

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 26, 2017

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
SEVERAL SOURCES

Several Sources Shelters has four prolife shelters for mothers who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to children rather than sacrifice them through abortion. They will ask parishioners for assistance this weekend. A representative from Several Sources will speak at the Masses. We can help save the life of a child. Jesus said of children, "Their angels do behold the face of God in heaven daily." Can you be a child's earthly Guardian Angel? Please assist with their work.

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



Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

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  
At Church of Nativity in Midland Park

The Church of Nativity will be hosting the Lenten Communal Penance Service on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. All are welcome.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Sacred Heart in Newark on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office at 201-891-1122.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Following the 9am Mass till 11am



Please join us for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9am Mass concluding with Benediction at 11am. Our precious Lord pours out His grace and mercy in a special way when we put aside our other commitments and devote an hour completely to Him. Come spend some time with the Lord! **The next Holy Hour will be Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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, March 5, 2017 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.

*\*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..*

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Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>



The Knights of Columbus are hosting its annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. It's a delicious fish and chips dinner or non-seafood option of baked ziti with garlic bread and salad, including beverages, dessert, and musical entertainment. Takeout is available. Price for reservations are \$15/adult or \$10/child-- Prices at the Door: \$17 for Adults, \$12 for Children and tickets are available after Mass on March 25/26 or call Mark Marino at 201-638-1294 or email: [mmarino36@verizon.net](mailto:mmarino36@verizon.net).

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING  
SERVICE TO OUR LORD?



Come join the music ministry!!!

We are ALWAYS looking for new members for the Festival, Contemporary and Children's Choirs!! Text semm to 84576 to join us, or email Jay Brown at [music@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:music@saintelizabeths.org). We need New Choir Members for a **New Contemporary Choir**. All are welcome! No auditions! No one turned away! Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Contact Jay Brown for more information [music@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:music@saintelizabeths.org) or Text semm to 84576 to join us.

**SPRING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**



Both day and night support groups are being offered to begin on Tuesday, April 18th, in the Amadeus Room in the Parish Center. These groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register in advance.

**MORNINGS FOR MOMS**



Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and reflection over coffee (lots and lots of coffee), on Wednesday mornings, 9:15-11:15am in the Parish Center. Babysitting is provided! Our group socializes, reads the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and discusses a relevant book that supports us as Catholic women, wives and mothers. We hope you can join our amazing, growing group of Moms! Contact Jenica Purisima at [jenicapurisima@gmail.com](mailto:jenicapurisima@gmail.com) if you are interested. There is a suggested donation for materials and childcare.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE**

- Gather the Children: Apr 23 & 30, May 21 (10:30 AM)
- Family Masses: Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4 (10:30 AM)
- Palm Sunday Children's Procession: Apr 9 (10:30 AM)
- Good Friday Way of the Cross Liturgy: Apr 14 (noon)
- May Crowning: May 14 (After 10:30 AM Mass)



**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP**

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.

**“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, Infant Addison, Lois Jensen, Andrew Eid, Lisa Rinald, Frank Leskauskas, Jr.

**“A time to mourn...”**

**Recently Deceased:** Josephine Berringer, Geraldine Meyer, Ingeborg Pietrik

**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 in the Narthex, by the St. Elizabeth 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.

**COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP MIDLAND PARK**



The Community Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers. The week of March 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm. If you are interested, call Dot at the Parish Center 201-891-1122.

**BOLD**  
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**BOLD is LUCKY to have you!**

Thanks to all who attended BOLD's St. Patrick's Day party last Sunday night. It was an awesome night of relay races, scavenger hunts, and endless hours of Lucky Charms. We spent the night honoring two great men of our Faith, St. Patrick and St. Joseph, and praying for the holy men in our own lives. Special shout out to Linda Arteaga for making all our pots of gold and to Felipe Stupinski for teaching us about the "Kahlow of Faith." You girls are awesome!

**TNL Next Week!**  
Sun, April 2, 6:30-8:30pm  
**YOUTH ROOM**

Join us for our annual **BOLD Seder Dinner** Sunday, April 9th, 7-9PM

Share this Traditional Jewish meal and learn about how it connects with Jesus and the Last Supper. This night is a favorite for BOLD teens. Don't miss it!

RSVPs Appreciated!  
Go to [boldym.com/teah/signup](http://boldym.com/teah/signup)

**COME JOIN THE FUN- UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BOLD TNL 4/2 & 4/9**  
**Bridges Run 4/15**

**For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events**  
Alaina Puentes • [stlizabeth@boldym.com](mailto:stlizabeth@boldym.com) • (201) 891-0838 • [www.boldym.com/teah](http://www.boldym.com/teah)

**FOLLOW ME**

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

**New BIBLE STUDY offered:**

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**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**

8 Wednesday AM or PM Sessions  
9:30-11 AM or 7-8:30 PM  
St. John Paul II Youth Room

**Sessions - March 29-May 24**

Registration forms are in Narthex or Parish Center. **Cost of Program: \$30**

For more information, contact:  
**Jonathan Camiolo—201-891-3262 ext. 225**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### **2017 Lenten Schedule**

#### **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 31<sup>st</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Chrism Mass Monday – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Holy Thursday – April 13<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 – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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 – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

*(No 5p.m. Mass)*

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

#### **Easter Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

12 Noon Mass (Church & Gym)

### **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

**Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love**  
Since the fall of our first parents, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the love that God the Father has for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions that God is quick to anger, that the God of the Old and New Testaments are different, and that God doesn't have a merciful heart for us. CDs are available in the Narthex.

### **ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **CONCERT TO BENEFIT**

The St. Elizabeth School Gala presents a private concert with the Nerds on April 27th at the Shannon Rose in Ramsey. Doors open at 7, concert starts at 8pm, \$50/ticket. Contact Krista Barabas at [krista.barabas@gmail.com](mailto:krista.barabas@gmail.com) to purchase tickets.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

#### **2017 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. 2017 Anniversary Masses are celebrated at the Cathedral of Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on the following dates:

<b>April 30</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>5 &amp; 25 years</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>50 years</b>

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

#### **INFORMATION REGARDING IMMIGRATION ISSUES**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has developed a number of short videos and outlines that can help and prepare people if ICE approaches them. It is far better that they know what to do beforehand. These videos are not intended as legal advice, but rather, education and awareness materials to help people if confronted by ICE. The USCCB materials can be accessed at: <http://justiceforimmigrants.org/news/resources/>.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS NEEDED**

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, jackets, head pieces or shoes. Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Center by April 12th or call Kathy at 201-666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy.

#### **“New Hope - Helping Hands” Wednesday, April 26**

New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center will hold their Gala on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:30 - 10:30pm at Seasons in Washington Twp. Tickets are \$85 pp. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, tricky tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies so please celebrate with us! For reservations contact Kathy: 201.573.8697 or [kturlick@gmail.com](mailto:kturlick@gmail.com).



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*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/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, 13cd-15, 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, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

**OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES**

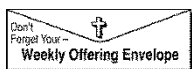
**Miraculous Medal Novena** – Thurs. after 9 am Mass  
**Novena to the Divine Mercy** – Fri. after 9 am Mass  
**Men's Sharing** – Elizabeth Rm. Sat. 7 am  
**Morning Prayer** – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am  
**Rosary**- Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

**SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES**



*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."*  
1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents, and treasure here on earth.



The gift of treasure for last weekend was \$19,623 of which \$2,337 was from online giving. Thank you for your generous support!



**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 a special intentions or need for healing, please contact the Parish Center at 201-891-1122. With prayer, all things are possible.

Sat.	Mar. 25	5:00 PM	Margaret Hilla, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., Frank Rogalski, Gertie Jordan, Bridgina Jordan, Odell Nassar, Rita Lapinski, Milena Zovko, Robert Evelich, Sr., Paul Schneider, Robert Denise
Sun.	Mar. 26	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Anthony & Nancy Iovino, 36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
		10:30 AM	Richard Zabik
		12:00 PM	Alicia Madigan
Mon.	Mar. 27	7:00 AM	Ernie Carradori
		9:00 AM	Joseph Kroth
Tue.	Mar. 28	7:00 AM	Dr. Michael J. Novack
		9:00 AM	Laura Andras
Wed.	Mar. 29	7:00 AM	Anne Campora
		9:00 AM	Christopher Rudie
Thu.	Mar. 30	7:00 AM	Ronnie Broderick
		9:00 AM	Kenneth Lockhart
Fri.	Mar. 31	7:00 AM	Michael Tota
		9:00 AM	Thomas Dowling
Sat.	Apr. 1	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
		5:00 PM	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & The Blessed Mother, Josephine Acquaviva, Jack O'Brien, Protection of the babies in the womb & their families, James Delaney, Marius Bracko, Virginia Ast, Patrick J. Kenny, Kathleen Woods, Happy Birthday, Robert Denise
Sun.	Apr. 2	7:30 AM	Helen & Peter Dahlinger
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Walenty Lorenc, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
		12:00 PM	Mary J. Sharpe





