

SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT  
DECEMBER 4, 2016



Archdiocese of Newark  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHDEACON

November 16, 2016

Dear Deacon Anthony Liguori,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

I am in receipt of your recent request to transfer you Diaconate assignment from St. Elizabeth Church in Wyckoff to Saint Philip the Apostle Church in Saddle Brook. I understand that the Pastor at Saint Elizabeth Church, Reverend James Weiner, and the Pastor of Saint Philip the Apostle Church, Reverend Theemas Pankiraj, concur in having this transfer approved.

I know that you have been serving at Saint Elizabeth Church for five years in a highly satisfactory manner. I am sure the people of Saint Elizabeth Church will miss you and that the people of Saint Philip the Apostle Church will readily extend a warm welcome to you.

Effective December 1, 2016, I assign you to Saint Phillip the Apostle in Saddle Brook.

My prayers will be with you as you continue to serve the Church of Newark.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers  
Apostolic Administrator  
Archbishop Emeritus

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 on Wednesdays at 4-5:15pm in the Church.

2016 GIVING TREE SHARING CONTINUES...

There’s still time. There’s one week left to make a difference in someone’s life this Christmas. Please help our parish community to continue 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 card taped to the OUTSIDE of the package no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be sorted and packed that afternoon. Then picked up and delivered to the various organizations on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. It is important to have ALL GIFTS RETURNED ON TIME.

For your convenience... St. Elizabeth’s school will be selling gift cards in the Narthex after all masses this weekend. If the card you selected from the Giving Tree is for a gift card, you can purchase it right then and there. Then place it in the designated Giving Tree gift card box in the Narthex near the tree. This will benefit both the school and the Giving Tree Ministry.

If anyone would like to help sort gifts on Saturday afternoon 12/10, or Sunday 12/11 between 11:00am and 5:00pm, please contact Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038. Or, email them at [djkljk@verizon.net](mailto:djkljk@verizon.net). Thank you for your generosity with your gift of time, talent or treasure.

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.

SENIOR’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

At Fiona’s Midland Park, 12 noon

The seniors Christmas party will be this Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Fiona’s in Midland Park. Any questions please call Joanne at 201-891-3629.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Holy Day Of Obligation, Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

Wed., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass at 7pm

Thurs., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 7am, 9am & 12 Noon

Parish Center will be closed.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS 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.

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.

## WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

December 7, (after the 7pm Mass) Elizabeth Room, RSVP  
Cathy Ingrasci [pingrasci@optonline.net](mailto:pingrasci@optonline.net) or cell 201-637-4337.

## ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Rosary Society Christmas Party will be in the Elizabeth Room at 10am on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring a \$10 gift for our exchange game. Also, a free-will donation will be accepted for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa. Any questions please call Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560.

## WALKING WITH CHRIST SERIES ALL INVITED!

Want a closer, more personal relationship with Christ? Want to know how you can mesh your spiritual life with everyday living? Then join us once a month for the Walking with Christ Series. Enlightening spiritual speakers, fellowship, and community are just a few of the other reasons to check it out! *Our next event is Tuesday, December 13, "The Son of David, the Son of Abraham" with Fr. Jason Makarow. This is a perfect topic for the Advent Season.* Join us as Fr. Jason explores the Gospel of Matthew and the significance of the titles "son of David, son of Abraham" given to the long awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ. Mark down these upcoming dates. Open to all. Bring a friend. Bring a family member. No need to register—just come! No cost – Free Will Offering only.

Tuesdays 7:30-9:15 pm. Elizabeth Room, St. Elizabeth's.

Jan. 17 – Mary, Star of the New Evangelization: A Guide for Missionary Discipleship

Feb. 28 – The 30-day Prayer Challenge—the perfect start to Lent!

March 12-14(Parish mission)

April 25 – "Resurrection: Our Easter Journey Continues"

May 16 – "Faith in Difficult Times"

If you have any questions or want more information, email Jean Gaviglio at [StElizabethDC@gmail.com](mailto:StElizabethDC@gmail.com) or Deacon Andrew at [deaconandy58@gmail.com](mailto:deaconandy58@gmail.com).

## LET US REMEMBER

### Advent and the Eucharistic Adoration

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring His Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly." What is Eucharistic Adoration? Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!" The Eucharist is: Jesus truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! "Adoration means entering the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord, who makes himself bodily present in the Eucharist. In the monstrance, he always entrusts himself to us and asks us to be united with His presence with His risen body." – Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

**"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: Margaret Prendergast,  
Margaret Armenante**

**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.**

**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.

## BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

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

## 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS!

On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, our parish celebrated God's wonderful gift of mercy, forgiveness and grace with 126 of our children in RECONCILIATION for the first time! Congratulations to our children who shared in this wonderful sacrament of healing and love. God loves you all more than any of us can imagine. May you always know that!



There's still time to sign up! Join us on Saturday, December 10 from 9AM-1PM for St. Elizabeth's BRIDGES RUN. This Advent, give the gift of food and friendship to our homeless neighbors in Newark. Sign up [boldym.com/seh/signup](http://boldym.com/seh/signup).

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

### All Masses - December 10 & 11

Each year in Rome, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child – the "Bambinelli" - from their family's Nativity scene or "Creche". The Pope blesses the children and the figurines they bring. Please bring the Christ Child figure from your family Nativity to Mass here at St. Elizabeth's December 10 & 11. Your "Baby Jesus" figures will be blessed as a reminder that Christ's coming to us is the true Christmas gift.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### **Advent/Christmas Schedule**

#### **Confessions**

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays  
No confessions on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Advent Penance Service**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon**  
Guardian Angel Church, Allendale

#### **Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m.

#### **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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  
10:00 p.m. Caroling  
10:30 p.m. Mass Church

#### **Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00a.m. Mass

#### **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 New Year's Day**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**


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



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

### **THE MARCH FOR LIFE IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRO-LIFE RALLY.**

Thousands of Americans flock to the Nation's Capital every January to remember the more than 55 million Americans who have been lost to abortion. We march to remember the moms and dads who have suffered from the pain of abortion. We march with the vision of a culture of life, one where every child is welcomed into life, and protected by law. If you want to attend the March St. Elizabeth's in Wyckoff will be providing a bus sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Ministry. Friday, January 27, 2017, departing and returning to St. Elizabeth's parking lot. Leaving for Washington D.C. after the 6am Mass. (Bagels and coffee will be served in the morning. A boxed lunch will be provided on the Bus). Cost: Bus Transportation and Lunch: \$50.00.

#### **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.

#### **“TONS OF TOYS SHOPPING EVENT”**

Join us for a shopping event at Tons of Toys in Wyckoff on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:krista.barabas@gmail.com) with questions.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Church of Nativity's Broadway Christmas**

**With Ciaran Sheehan, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

At the Church of Nativity in Midland Park. Tickets are available at the church, adults \$25, Seniors/children \$20. For more information call 201-444-6362.



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*John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert. Prepare the way of the Lord. - Mt 3:1a, 2-3b*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**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**



*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



The gift of treasure for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> was \$18,556 of which \$2,462 was from online giving.

The total amount collected for the Catholic Relief Services amounted to \$4,004. Thank you!  
The gift of treasure for last week was \$18,981 of which \$2,793 was from online giving. Thank you for your generous support.

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Altar Bread & Wine, Candles on the Altar,  
Sanctuary Light & Flowers for St. Elizabeth's Shrine  
In Memory of Carmela Sature,  
Given by: The Minichetti Family.*

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER, THURS, DECEMBER 8,**  
Anticipates the 100th anniversary of the appearance at Fatima of Our Blessed Mother. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a providential time to seek Our Lady's intercession to establish a Culture of Life and restore peace in our nation and world. Here in the United States, the National Night of Prayer for Life will take place between 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 and 1 a.m. on Friday, Dec.9. The Archdiocese will mark its official participation in the National Night of Prayer for Life at Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. and concluding with Benediction at 10 p.m.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Sat.	Dec. 3	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
Mon.	Dec. 5	7:00 AM	Andy Sproha
		9:00 AM	Hannah McManus, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
Tue.	Dec. 6	<b>St. Nicholas</b>	
		7:00 AM	Carmela Sature
		9:00 AM	D'Ura & Gringeri Families, Living & Deceased Members
Wed.	Dec. 7	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	
		7:00 AM	For the protection of the babies In the womb & their families
		9:00 AM	Louise Capalbo

**Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

**Wed. Dec. 7** 7:00 PM Patricia Lutz

**Feast of Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**

<b>Thu. Dec. 8</b>	7:00 AM	Rev. Paschal Tsiquaye
	9:00 AM	Teresa Varda, Egan & Shuh Families
	12:00 Noon	Al Barbieri

Fri. Dec. 9	7:00 AM	Margaret & Harold Bell & Bonnie Bell Gerli
	9:00 AM	Jim Tully

Sat. Dec. 10 9:00 AM Memorial Mass  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM Hannah McManus, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv., Gloria Vasco, Walter Gunn, John Prendergast Sr. & Jr., Joseph Kroth, James Rigoli, Norma Parsells, Joseph Sullivan, William McKeon

Sun. Dec. 11	7:30 AM	James Tully
	9:00 AM	Rudi Draudin, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	12:00 PM	Narciso Morson



