

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2017

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

On behalf of the entire staff
We wish you a very happy and blessed New Year!

Peace and all good things,

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENEW YOUR MAGNIFICAT

Our subscription to the *Magnificat* expires at the end of January 2017. As you may know, *Magnificat* is a monthly prayer book that contains the prayers and readings for daily Mass, brief introductions on the feast or a short biographical sketch of the saint of the day, meditations on the liturgy as well as the Liturgy of the Hours (abbreviated.) In addition to these, the *Magnificat* has spiritual reflections and beautiful reproductions of religious art along with a commentary on it. Regular subscription is \$44.95; but because we will be ordering in bulk, the cost is less. If you are interested in renewing your subscription or ordering a new subscription, please bring \$30.00 to the Parish Center and put your name on the list **on or before January 27th**.

We have a few January magnificat's for sale in the Parish Office for \$5. Stop in and pick one up during normal business hours.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

We encourage anyone who has experienced a recent loss to join us on Bereavement Support Night on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 from 7:30-9pm in the Amadeus Room in the Parish Center. No registration necessary.

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. A Food Bag Donation basket will be displayed in the Narthex for cash, checks & VISA gift card donations. OASIS is unable to use any other gift.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

*"How beautiful your dwelling place
O Lord of Hosts"*



This verse rings true all year, but never truer than at Christmas. The poinsettias, greens & trees lend a beauty to our church at this joyous season. A flower memorial is a great way to remember your loved ones this Christmas. Donation envelopes were included in your envelope packet and are available in the Narthex or Parish Center. **Clearly** fill in the name of your loved ones and turn in the envelopes with the collection. A special listing of all memorial names will be in our January bulletin.

ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN



On Saturday, January 28, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food, contact Jonathan Camilo at 201-891-3262 or email him at jcamilo@saintelizabetsh.org. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, Jan. 24th.

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.



VOCATIONAL CHALICE

As we pray for Vocations for our Church, families are invited to take the Vocational Chalice home for a month, beginning the Month of December. Find the signing sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Center for the schedule.

The week we hosted the Vocational Chalice, was a reminder to our family to slow down and take the time to pray together. Unfortunately, our lives have grown busier and we had been spending less and less time praying as a family. While we prayed over the Chalice and reflected together, we were reminded of the importance of this family time. We will continue to gather together and pray as a family during the Advent season. The McLees

NOW THIS IS THE WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR...

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, January 17. 7:30-9:15 pm in the Elizabeth Room. The theme will be “Mary, Star of the New Evangelization”. Discover the ways Mary teaches us to share and live out our faith. Speaker is Diane Carr, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.

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 or Deacon Andrew at deaconandy58@gmail.com.

ARC DIOCESAN NEWS

14TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children – which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools – will hold its 14th Annual High School Basketball Festival on January 7 and 8, 2017 at Kean University in Union. The teams playing include; Saint Peter’s Prep, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Seton Hall Prep, Mt. St. Dominic, St. Benedict’s Prep, Marist, Union Catholic, St. Mary’s, Don Bosco, Immaculate Conception, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph’s Regional and Marist. For complete game schedule, times and information on ordering tickets, please visit www.sfchoops.com or call (973) 497-4279.

“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, Eileen Stevenson, Mable Accettura & Margaret Clinton, Oliva McGiuness

“A time for joy...”

Recently Baptized: Hannah Patterson

“A time to mourn...”

Recently Deceased: Francis Lizzi, Emelia D’Angelo

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 LCP, 1C2 Michael Shaver.



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.

MEN’S SHARING

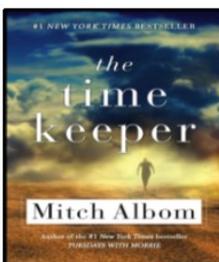
Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, Jan. 17, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.





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

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The St. E's gift shop has many lovely religious items, beautiful statues, jewelry and more. First Holy Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts etc. Stop in the Parish Center during normal business hours.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

NEW 2017 BIBLE STUDY!

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

St. Elizabeth's, Wyckoff
8 Wednesday AM or PM Sessions
9:30-11 AM or 7-8:30 PM
St. John Paul II Youth Room
Sessions - Jan 18-March 15

Registration forms are in Narthex or Parish Center. Cost of Program: \$30
For more information, contact:
Jonathan Camiolo—201-891-3262 ext. 225

SAINT ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Saint Elizabeth School, Wyckoff is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2017-2018 School Year! We are a Pre-K 3 through 8th Grade school educating students rooted in Roman Catholic Traditions and Gospel values. We nurture each child by blending traditional and current educational practices in a faith-filled environment.

St. Elizabeth School has been a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence since 2011. The graduating Class of 2016 was awarded merit based scholarships to outstanding high schools. Last year, our students exceeded the national and archdiocesan average on the COOP Exam for entrance to high school with 100% gaining acceptance to their 1st choice school.

Our learning environment is focused on student's individual needs. A leveled reading program for our young learners and low student to teacher ratio provides an environment focused on your child. Our middle and upper grade students are nurtured and challenged in an academic program that prepares them for success in high school and beyond.

Please visit us on Sunday 1/29/17 from 10-12pm or Wednesday 2/1/17 9-11am for our Open House. If you prefer, call 201-891-1481 for a private tour or buddy day information. Please visit our website at www.sainte-school.org and like us on Facebook.

BABY BOTTLE THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus thanks the parishioners of St. Elizabeth for their participation in the "Baby Bottle Boomerang." Thanks to your generosity, \$2,000 has been contributed to the Several Sources Foundation for mothers and young children....As a reminder to members, the next general council meeting will be Monday, January 30.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE IS

The Largest Pro-Life Rally, January 27, 2017



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.

ONLINE GIVING

New Year's Resolution



This year why not make a new year's resolution that you can keep! Start giving your weekly offering online. It's easy to set up, our website has a link, or you can call Jack at the Parish Center for help or questions 201-891-1122 ext. 202.

Please join us for Cornerstone 2017

Women's Cornerstone

February 3-5, 2017

Men's Cornerstone

March 3-5, 2017

BOLD SKI TRIP 2017
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2-Night Ski/Board Package:

- Round Trip Transportation
- 2-Night Hotel Stay
- 2-Day Lift Pass
- All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast
- VIP Dinner Saturday Night & Bowling Bash

Register Today!

Bring a friend!

QUAD: \$360
TRIPLE: \$385
DOUBLE: \$425

NEED MORE INFO?
Contact Alexis Fuentes
stelizabeth@boldym.com

REGISTER ONLINE NOW! • BOLDYM.COM/SKI17

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When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.
- Lk 2:17-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

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



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.



The gift of treasure for Dec. 18th was \$19,722 of which \$2,507 was from online giving.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1st

Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Light:
In Memory of Veronica Clarke,
Given by: Kathleen Clarke Englert
& Mark Englert & Family

Candles on the Altar:
In Memory of William Stevenson,
Given by: Marie Tully.

Sat. Dec. 31 5:00 PM Eleanor Weiner, Joseph Kutrucz, Steven Kulpa, Ann Personette, Robert Personette, Maureen Henry, Eamon J. Mautone, Joseph Kroth, Robert Kane, Lee Flemming
Sun. Jan. 1 7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Dorothy & Joseph Tilton
10:30 AM Lillian Vecchiotti
12:00 PM Marisa Ciaccio

Mon. Jan. 2 **SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**
9:00 AM Ellen Nelson

Tue. Jan. 3 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
7:00 AM Edmund Costello
9:00 AM Gringeri & D'Ura Families

Wed. Jan. 4 **St. Elizabeth of Seton**
7:00 AM Nancy Hill
9:00 AM Ellen Nelson

Thu. Jan. 5 **St. John Neumann**
7:00 AM Robert Dour
9:00 AM Marian Carey

Fri. Jan. 6 **St. Andre Bessette**
7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
9:00 AM Catherine Cosenza

Sat. Jan. 7 **St. Raymond of Penyafort**
9:00 AM Memorial Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Annia Maniaci, Robert Duffy, Andrea Snell, Joan Moschella, Rita Scoccola, Robert Kane, George Korkis, Paul Schneider, Harold Moore, Sr., Leona Misto
Sun. Jan. 8 7:30 AM Edward Reineke
9:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM George Mettler
12:00 PM Susan Villano

