

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

January 14, 2018- January 21, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (ℒ) Living

Monday, January 15

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Daniel Howe †

Tuesday, January 16

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Julia & Patrick McCrory †

Wednesday, January 17 ~ St. Anthony the Abbot

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Cathleen Callaghan †

Thursday, January 18 ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Henry Pederson †

Friday, January 19

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Crino Family †

Saturday, January 20 ~ St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Pino Family †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Paul Sternick †

Sunday, January 21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the parishioners

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Janet Rojek Strup †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Donald E. Beckert †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Cathleen M. Callahan †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Ann Desiere †

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14 - 21, 2018



Altar Bread and Wine at
St. Elizabeth & Brigid Church
are being offered for
the special intentions of

Chief Greg Skinner

On the occasion of his retirement.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

"Eternal God, You belong to no culture and land but are Lord of all, you call us to welcome the stranger in our midst. Help us by your Spirit, to live as brothers and sisters, welcoming all in your name, and living in the justice of your kingdom. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen." <http://www.vatican.va>

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 20, 2018

St. Brigid ----- 5:00 PM

(E) J. D'Andrea (R) R. Schwab
(A) M. Orosz

St. Elizabeth ----- 6:30 PM

(E) V. Zachman (R) J. Zachman
(A) R. Sternick

Sunday, January 21, 2018

St. Brigid ----- 7:30 AM

(E) Assistance Needed (R) J. Hendrickson
(A) J. Dusebout

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM

(E) D. Karner (R) J. Howe
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 9:30 AM

(E) B. Carlson (R) M. Ruggia
(A) C. Ruggia

St. Elizabeth ----- 10:30 AM

(E) F. Howard (R) L. Howard
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 11:30 AM

(E) Assistance Needed (R) A. Bowman
(A) M., M., & U. Lagana

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 including: Charles G. Dickinson.

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS



Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:3B-10, 19 This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13C-15A, 17-20 Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:35-42 John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
Bible Study/Book Club	Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC AdultEd@sainteob.org
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Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteob.org
RCIA	Margaret Mulrooney ParishLife@sainteob.org
Religious Education	Denise O'Callaghan RelEd@sainteob.org
Reverence for Life	Kathy Marie Denuel RevforLife@sainteob.org

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 35 "It seems that I just keep getting chubbier as the days go by. I need to store up a layer of fat underneath my skin in order to help my body regulate its temperature once I leave my mother's womb. I am cute and round just like a cherub. I'll bet once I'm born everyone will say that I look like an angel. I must admit --- I am so adorable! Some of the tiny hairs that have covered my body are starting to disappear. I guess by the time I leave this place I will have a beautifully soft "birthday suit!" I can't wait to show it off! Please pray 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

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 prolific 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.

RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON, NJ

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11 AM and ends at 1 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2 – 2:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 18-26, 2018



9 Days for Life is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions.

Sign up to receive the novena through a free app, daily emails, or daily text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up and for information on how else you can get involved!

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, DC



Pro-Life advocates from around the country will gather in Washington, DC, to seek change for the right to human life on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade on **Friday, January 19, 2018**. Please note: The March will not be held on the actual anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The March for Life Rally will take place at noon at 12th St. on the National Mall, in between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1 PM. Please check: www.marchforlife.org for more information. Busses will leave locally from the following locations:

Annandale - Immaculate Conception
Contact: Bill Smith • (908) 797-7359

Somerville - Immaculate Conception
Contact: Kevin Dugan • (908) 788-7736

2017 Financial Contribution Statements for St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid are now available. Please call the Parish Office at 908-234-1265 to request your statement or return this slip in the collection basket at Mass.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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; 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



BOLD Ski Trip 2018 February 2-4, 2018
Gore Mountain, NY & Holiday Inn, Lake George For Grades 9-12
REGISTER NOW at www.boldym.com/ski18

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE



Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member, or a friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431.

Open House



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL, SOMMERVILLE, NJ
2018-2019 School Year Open Enrollment *Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 enrollments are now available with additional*

options for Half-day and full-day Pre-K and full-day Kindergarten programs.

Rooted in Catholic values, Immaculate Conception School integrates academic excellence with the spiritual and moral formation of each of its students. Staffed by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters and dedicated teachers, we at ICS welcome you and your children to learn more about our school. Please call with any questions or to schedule a personal tour of our campus at 908-725-6516.

Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. All are welcome!

Mass: 9 AM, Sunday, January 28 followed by School Tours 10 AM -12 PM

ICS OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, January 30 - School Tours 9 AM -11 AM.

Immaculate Conception Church
35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ.

Please visit our website at www.icsschool.org. We hope to see you soon! God's blessings to you and your family.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Elizabeth – St. Brigid Parish

Daughters of Mary

Present

Jokes N' Jambalaya



A Night of Comedy

St. Patrick Hall at St. Brigid Church

Friday, February 9, 2018

\$25 per person

(21 & over) BYOB

Doors open at 6:30 PM, Dinner 7:30 PM (buffet dinner featuring Pluckemin Inn Jambalaya),

followed by 3 comedians.

Door Prizes and 50/50 raffle

See next week's bulletin for details or call the Parish Office 908-234-1265 to RSVP.

Thank You

FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

A sincere thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the success of our 2nd Annual Diocesan Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th for children and young adults with disabilities. Whether you purchased a gift card from the parish giving tree or sent a donation directly to the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities, we wish to thank you for participating in this huge undertaking. More than 300 people participated in our festivities and some 400 enjoyed a gift for Christmas as a result of your kind charity.

Mark your calendar for the party next year – December 15, 2018 (1:30 PM – 3 PM). You are great. We are grateful!

Father Hillier & the volunteers
Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities

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).

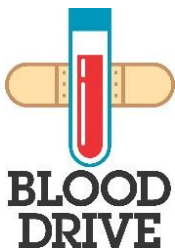
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38 What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.



BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2018

The **Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a Blood Drive for the benefit of the New York/New Jersey Blood Center, to be held in St. Patrick Hall beneath St. Brigid Church. Donors may give during the drive hours on **Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM**. You are asked to fill out the form below scheduling an appointment on one of these days. The completed form may be put in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office. We will try to have the proper staff available so that you can be in and out within an hour. When using the form, schedule yourself on the quarter hour, e.g. 8:15 AM. Since we started these drives, we have collected more than **90 gallons** of blood -- **help us break the 100 gallon mark on this drive!**

Thank you for your continued generosity to others.

I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO GIVE BLOOD DURING THE DRIVE FEBRUARY 4TH.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Home/Cell

Time I would like to give blood: _____

Sunday, January 4th at _____

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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.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



The free throw competition is sponsored by the **St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish Knights of Columbus # 11386**. It will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2018 (Snow Date: January 27th) from 3 PM until 4 PM, at Peapack Gladstone Municipal Gym, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ. All Boys and Girls from Ages 9- 14 are invited to participate.

Open Registration is 3 PM. No registration fee. Contestants are **required** to bring a birth certificate for proof of age and provide a current email address and cell phone number of their parent or legal guardian so that winners may be contacted for subsequent rounds. Prizes will be awarded to the first place finishers in each competition. Winners are eligible to advance to the District Championship in February and the State Championship in March.

For up-to-the-minute contest information and links to the official contest rules and past national champions, visit: <http://kofc11386.org/activities> For more information or if you have questions, please contact Jim Kearney at (908) 672-9950 or via email at jjkearn@gmail.com.