci@optonline.net or cell 201-637-4337.

MUSIC MINISTRY PROUDLY PRESENTS

“A Christmas Choral Celebration”

Take a break from the hectic, holiday season and come and relive and reflect on the first Christmas – the birth of our Savior and the promise of a new beginning as Christians. St. Elizabeth’s Music Ministry proudly presents “A Christmas Choral Celebration.” This concert will feature the Festival Choir, Spirit Choir, and the Children’s Choir. Mark your calendars Sunday, December 18th at 4pm. Come celebrate a new birth and a new beginning for us all!!

THE CHILDREN’S CHOIR-Children grades 4-8

This choir is a wonderful chance for young people to experience the special kind of worship that music offers. We will be practicing for our annual Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve! Practices begin on **Wednesday, November 30th** from 4:30pm to 5:15pm in the church.

FaithFusion
connecting adults to christ and their catholic faith

Faithful Readers

All are invited to discuss this compelling fable about the first man on Earth to count the hours, the man who became Father Time.

the time keeper

Wednesday, December 14
9:30-11:00 am
St. Francis Room
(in Parish Center)
Books at Office—\$10

“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 for love...”
Recently Married: Kristina Russo & Michael Joyce

“A time to mourn...”
Recently deceased: William Stevenson, Rosemary MacQuaide

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, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, Airman Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, James Tully, Stone C. Koerner, 1C2 Michael Shaver. **Amen.**



Our Parish Book of Remembrance is located in the Narthex, by the St. Elizabeth’s 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.

MEN’S SHARING



Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

Mark your Calendars
NEXT TNL is on
December 11, 6:30-8:00pm
in the **YOUTH ROOM**

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BRIDGES RUN
Saturday, Dec 10, 8AM-1PM

- *12 High School Teens Needed + Chaperones/ Drivers!
- *We will prep Lunches on Saturday, 12/10 at 8AM in the Youth Room
- *Team will then travel to Newark to serve meals to the homeless.
- *Go to: boldym.com/eeh/signup
- *Contact Maryrose Molnerney for more details: molnerney@mail.montclair.edu

THIS PAST SUN!
Thanks to everyone who came to TNL last week. You all were awesome! Over 50 teens showed up, arms loaded with coloring books, toys and stocking stuffers. We spent the night playing games, making friends, and filling “Boxes of Joy” to send to children in need during Christmas. It was a blast! Special thanks to Nicole for her great ideas. :)

BOLD SKI TRIP
FEB 10-12, 2017
GORE MOUNTAIN, NY
Register at boldym.com/sk17

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events
Alexis Fuentes • stlizabeth@boldym.com • (201) 638-4636 • www.boldym.com/eeh

Advent/Christmas Schedule



Confessions

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays
No confessions on Dec. 17th & 24th



Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 17th, 12 noon
Guardian Angel Church, Allendale

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 18th, at 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
7:30 p.m. Family Mass, Church
10:30 p.m. Mass Church

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

(There will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

9:00 a.m. Church
10:30 a.m. (Church and Gym)
12 Noon (Church and Gym)

Monday, December 26th

9:00a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2017 New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., 12noon



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL WITH A NO COST TO YOU FUNDRAISER!!!

The school office sells gift cards for several stores and every card sold earns a donation for the school at no cost to you! Gift Cards are available for purchase at the school office during school hours. ACME, Food town, Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Market Basket, Whole Foods, Barnes & Noble, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Game Stop, iTunes, Marshalls, Starbucks and Toys R Us are typically available. Thank you for supporting our school.

“ALEX AND ANI SHOPPING EVENT”

Please join us for a shopping event at the Alex & Ani store in Ridgewood on Tuesday, November 29th from 5-7pm. 15% of all proceeds will be donated to St. Elizabeth's School. Find the perfect holiday gifts, enjoy light refreshments and support our school! Can't make it that day? Just stop in to the store at 134 E. Ridgewood Ave. before 11/29 and pre-order your items for our event. If you have any questions, please contact Maire Houston, modwyerhouston@yahoo.com.



SANTA BREAKFAST

Please join us on Saturday, December 3rd at 9:30am for Breakfast with Santa and The Grinch. Activities include pictures with Santa, crafts, games, reindeer food making station and letters to Santa. To sign your family up, please contact Veronica Romond at veronica.romond@gmail.com.

“TONS OF TOYS SHOPPING EVENT”

Join us for a shopping event at Tons of Toys in Wyckoff on Wednesday, December 7th from 9am-7pm. 15% of every purchase will be donated to St. Elizabeth's School. Please mention St. Elizabeth's and happy shopping! Please contact Krista Barabas at krista.barabas@gmail.com with questions.

“ATTENTION SHOPPERS!!!”

Sunday, December 4th

St. Elizabeth School will be open for SUNDAY Shopping December 4th from 9am - 3pm in the school gym. Many vendors will set-up an assortment of goods for holiday shopping. Some delicious refreshments will be available also!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL HOUR OF GRACE

**Thursday, Dec. 8th, 12noon-1pm,
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, Franklin Lakes.

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"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man

will come." - Mt 24:43-44

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

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



"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.



The gift of treasure for last week will be announced in the upcoming bulletin.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 27th

Altar Bread & Wine:

*In Loving Memory of Frank Masciandaro, 1st Anniversary,
Given by: Kate & Tom Fitzpatrick.*

Candles on the Altar:

*In Loving Memory of Frank Masciandaro, 1st Anniversary,
Given by: Margaret Masciandaro.*



First Sunday of Advent

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| Sat. | Nov. 26 | 5:00 PM | Joseph McNamara, Janet Accettura - Synder, Don & Marion Rodda, Nancy Cannon, Jack Reynolds, Frank Vitale, 2 nd Anniversary, Helen Lovell, John Tierney, Walter Gunn, Sheila & Joe Schuh, 59 th Wedding Anniv. |
| Sun. | Nov. 27 | 7:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| | | 9:00 AM | Nicholas Maniaci |
| | | 10:30 AM | Helen & Raymond Fennell, & Ellen Nelson |
| | | 12:00 PM | Daniel Giletta |
| Mon. | Nov. 28 | 7:00 AM | Joseph Lapinski, Rita Scoccola |
| | | 9:00 AM | Peter Ganguzza |
| Tue. | Nov. 29 | 7:00 AM | Happy Birthday Michael |
| | | 9:00 AM | Robert Saletta |
| Wed. | Nov. 30 | St. Andrew | |
| | | 7:00 AM | For the protection of babies in the womb & their families |
| | | 9:00 AM | Frank Masciandaro, 1 st Anniv. |
| Thu. | Dec. 1 | 7:00 AM | Kathleen Smith |
| | | 9:00 AM | James Tully,
Frank Forrestal, 1 st Anniversary |
| Fri. | Dec. 2 | 7:00 AM | William Lamoreaux |
| | | 9:00 AM | Jack McElligott |
| Sat. | Dec. 3 | 9:00 AM | Memorial Mass |

Second Sunday of Advent

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| | | 5:00 PM | Gloria & George Barton, Maureen D'Arienzo, Phil Razzo, Joseph Policastro, For the protection of the babies in the womb & their families, Margaret Anne Crowley, Joseph Adamo, Sadie Catarella, Alexander Pope, Kathleen Smith |
| Sun. | Dec. 4 | 7:30 AM | Catherine Curley |
| | | 9:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:30 AM | Mary Zahauer |
| | | 12:00 PM | Gae Sinagra |

