



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

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Masses

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,
12 Noon & 6:15PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 5:00PM (Anticipated)

Weekday: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30PM

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My Dear Friends:

Happy Advent! I hope you had some time to consider the question I asked in last weekend's homily – **Are you a sheep or a goat?** Are we sheep who trust in and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd to lead us? Or are we goats who refuse to listen to the Shepherd's voice?

The Season of Advent is a perfect time to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. It is a perfect time to prayerfully listen to God's voice and to understand why God comes to us, in the form of a tiny baby in the manger, on Christmas Day.

During Advent, let us hear His voice say to us:

God is coming to identify with us in our wounds and in our suffering, so we know we're not alone.

When we are hurt, sad, or confused, many of us often wonder how a good and loving God could allow us to go through such misery. We need to take comfort, knowing not only that Christ endured this kind of misery and overcame it – living with joy – but that God is with us in those difficult moments, teaching us to hope and giving us the courage to live with joy despite the world's troubles.

God is coming to model us for what it means to be truly human because, although God, He took the form of a human. So many times, we find ourselves in situations that are difficult to navigate. Jesus is our model for how to love others. Jesus is our model for how to live well. We can find wisdom and guidance by studying his postures, his behaviors, and convictions.

God is coming to incorporate us back into his well-ordered creation as image-bearers. Jesus came as the perfect Image of a human being, and when we embrace Jesus, that Image is reprinted within us and grows inside of us like a wonderful and benevolent presence in our lives.

God is coming to heal the world for us and with us and through us. The point remains that God is interested in our beginning to live now like we were originally intended to live – to rely upon Him, to hear the voice of the Shepherd, to follow Him, and to see Him in all those that we meet.

God is coming to heal us, to help us, to forgive us. God comes to heal the brokenness within ourselves and within our world and, through hearing His voice, to restore His people.

May we all be sheep and listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd as we prepare ourselves for the joyous celebration of Christmas.

In God's peace during this Advent Season and always,

Father Vincent

NEWS AND EVENTS

Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 7th, 7:00 pm Vigil

Friday, December 8th, 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 12 Noon

There will be a special collection on December 8th for the Basilica of the National Shrine.

The Parish Center will be closed on Friday, December 8th and reopen on Saturday, December 9th.

Overnight Adoration will be on Friday, December 8th at 7:00pm and ending with Benediction just prior to the 9:00am Mass, Saturday, December 9th. Adorers will be asked to commit to a specific hour. If you are interested please contact Pat Khanjian 201-891-3262 ext 226, PatK@saintelizabeths.org.

Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will be this weekend. Your gift will help the religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please place your offering in the collection box in the narthex.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Joseph Sullivan
Joan Martini

Sunday, December 3

7:30am Gloria & George Barton
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Joseph Kroth
12:00 Daniel Giletta
6:15pm Sally Ann Frangipani

Monday, December 4

7:00am Jim Friel
9:00am Mary Zahauer,
28th Anniversary

Tuesday, December 5

7:00am James Rigoli
9:00am James Rigoli

Wednesday, December 6

7:00am Carmela Sature
9:00am Thomas Daly 90th B-day

Thursday, December 7

7:00am Luis Marzoa
9:00 am Claire Theresa
Schiemer

Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Thursday, December 7
7:00pm Dominic Colacchio

Immaculate Conception of Mary

Friday, December 8
7:00am Protection of babies in
the womb
9:00am Margaret &
Harold Bell, Bonnie Bell Gerli
12 noon Michele Meussner

Saturday, December 9

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Jonathan Raleigh
Joseph Policastro

Sunday, December 10

7:30am Rita Lapinski
9:00am Rudi Draudin
10:30am People of the Parish
12:00 Tom Patti & Teresa Patti
6:15pm James J. Smith

NEWS AND EVENTS



*Walking with Christ
presents...*

Forgiveness and the Prodigal Son

with Fr. Vincent
Tuesday, December 5
7:30 pm
Elizabeth Room

*Our own Father Vincent shares his personal
story of forgiveness and relates it to the well-
known parable from Luke's Gospel.*

RSVP to StElizabethDC@gmail.com or in Parish Office

ADVENT WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

Mary Undoer of Knots

"Bring Us Some Heavenly Peace"



December 6, 2017
7:30 PM in the Elizabeth Room

RSVP Cathy Ingrasci
201-637-4337 or
pingrasci@optonline.net

2017 Giving Tree Sharing Continues please help us 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 TAG taped to the OUTSIDE of the package no later than 12 NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th. If anyone would like to help sort gifts on Saturday afternoon 12/9, or on Sunday 12/10 between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, please contact Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email them at djkljk@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity with your gift of time, talent or treasure.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon will be on Monday, December 4th at 12 noon at Fiona's Restaurant in Midland Park. Any questions please contact Joanne at 201-891-3629.

Rosary Society Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 10am in the Youth Room. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for our exchange games. Also, there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering for the Little Sisters of the Poor-St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly. Any questions please call Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD - A Christmas Choral Celebration

Sunday, December 17th at 4pm come celebrate the radiance of God's light, as foretold by the prophets, through the powerful blend of choral selections and sing-alongs! St. Elizabeth's Music Ministry proudly presents "LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A Christmas Choral Celebration." This concert will feature the Festival Choir, Contemporary Choir, and the fabulous Children's Choir. Mark your calendars: Sunday, December 17th at 4pm. Come celebrate with us and surround this blessed season with the symbol of light and the promise of God's salvation!

We need your help! St. E's will be celebrating a Christmas Mass at Christian Health Care on Saturday, December 16th. We will need Teens and Adults to transport the residents of Heritage Manor to the auditorium for Mass. Please contact Lisa at the Parish Center for more information and to sign up to help 201-891-1122 ext. 200 or lisa@saintelizabeths.org. You must RSVP, no walk in's. Thank you for helping our elderly brothers and sisters.

Stewardship the gift of treasure for last weekend was \$23,700 of which \$2,805 was from online giving. Thank you for your generous support!

Memorials for the week

*Altar Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Light, Candles on the Altar &
St. Elizabeth Shrine:*

In Memory of Carmela Sature, Given by: The Minichetti Family.

*Flowers for the : In Memory of Jim Rigoli,
Given by: Parents & Friends of St. Elizabeth School.*

NEWS AND EVENTS

Respect Life Meeting on Monday, December 4, at 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Come and listen to the Sisters of Life and their mission. The March for Life is on Friday, January 19, information will be available. Check out St. Elizabeth Gift Store located in Parish Office for Advent and Christmas gifts.

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday, December 16th 5:00 pm Mass. Image processed, Rosary at 6pm, Veneration until 7pm, Sunday December 17th, 7:00 am-1:00 pm. Image will be displayed at all Masses. Countless miracles have been attributed to Our Lady of Guadalupe as She lovingly intercedes through the Missionary Image. Mother Mary will be waiting to help you with any struggle or need! More info: Lynn 201-960-9600.

Women's Cornerstone Weekend 2018 February 2nd & 3rd St. Elizabeth's Church invites you to participate in Women's Cornerstone Weekend. These 2 days are an opportunity to renew your faith and grow in your experience within the Christian community. It is also a way to meet other people from St. Elizabeth's in a warm, welcoming environment on both a personal and a spiritual level. For more information, please contact Athena Nicholas at 201-410-2602 or email: WCornerstone25@gmail.com. You can register for the weekend at; www.stelizabethcornerstone.org.

Pilgrimage To Israel with Father Vincent & Deacon Tim join our own Father Vincent and Deacon Tim Kennedy in the Holy Land from April 26, 2018 to May 5, 2018. The cost is \$3,395 per person ALL INCLUSIVE 4 star hotels, meals, round trip air, Christian Tour Guide, deluxe motor coach and more! For more information please call the Parish Center at 201-891-1122.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Breakfast with Santa please join us on Saturday, December 9th at 9:30am for Breakfast with Santa. The Breakfast includes pictures with Santa, crafts, activities, and more. For information and to sign-up, please contact Eileen Hiller at ehiller419@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence will soon be accepting enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Our faith embedded instructional program includes students in Pre-K 3 through grade 8. Please join us Sunday, January 28th following the 9am Mass and Wednesday, January 31st we will host an Open House for prospective students and parents to visit our school. You may also call 201-891-1481 to arrange a private tour of our school at a time that may be convenient for you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hour of Grace will take place at Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes on Friday, December 8th at 12noon with the rosary, prayers, hymns and silent communication with Jesus and Mary. During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces will be granted. The most hardhearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God.

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be hosting their 47th Annual Candlelight Carol Sing on Dec. 13 & 14 at 8pm. At the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark. A free-will donation. For more information call 973-484-2400.

Great Things are Happening with

BOLD
Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

BOLD Middle School CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 16, 6PM-9PM
Snacks, Games, Movies and More!

RSVP TODAY! boldym.com/seh/signup
\$5 Suggested Donation Per Student

TNL Next Week!

Sunday, December 10, 7-8:30pm

Following the
NEW 615 Mass

All High School Teens Are Welcome



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something about
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For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events
Alexis Fuentes • stelizabeth@boldym.com • (201) 639-4636 • www.boldym.com/seh

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Confessions

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays
No confessions on Dec. 16th

Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 16th, 12 noon
Guardian Angel Church, Allendale

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th, at 4 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 23rd, 5pm Vigil
Sunday, December 24th
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (Sunday Masses)

Sunday, December 24th, 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
10:00 p.m. Caroling
10:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day

(There will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (Church and Gym)
12 Noon (Church and Gym)

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass