

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 10, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners: Thanks to Lori Averso and Elizabeth Urciuoli for leading the recent Cornerstone XX. All the team, past teams and Helen Van Slyke did great work for those who attended. Thanks so much.

We also acknowledge our staff, principal, teachers and parents who made Catholic Schools Week such a success. As a parish we are proud of our school and its accomplishments. Thanks to all who further the mission of St. Elizabeth's and to our parishioners who help make it possible.

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. It is a time of penitential preparation for the great feast of Easter. During this season we heighten our attention to sacrifice and penance in order to unite ourselves more fully to the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus Himself.

Our penance during Lent enables us to focus more profoundly on our living, our priorities, our sins and our spiritual lives. We are reminded that we are dust. Those words are meant to be a rude awakening, another opportunity to put into perspective what we so easily gloss over in our daily lives.

Almsgiving, fasting and praying are the scriptural tools given to us on Ash Wednesday. It is a healthy reality check every year to review our lives and see the ashes of Lent as an opportunity for conversion. It's also a good chance to see how our culture influences us in ways we fail to notice or feel helpless to resist. The traditional wisdom for observing Lent draws on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer leads us to reconnect again with God, to renew our discipleship with Christ and to find the Holy Spirit in our lives. Fasting reminds us to rely on a strength that does not depend on the material or the transitory, and it allows us to resist with God's help the power of evil over us. Almsgiving leads us to recognize others, especially the most vulnerable in our midst. Our culture prefers the superficial to the interior, the material to the spiritual, the temporary to the eternal. Lent can challenge us to embrace Jesus 'example rather than our culture's preferences.

This year we Catholics are asked to give particular attention to fasting and abstinence as we confront our government's assault on religious liberty. Our fasting and abstinence purify our vision and unite us to the power of God's grace as a source of conversion for us. As we open our eyes more readily during Lent to the reality of evil, fasting and abstinence give us special strength to resist evil and bear witness to Christ's goodness and mercy.

Come to pray as a family. Participate in prayers and devotions. Resolve to make a good confession. Family prayers and rosary. Good works and kind words. Care for others. Solicitude for the ill and confined. These are some of the doors that open us to what is real and life giving...eternal life giving!

Children tell us today that they can't come to Mass regularly because their parents say they're too busy or they have sports. We close our eyes to matters of questionable behavior at work. We don't connect our Catholic Faith to political questions. We set aside the good in favor of the popular. We redefine what is Catholic to accommodate our life style. Violence, jealousy, pornography, dishonesty- all of these are confronted by the life and death of Jesus as we unite ourselves to Him again.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday and throughout the season of Lent as we seek to strengthen our faith, our lives and our church with Christ's forgiveness and mercy.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan

2013 LENTEN REGULATIONS



1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted. 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, February 17, 2013 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013.

*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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



February 13th

7:00am Daily Mass

9:00am Daily Mass

12:00pm Daily Mass

4:00pm Scripture Service w/ashes

7:00pm Lenten Mass

LENT 2012 The light is on for You during the Year of Faith
Check out these helpful videos for celebrating the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

How to go to Confession

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdNwS-2qYDk&feature=youtu.be>

How to Say the Act of Contrition

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v49ocF9Y3P0&feature=youtu.be>

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Next Monday, February 11th, 5:30pm-7:00pm

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.

**Holy Hour for Life,
Marriages & Religious Liberty
Sunday, February 24th at 3pm.**

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent

7:00 a.m. Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. Monday – Saturday

7:00 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays (during Lent)

Please note there will be no evening Mass Holy Week.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

February 20 & March 6,13,20,27

Penance Service February 27th at 7:30 p.m.

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.

**“The Light is on for you” during the
Year Of Faith”**

Beginning February 20th every church and chapel in the Archdiocese of Newark will be open every Wednesday evening during Lent from 7:30-8:30pm for individual confessions. This initiative, called “The Light is on for You,” is designed to help all Catholics experience the forgiveness of Christ. Please consider taking the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at St. Elizabeth’s church on any Wednesday this Lent.

ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL

“We are One Body” February 9th/10th

On February 9th/10th, all parishes within the Archdiocese of Newark will be giving parishioners the opportunity to change the lives of so many people in need in our community by donating to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. There are so many ways God is made visible in the world around us. Our Church of Newark, which serves Bergen, Essex, Union & Hudson counties, sees God in the hundreds of thousands of people it takes care of every year by teaching, sheltering and caring for all who come to it for help. We can only offer assistance because of your generosity to the Archbishop Annual Appeal. Won’t you please take a moment to fill out a pledge card? This sacrifice on you part will show that you, too, see the face of God in everyone who seeks help. Thank You.

**“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: Nick Sanfilippo, Frank Leskauskas, Sr.

“A time to be to mourn...”

Recently Deceased: Patricia Busch, Mary Ryan

“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.

**RESUME REVIEW WORKSHOP FOR
COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS**

College students who want to improve or strengthen their resume for summer internships and first “real” jobs are invited to a workshop on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Youth Ministry Room. Michele Meussner, founder of Red Cup Career Services LLC., will share her expertise as a former HR Director who managed corporate college recruiting programs. Michele will provide insight into what businesses look for when choosing resumes and how they are selected. Students are asked to bring their resumes for review. Please call Jonathan Camiolo at the Parish center for more information or register by email directly at Michele@redcupcareers.com by March 11, 2013.

**ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL’S
ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON DINNER**

St. Elizabeth School will host its Annual Blue Ribbon Dinner on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Sheraton Mahwah. Proceeds from the dinner support the operating budget to keep tuition affordable, fund initiatives such as math, science and other technological advances, and provide professional development opportunities. Dinner tickets are \$65 per person and may be purchased at the School Office. The Blue Ribbon Dinner Committee would greatly appreciate your support of its 50 / 50 Raffle. For a gift of \$100 you have the chance to win up to \$28,750! Only 575 tickets will be sold. Complete the flyer or visit the Parish Center or school office for tickets. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses on March 2-3, March 9-10 and March 16-17. Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN BLACK BOOKS

Little Black Books will be available next weekend in the Narthex. These books are a wonderful Lenten prayer book. Take 6 minutes a day to focus and reflect on the scriptures.



THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

" One would think that a massive and peaceful demonstration, of between 500,000 and 650,000 people, the large majority of them quite young, braving the freezing weather in the Nation's Capital in January, marching to uphold the sanctity of life rather than to secure material advantage to themselves, would warrant a little attention. If ten thousand of these people thronged the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for Mass on the evening before, many with sleeping bags for spending the night on the floor of the chapel, you would think that some reporter would notice, and would ask them a question or two. If thousands of people *from other parts of the world* arrived to join in, at great personal expense and in bad weather, you would think that that would warrant admiration, if for nothing else than their sacrifice. 'Crisis Magazine .

We will continue to MARCH, we will continue to be witnesses for the voiceless, we will continue to GROW and get YOUNGER ! The youth call themselves the " pro-life generation" and their promise is to END Roe vs Wade.

I want to thank all for your prayers for a successful trip, indeed it was! Thank you JOE GERBER and all the KNIGHTS who helped make this year's March one to remember. A special thanks to our own Fr. Paul and Fr. Maciek for joining us and giving us your guidance and support!

PROJECT LIFE AND LIBERTY

Postcards will be available on the weekends of February 16/17 & 23/24

As Catholics, we believe that life is a gift from God that must be cherished and protected. Our faith obliges us to work both privately and publicly to defend life. As Americans, we believe that the freedom of religious expression, and the rights of conscience, are protected by the US Constitution and are equally in need of defense.

At its November meeting, the Catholic Bishops of the United States agreed to launch a new postcard campaign-**Project Life and Liberty** – to keep before the public and our elected representatives the Church's critical issues of religious freedom and pro-life concerns. Through **Project Life and Liberty**, we call on Congress to prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion, and to protect the rights of conscience in health care.

Project Life and Liberty, will be launched in February in partnership with the National Committee for Human Life Amendment (NCHLA), which will coordinate the logistics of this postcard campaign.

The Bishops of New Jersey are urging all Catholic people to join in informing our elected representatives in Washington to retain pro-life laws and policies, and protect the our Freedom of Religious Express and rights of conscience. The postcards are located at the end of each pew on the weekends of Feb. 16/17 & 23/24. Please complete them and return them in the collection box. The parish will arrange to mail them to Washington this week.

Today, we have the opportunity to make not only the strongest possible statement about the Sanctity of life, but also to demonstrate our strength as people of faith and faithful citizens. Help us make this campaign to secure true progress in building a Culture of Life in our nation a success.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE!

February 13th to March 24th

Would you like to do something to help unborn babies and put an end to abortion?

Take a leap of faith and get involved
Please consider giving one hour a week from
Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday
to stand in a peaceful vigil across from **Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 10 Zabriskie St. Hackensack**
on the days that they perform abortions –
Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
between the hours of **7am and 2pm.**

Your presence will definitely make a difference and maybe save someone's life!

For more information or to sign up, contact:
Margaret at 201-805-0937 scullyfam@yahoo.com
Linda at 551-265-8121 lindamaliani@yahoo.com
Mary at 201-723-5356 doctorted2@verizon.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Super Bowl is nothing compared to the Super Marriage relationship you can have after learning the tools for communication on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information contact Mike and Eileen at 1-877-697-9963. Military Families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military services.

MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

We Walk by Faith!

On Saturday, March 2, at Seton Hall University in South Orange. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! 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 9, at Seton Hall University in South Orange. For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or call 973-497-4545.

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."

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Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am, 'I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day in little ways and in big ways God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am, send me!"

The gift of treasure for last week was \$23,233 (of which \$4,089 was from online giving.) Year to date collections amounted to \$718,042 vs. our year to date budget of \$775,520.

ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Saturday, February 23, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food contact Dylan Wyka 201-294-0329 or email at dwyka89@gmail.com. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, February 19.

COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP MIDLAND PARK

St. Elizabeth Parish generously donated items to the Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park that were sold and the sales generated \$351 for October - December. Thank you to anyone who donated to the CTS for our parish.

SAVE THE DATE

DON BOSCO PREP

SPRING MUSICAL "GODSPELL"

**Featuring St. E's parishioners and former graduates
 March 15, 16, 17 & 22, 23. More details to follow.**



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Sat.	Feb. 9	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	Feb. 10	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Margaret & Harold Bell & Bonnie Bell Gerli
		10:30 AM	Edward Zaretski
		12:00 PM	Anthony R. Godina
Mon.	Feb. 11	Our Lady of Lourdes	
		7:00 AM	Thomas Moore, Mary Bush
		9:00 AM	Christopher Gaertner
		5:30 PM	Holy Hour
Tue.	Feb. 12	7:00 AM	Margaret Nacca
		9:00 AM	Angelina DeFino
Wed.	Feb. 13	7:00 AM	Lorraine Scrimenti
		9:00 AM	Capalbo & Calandra Families
		12:00 Noon	John P. Cahill
		4:00 PM	Scripture Service w/ ashes
		7:00 PM	Peter Razzo, Jr.
Thu.	Feb. 14	SS. Cyril & Methodius	
		7:00 AM	Timothy Alber
		9:00 AM	Peter Razzo, Jr. Hulsizer, Gloeckner, Lane, Foley & Babcock Families
Fri.	Feb. 15	7:00 AM	Mary Ringley
		9:00 AM	Bernice Rizzo
		7:00 PM	Gerard Ivan Barker
Sat.	Feb. 16	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
		First Sunday of Lent	
		5:00 PM	Ermine Lerro, 20 th Anniv.
Sun.	Feb. 17	7:30 AM	Philip McGarrity
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Paul & Angela Hearn
		12:00 PM	Marie & Joseph Patti

Memorials for the Week:

*Altar Bread & Wine, Candles on the Altar & Sanctuary Lights: In Memory of Eugene T. Heimers Jr. & Eugene Heimers III.
 Given by: The Dela Motte Family.*

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