

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

December 17, 2017- December 24, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (ℒ) Living

Monday, December 18

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Martin Diviney †

Tuesday, December 19

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Antonia & Joseph Pino †

Wednesday, December 20

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Jerry Lynch ℒ

Thursday, December 21 ~ St. Peter Canisius

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Louise Pickel ℒ

Friday, December 22

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Marvin Marple †

Saturday, December 23

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Cameron Calabrese †
6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Albert Kalafsky †

Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Patrick John O'Donnell †
8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Anna & Pat Crispo †
& Catherine Conte †
9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Sr. Angeline dal Corso, MPP †
10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the parishioners

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

A time to heal... Please pray for the sick of our parishes including: Elizabeth Kurylo, Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Dave Martin, Ann Buttacavoli, Victoria Gass, Barbara Giarretta, Phyllis Munstis, Mike Tocci, Magdalena Mendez, Kathryn Zacharias, Mary Hanlon, John Gallagher, Dottie Brienza, Richard LaPointe, Pamela Palma, Philipa Reist, Brigitta Reist, Joan Beam, Charlie Blake, Barbara Ryan, Cheryl Huberdeau, Collin Perrone, Larry Gaffney, Robert Caffrey, Kieran Flynn, Louise Pickel, Mary Christensen, Nancy Santucci, and Msgr. Sean Cunneen.

A time to die... Please pray for those who have recently passed away.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 5:00 PM
(E) V. Zachman (R) J. Zachman
(A) B. Luther, K. Watkins

St. Elizabeth ----- 6:30 PM
(E) R. Sternick (R) P. Riedel
(A) Assistance Needed

Sunday, December 24, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 7:30 AM
(E) Assistance Needed (R) B. Henderson
(A) B. & A. Henderson

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM
(E) K. Spinda (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 9:30 AM
(E) B. Carlson (R) E. Van Arsdale
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Elizabeth ----- 10:30 AM
(E) Assistance Needed (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 11:30 AM
No 11:30 AM Mass

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 4:00 PM
(E) F. Howard (R) M. Ruggia
(A) C. Ruggia, B. Luther, K. Watkins, M. Dolan

St. Brigid ----- 6:00 PM
(E) F. Perez, G. Perez (R) P. Riedel
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 10:00 PM
(E) B. Peterson, B. Henderson (R) J. Howe
(A) L. & W. Mahala, B. & A. Henderson

Monday, December 25, 2017

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM
(E) K. Spinda (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 9:30 AM
(E) B. Carlson (R) C. Mortenson
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Elizabeth ----- 10:30 AM
(E) F. Grigni (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 11:30 AM
(E) V. Zachman, J. Zachman (R) C. Roselle
(A) Assistance Needed



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11 Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28 John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

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Or please call the Parish Office at 908-234-1265

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2017

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

"I bring you tidings of great joy: Today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:11)

Good news, indeed, for Christ is the only perfect Christmas gift! Our relatives and friends may have shopped for hours to obtain for us an ideal gift. We ourselves may have endured the rush and crush of Christmas shopping. For some, our fingers may be numb and our eyes tearing up from internet shopping. Our giving may even bring to others an immense amount of unselfish love. Yet we all know that even our best gifts are unable to make others completely happy. We shall never be perfectly pleased, even with the beautifully wrapped gifts under our own Christmas tree. For only Jesus Christ can completely satisfy us!

At Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were without the comforts and conveniences of Nazareth; they did not have the warm, cheerful atmosphere of their home; they lacked even the bare essentials for decent living. "There was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). Yet they were happy. For in the stable of Bethlehem Mary gave birth to the giver of all happiness.

Then there were the Shepherds who first heard the "good news of great joy" (Like 2:10): So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this Child.

Good news of great joy continues to be ours even in a world that seems to bring news of heartache, hatred and violence all too often. We are reminded time and again that only Christ the Lord can completely satisfy us! That is why Christ did not abandon us but gave us his Church to console and comfort us. If there are parishioners who need our services such as those who are homebound, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office and let us know.

May God bless you and all the members of your family this Christmas 2017 and throughout 2018!

In Christ Jesus Our Lord,

Reverend Monsignor Edward C. Puleo

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17TH -- DECEMBER 24TH



The Altar Bread and Wine at St. Brigid Church are being offered in loving memory of

Louis G. Di Perna

as requested by Gloria La Grassa



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Elizabeth Church is being offered for the repose of the soul of

Cathleen M. Callahan

as requested by the Daughters of Mary



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER

“O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the

people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. We pray that you hear our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.” ~ From the *Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*

Christmas Mass Schedule 2017

St. Elizabeth Church

34 Peapack Rd, Far Hills

St. Brigid Church

129 Main St., Peapack



Christmas Eve December 24

4:00 PM St. Brigid Church

Mass with Children's Nativity

Simulcast seating in St. Patrick Hall

6:00 PM St. Brigid Church

9:30 PM St. Brigid Church

Christmas Carols

10:00 PM St. Brigid Church

Christmas Day December 25

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth Church

9:30 AM St. Brigid Church

10:30 AM St. Elizabeth Church

11:30 AM St. Brigid Church

New Year's Day Schedule 2018

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day January 1, 2018

(Not a Day of Obligation)

9:00 AM St. Elizabeth Church

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

All 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

ICE SKATING!

Friday, January 5th



Ramil Caragay
(908) 443-1802
sesb@boldym.com

Ice Skating at the Bridgewater Sports Arena

Friday, January 5th, 2018

We'll hop on the bus at St. Brigid Church at 6:15pm and return by 10:15pm

Download your form at boldym.com
Please return the form to the parish office
to St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish by Friday, 1/5/18

Important Information



BOLD Ski Trip 2018

February 2-4, 2018

Gore Mountain, NY &

For Grades 9-12

Holiday Inn, Lake George

REGISTER NOW at www.boldym.com/ski18

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 31 “I finally made my move this week and turned my body over. It was tough, but I did it! It is important that I am upside down now so that when the time comes for me to make my entrance into the world I'll be ready to go. My lungs have started to secrete a liquid that will help my lungs fully expand when I take my first breath of air. I can't WAIT for my birthday. Please keep praying for me.”

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT-A-BABY

Pray for Unborn Human Life



I, _____, will pray daily:
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
-- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Important Information

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 24th, in anticipation of the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM.



Thank you for all the Giving Tree gifts. Happiness will abound on Christmas morning. Please continue to pray for those who will receive these gifts.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY



The Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass will be at St. Brigid Church on December 24th at the 4 PM Mass with the Pageant beginning at 3:45 PM in St. Brigid Church.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

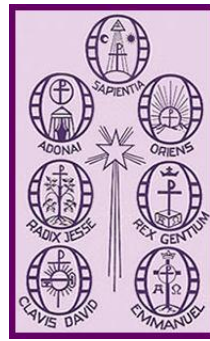
Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially Patrick Blankenship of the USMC & Ryan O'Connor of the US Army, close friends of Jean Fall; John F. Stahl of the US Army, son, Joseph Stahl of the Navy, grandson, and Eric Hummel of the US Army nephew of Ruth Stahl; Brendan Patrick Duffy of the US Army, son of Deacon Larry & Denise Duffy; Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver; Timothy Donovan of the US Navy, close friend of Tom Gioino; Charles Clough of the USMC, son of John & Jan Clough; PFC Sean McMahon of the US Army, friend of The LaPointe family; John Walker of the Air Force, grandson of Bernard & Joan O'Reilly; Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Charlie & Pina Jibilian; Specialist Kyle Patterson of the US Army, godson of Mary Oswald.

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS



The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

O ANTIPHONS



On the last days of Advent, you may wish to add these "O Antiphons" to your evening prayer, your prayer at table, or your bedtime prayer.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love:

come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 *O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people:*

come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H 2017 COMMUNITY OUTREACH DINNER



Join the 4-H family for some good company, great music and an excellent meal on **December 25, 2017, from 2 PM to 4 PM.** Located at:

Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ
Handicap Accessible

The dinner is at **no cost** to those who attend, but you **must** have reservations to be seated. There will also be limited take out after 3:30 PM. RSVP: 4-H Office (908) 526-6644 by 12/21/17. Seating is limited so call early.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Commencing in the New Year, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Volunteer adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday during business hours to pray for the intentions of the Diocese. For information or to volunteer, call Laura (732) 529-7932 or email evangelization@diometuchen.org.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

An Initiative of the U.S.
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Check out the articles below at
<http://www.foryourmarriage.org/>

Liturgical Living

Celebrating Advent as a Family

Pope Francis Corner

From the Archives: Midnight Mass for the Nativity

Featured Blog: Two to Tango

What Are You Thankful in Your Spouse?

Marriage in the News

From the Archives: Religious Service Attendance
Linked With Less Divorce

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE



RETROUVAILLE—A life line for troubled marriages

Has your relationship become unloving or uncaring? Has your relationship become cold and distant? Are you thinking about separation or divorce? Are you already separated or divorced but both of you wish to try again? Then the Retrouvaille may help you.

RETROUVAILLE (*Rediscovery*)—sponsored by the Family Life Office in the Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 9-11, 2018. All inquiries are confidential. For more information please call: Family Life Office 732-562-1990 x4573. To register call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

SAINT PETER'S GIANNA CENTER

We are very pleased to introduce you to the Saint Peter's Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ.

The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services.

Please contact us at 732-565-5490 or visit us at: <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> for more information.

KERYGMA RETREAT

The Office of Evangelization will offer Kerygma, a Catholic Bible-based retreat which gives participants and opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus through hearing and responding to His Word. Renew the gifts and graces received in Baptism and Confirmation. The retreat will take place Jan. 27, 9 AM to 5 PM and Jan. 28, 9 AM to 1 PM at:

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane
Piscataway, NJ

Meals are not included. The cost is \$25. Bring a bagged lunch on Saturday. For details or to register, call (732) 562-02469 or visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization/courses.

