

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 27, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners:

In these historic and compelling days of a presidential inauguration - and for our new president we offer prayers for wisdom and guidance - and the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day - and from his ideals we continue to draw inspiration - we also mark 40 years since the Roe V. Wade decision. In these past forty years, and a few more since the storied sexual revolution, we have seen a loss of respect for the sanctity of human life, a diminished regard for human sexuality and a breakdown in marriage and family life.

In a cynical letter in The Record this past week Alexander Sanger reflects on the future of abortion rights. (Sanger is the grandson of Margaret Sanger, known to many as a founding voice in birth control. Her grandson neglects to mention that Margaret Sanger's birth control goals included eugenics, eliminating undesirable -to her-people from society. Racism was a driving force in her work.) His efforts to chart a future course for abortion rights are misguided and misleading, as he describes a new Planned Parenthood Campaign for abortion.

1. Sanger wants to move beyond labels, like anti-choice and pro-abortion. For him these don't take into account the nuances of particular cases. The real discussion for Sanger should be about reproductive freedom, i.e., abortion. It is hard to see how the term "pro-abortion" needs to be nuanced. It is appalling how little respect Sanger has for women and men, and for what is involved in the marriage covenant between them. The truth is that the Catholic teaching on human sexuality is the high ground for respecting freedom and life's sanctity. Catholic teaching holds that giving birth is the expression of a love shared between a wife and a husband. Respect for the intimacy of marriage and the birth of a child acknowledges the special vocation of motherhood and fatherhood. These are built on love, grace, fidelity and sacrifice. They misunderstand Catholic teaching and undermine the meaning of marriage itself who define procreation as a function of reproductive goals, including the right to take the life of an unborn child. Sanger's cynicism would have us turn away from the truth of the evil of abortion, and discuss instead circumstances, labels and feelings. He fails to include any understanding of responsible, human love and self-giving covenant.

2. Sanger sees the decision decriminalizing most abortions as a "symbol of what kind of country we want to be." What ideal is embedded in this seeking? That innocent life may be taken? That unborn children are subject to our plans, decisions and social policies without regard for the most basic right they already possess, the right to life? That we live in a society where the law allowing abortion places unborn children outside the sphere of our care and compassion? The country we should want to be is clearly not here.

Catholics always begin our seeking in response to a Creator whose Providence is the way to life, and whose wisdom shapes our goals. Absolute dominion over another life- especially that of the unborn child-is a frightening freedom.

3. Sanger cites the need to engage young people in the discussion of abortion. How cruel this appeal when the voices of young, unborn children are cut off with no concern to include them in a national dialogue. To recognize and honor legitimate rights and adhere to their correspondent responsibilities is what nature, our country and Catholic moral teaching require. To construct artificial rights and attempt to establish a moral framework on them ends in personal failure and social chaos. We want our young people to know what is good, to live strong in character, to seek what ennobles them. What a disappointing and tarnished legacy we leave them if the best we can offer is the right to abortion as a benefit to all humanity. It is hard to see how Sanger's cynicism could be more obvious and his ideas more flawed.

Missing in the Sanger approach and the Planned Parenthood appeal are the very things that comprise our humanity: love, covenant, sacrifice, fidelity and responsibility. Sanger's reproductive freedom is a self-styled, narrowly defined attempt to uphold individual decision making as the ultimate, absolute right. Could anything be more opposed to Christian love and Christ's example?

If the right to abortion is so good, why is it that post-abortion healing and counseling are so necessary? How does this right ennoble us as persons and as a country? How does abortion inspire the next generation? Sanger and Planned Parenthood hold in the end to a single idea -a person's right to choose. They need to be reminded that our unborn little ones should be able to exercise all their rights as well, especially the right to life.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan

The Archbishop has asked that all parishioners participate in the acts of prayer and penance on behalf of human life, the sanctity of marriage and religious freedom. All of these are affected by upcoming legislation by one government.

Please consider:

1. Praying the Family Rosary.
2. Fasting and abstaining on Friday's as a sign of repentance and unity in our efforts.
3. Attending monthly Holy Hours to pray for these intentions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-FEBRUARY 13TH

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- 7:00am Daily Mass
 - 9:00am Daily Mass
 - 12:00pm Daily Mass
 - 4:00pm Scripture Service with ashes
 - 7:00pm Lenten Mass

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

This Monday, January 28th, 5:30pm-7:00pm



"In modern life, so often noisy and dispersive, it is more than ever important to recover the capacity for inner silence and prayer. Eucharistic Adoration enables this to happen, not only around "me" but also in the company of the "you" full of love and this Jesus Christ, God close to us." Pope Benedict XVI

The Parish of St. Elizabeth provides the opportunity for everyone to share Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 5:30-7:00 pm. We invite all to pray in silence for 15 or 30 minutes or longer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Even if just for a few minutes, make sure that you take the time to stop in Church and give thanks to Him from whom every good comes.

OVERNIGHT EXTENDED ADORATION

1st Monday, of each Month

Monday, Feb. 4th 5:30pm - 6:45am

NEW!!! For the Year of Faith, St. Elizabeth's will have extended Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Monday of the month **Join us on Monday, Feb. 4th**. It will begin at the normal time of 5:30 pm, but will extend overnight concluding with Benediction at 6:45 am before the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday. We are looking for parishioners to commit to a once a month time slot for a Holy Hour. You can commit for the same time slot each month or simply for a month at a time. Commit with a friend, a spouse, or a child to come and pray. Prayer groups, parish ministries and families are encouraged to commit some time to this invitation. Please call Pat Khanjian at 201-891-3262 ext. 227 or email jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org to sign up for a time slot.

Please consider some quiet time in prayer.

Holy Hour

For Life, Marriages & Religious Liberty

This Sunday, January 27th, 1pm in the Church.

Year of Faith Prayer



Starting on the weekend of December 1 & 2, 2012 and continuing through November 24, 2013, we will say the *Prayer for the Year of Faith* before each liturgy. The prayer can be found inside the Missal cover. May we all grow in faith together.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS

Church of the Nativity & St. Elizabeth Parishes



Anointing the sick

On Saturday, Feb. 9th, at 11am at the Church of the Nativity, Midland Park. A light lunch will be served after Mass in the McGrath Room. All whose health is impaired by illness, old age or emotional stress are invited to participate.

"To everything there is a Season and a time for every Purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed..."

Prayers for those ill: will be included in the weekly bulletin with a name listing. Please call the Parish Center by Monday of each week to be included. All names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless we are notified.

Please pray for: Daniel Struble, Gary Carr

"A time to be for joy..."

Recently Baptized: Julia DeMicco, Timothy Paris

"A time to be to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Michael O'Shea, Josephine Palladino

"A time for war and a time for peace..."

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, Major Christopher Crotty, Miguel Tully, John Paul Phillips, Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, Captain Colin McNulty, Captain Luke Walsh, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Marines P.F.C. Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 2nd LT. Nolan Dunn, Taylor Mosera, 2nd LT, Conner Gillen Specialist 2nd Class, Sgt. Peter Gentry USMC **Amen.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CORNERSTONE 2013

**Women's Cornerstone
February 1-2, 2013**

**Men's Cornerstone
March 1-2, 2013**

Jeannine Mosco 201-891-8559 Laura Giovacco 917-589-0795
Craig Urciuoli 212-906-1141 Mark Sullivan 201-580-1897

PENNY POWER



In honor of their school's upcoming 100th anniversary, the children of Sacred Heart School have asked for our help in amassing 100,000 pennies by October. Jars will be placed in the Narthex near the entrance doors for your penny contributions. Please remember to save your pennies and bring them to church. The students of Sacred Heart say "Thank you."

St. Elizabeth's BOLD Youth Ministry

"Souper Bowl" Weekend Collection



Cans of Soup and \$ Bills

After All Masses on Super Bowl Weekend, February 2 & 3
All Proceeds To Benefit: Center For Food Action - Bridges Run For The Homeless, Help Us Help Those In Need!

MENS'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

We Walk by Faith!

On Saturday, March 2nd, at Seton Hall University in South Orange. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8am and end 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests concelebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens includes breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or call 973-497-4545.

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Rediscover the Joy of Believing

On Saturday, March 9th, at Seton Hall University in South Orange. The day begins at 8:30am and ends 5:15pm, featuring Kelly Wahlquist, special guest Holly Wright. Breakfast and lunch included. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens includes breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or call 973-497-4545.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Basilica of the Sacred Heart Feb. 3rd

Since 1997 the Universal Church celebrates *World Day for Consecrated Life*... The Archdiocese will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world. The celebration will take place on Sunday, February 3rd at the noon Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. All are invited.



MOM2MOM BELIEVE!

INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

"You're caring for your special needs child...who is caring for you? MOM2MOM is sponsored by University Behavioral HealthCare at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ."

We invite you to pray with us on Saturday, February 9th, 10am at the Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark. Representatives of various faith communities will encourage each other to continue to care for our families and care for ourselves. Join us for reflections from different faith traditions, prayer, music and fellowship. Children and adults with special needs are especially welcome! For more information contact MOM2MOM at 1-877-914-6662.



2013 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. 2013 Anniversary Masses are celebrated at the Cathedral of Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on the following dates:

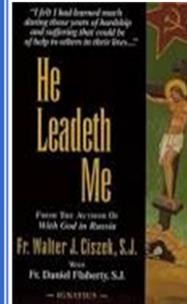
- April 7** Essex & Union Counties 3:00pm 50 years
- April 28** Bergen & Hudson 3:00pm 50 years
- May 5** All Counties 3:00pm 25 & 5 years

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

Faithful Readers

Saint Elizabeth's Book Club

Amazing book! Join Fr. Paul & Jonathan to discuss...



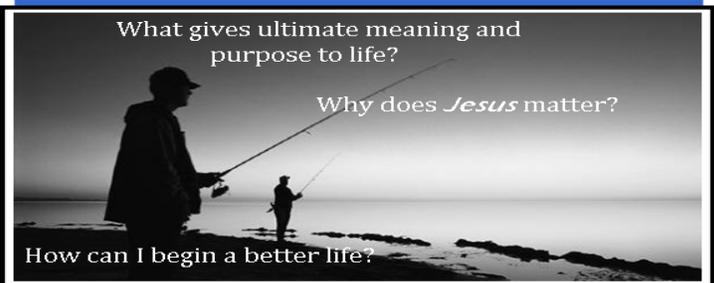
He Leadeth Me

By Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.

Wednesday, January 30

9:30-11:30AM—St. Francis Rm.

Books at Parish Office—\$12



Discovering Christ - an exciting new 7-week series where we gather to share a meal, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life. Thursday evenings, February 7th - March 21st, 6:45PM-9:15PM. Retreat day Sunday, March 10th, 9:00AM-4:00PM.

Discovering Christ Enrollment

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Ph #: (home) _____
 (cell) _____

If signing up with another family member, would you like to be in the same group? Yes No
 Please return form to the parish office.
 Questions? Email jean.gaviglio@me.com.



BOLD SKI TRIP
GORE MOUNTAIN, NY
FEBRUARY 8-10, 2013

IT IS A GREAT TRIP! SIGN UP BY JANUARY 18!
BROCHURE & FORMS AT PARISH CENTER, ON WEBSITE OR EMAIL JONATHAN CAMIOLO — YOUTHMINISTRY@SAINTELIZABETHS.ORG

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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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



"Go eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...." Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life.

However, He expects us to share our blessings with those who are in need.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$24,143 (of which \$3,899 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$670,944 vs. our year to date budget of \$727,050.

St. Elizabeth's Online Giving Program



Online Giving is a simple yet powerful way for our parishioners to support Saint Elizabeth Church and completely manage contributions online. Anyone with a bank account or credit card (Visa,

MasterCard, Discover or American Express) can take advantage of this convenient and secure system. With a point-and-click user interface, novice users and experienced computer users will find online giving very user-friendly. For parishioners who are unable or who prefer not to use the Online Giving application, Saint Elizabeth Church staff member can set up and manage an online account for them.

"I gave online" cards will be available in the narthex for the offertory collection during Mass. Please visit our website at www.saintelizabeths.org for more information. If you have questions, please contact Marlene Nardone at 201-891-1122, Ext. 202 or e-mail her at marlene@saintelizabeths.org.

MASSES FOR 2014

Masses for next year (2014) are now available at the Parish Office.



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Sat.	Jan. 26	5:00 PM	Florence Lerro, 1 st Anniv.
Sun.	Jan. 27	7:30 AM	Irene Stix, 1 st Anniv.
		9:00 AM	Mark Stillman (birthday)
		10:30 AM	Michael Barbieri
		12:00 PM	People of the Parish
		1:00 PM	Holy Hour

Mon. Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 AM	Richard Montalbano, Patricia Cunneely
9:00 AM	John Nunnery, 5 th Anniv.
5:30 PM	Holy Hour

Tue.	Jan. 29	7:00 AM	John Bowe
		9:00 AM	George Mahoney

Wed.	Jan. 30	7:00 AM	Louis Giletta
		9:00 AM	Michael Barbieri

Thu.	Jan. 31	St. John Bosco	
		7:00 AM	Jack Scanlan
		9:00 AM	Marie Laird, Lavina Menasian

Fri.	Feb. 1	7:00 AM	Julianne Leskauskas
		9:00 AM	Domenico Tilli, 1 st Anniv.

Sat.	Feb. 2	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

		5:00 PM	Ana Picinic
Sun.	Feb. 3	7:30 AM	Michelle Bazzini
		9:00 AM	William Toth, 4 th Anniv.
		10:30 AM	Narciso Morson
		12:00 PM	Frank Jackson



Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Charles Franchavilla,
 Given by: Peter & Beth Rodgers.

Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Anthony Guarriello,
 Given by: The Bronander & Guarriello Families.

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