

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

February 3 – February 9, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, February 3 ~ St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

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

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Donald McCarthy †

Tuesday, February 4 ~

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Louis Piancone †

Wednesday, February 5 ~ St. Agatha

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary

8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Louis Piancone †

Thursday, February 6 ~ St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Deceased Members of the Monaco Family †

Friday, February 7 ~

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

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Anna Crispo †

Saturday, February 8 ~ St. Jerome Emiliani, St.

Josephine Bakhita

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Alan Jacob Brach †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Edmond P. Rochat, Jr. †

Sunday, February 9 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Augustine Aloia †

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Mondea Ventura †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Louis S. Verdile †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Marie E. Caliguire †

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill in our parish: Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Mary Hanlon, Barbara Ryan, Mary Christensen, Carl Messina, Margharete Saunders, Maureen McCrory, Ann Radner and Jan Larusso

To add a name please call the Parish Office.

For the recently deceased:

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



Volunteer needed to setup a Facebook page for St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish. If interested, please speak to Msgr. Puleo or call the Parish office at 908-234-1265.

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.

~ Anthony of Padua

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially Matthew Blejwas USMA West Point, grandson of Walter and Kathryn Blejwas, 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; Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver; John Walker and Nicholas Furtzaig of the Air Force, grandsons of Bernard & Joan O'Reilly; Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Charlie & Pina Jibilian



ESTATE PLANNING

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."

~St. Francis of Assisi

WHEN YOU DO YOUR ESTATE PLANNING, PLEASE REMEMBER US — St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish, Far Hills & Peapack



PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

For victims of human trafficking.



St. Elizabeth - St Brigid Mass Guild

The following names have been enrolled in the Mass Guild of St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish:

January

Roman Bernas

Jozef F. Wejnerowski

Mae Miller

Margaret G. Hanlon

William H. Honeker, Sr.

Kerry Kenney Afflitto

Raymond D. Hickey

Francis V. Sadowski

Thomas L. Hanlon

Florence & William F. Yeomans

Frances Tupaj

*My eyes
have seen*
SALVATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger "to prepare the way" and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus "is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel." Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

ST. ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
Adult Faith Sharing	Denise O'Callaghan Adult_Faith_Sharing@sainteb.org
Bible Study/Book Club	Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC AdultEd@sainteb.org
Choir	Mary Lieberman Choir@sainteb.org
Couples in Christ	Gabriella Daus ParishLife@sainteb.org
Daughters of Mary	Barbara Peterson Daughters_of_Mary@sainteb.org
Knights of Columbus	Michael Bielawa kofc11386@gmail.com or KofC@sainteb.org
Lectio Divina	Men: Jerry Tutak Lectio_M@sainteb.org Women: Denise O'Callaghan Lectio@sainteb.org
Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteb.org
RCIA	Margaret Mulrooney ParishLife@sainteb.org
Religious Education	Sr. Monique Eloizard RelEd@sainteb.org
St. Vincent de Paul	Denise O'Callaghan Svdp@sainteb.org

For more information, call the Parish Office 908-234-1265

DAUGHTERS OF MARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Do you know that Ash Wednesday is February 26?

In preparation for Lent, all are invited for a Power Point presentation on the **Grace of Confession** on Wednesday, **February 12 at 6:30 PM** in St. Patrick Hall located under St. Brigid Church. Ariel Bautista, 3rd year Seminarian for the Diocese of Metuchen will be the presenter. Light refreshments will follow. (Sponsored by the Daughters of Mary)

**SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020
DAUGHTERS OF MARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Hamilton Farm Golf Club, Pottersville. Guest speaker Fr. Edwin Leahy, O.S.B., Headmaster, Saint Benedict's Prep., Newark. More information to follow.

SUBSCRIBE TO MARRIAGE NEWS



Published on the internet by the Family Life Office of the U.S. Bishops, it is free and you can select the topics of most interest to you: dating, engagement, marriage preparation, married Life, family Life and parenting. <http://www.foryourmarriage.org>.

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.

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Immaculate Conception School in Somerville is holding its School Registration Day on Sunday, February 9th from 9 AM – 12PM

IMMACULATA DIFFERENCE

Begin your Spring with our Admissions event for 6th-10th grade families. Whether you are just starting your high school search or are looking for something more in your high school experience, you won't want to miss *The Immaculata Difference*. Please plan to join us at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 4. RSVP online at www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference.

Experience the Difference. Experience Immaculata.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 AM. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 AM. For information or to become an adorer, call Laura Riccardi at (609) 578-0841.

To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email Adoration@diometuchen.org

VILLA WALSH ACADEMY 2020 SUMMER CAMP

Girls entering Grades 4 - 8

Villa Walsh Academy will be holding their Summer Camp with two sessions offered: Session 1: June 22-June 26 and Session 2: June 29-July 3 of this year. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Camp Director, Shannon Graziani, at summercamp@villawalsh.org.

MASS GUILD ENROLLMENT

The Mass Guild is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at either the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth or the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Brigid. Your loved ones both living and deceased may be enrolled in the Mass Guild for one year where their intentions will be remembered. Please complete the enrollment form below and return to the Parish Office with the suggested \$10 donation.

*St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid
Mass Guild Enrollment*

Name to be enrolled: (Please Print) _____

By: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Donation Amount: _____ Date: _____

Parish: _____ Other _____

Please complete a separate enrollment for each name. Completed forms and the donation may be returned in person or by mail to the Parish Center at P. O. Box 33 Peapack, NJ 07977
Any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 7-12



You're invited to spend the day, celebrating God's love for you with your peers at the Diocesan Youth Day.

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth Ministry will host a Youth Day on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1:30 PM-7:30 PM at St. Joseph High School, 145 Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Bishop James F. Checchio will preside at the Mass. Join us for this fun-filled day of food, music, prayer and reflection. All 7th - 12th graders are invited to come with their parish! The deadline to register is February 1, 2020.

The cost to attend is \$20. For more information, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/yyam>

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020

For Information and to Register: Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you suffering after an Abortion? Help is available! If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing: Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website:

<https://diometuchen.org/healing>.

HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION

Hope through Education, a newly incorporated independent nonprofit, was formed to significantly increase the tuition assistance available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties, to allow them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition. Hope through Education has the approval of Bishop James J. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission. The nonprofit is staffed, operational and already at work to increase the number of scholarships available to families with the greatest financial need. Information on how to apply will be available shortly. For more information, please contact Hope through Education at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL 16th ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Immaculata High School will host its 16th Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, February, 23, 2020 at the Immaculata Gym at 1 PM. If you plan to go to this Mass, please RSVP by https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/advancement/events/spartan_memorial_mass.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

2019 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: _____

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 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 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S TEACHING ABOUT SAME-SEX-ATTRACTION

Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (e mail: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCourage. Also visit the national website at Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

**St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid
Parish and
The Daughters of Mary
Present**

Musicalist and Comedian

Simon Mandal

**Saturday, February 29, 2020
Doors Open 7 PM
(Showtime approx. 8:15)
St. Brigid Church, St. Patrick Hall
129 Main Street, Peapack
Tickets \$37
includes Dinner from
The Pluckemin Inn**

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Name (s) _____

Contact No.: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$37 = _____

Checks or Cash with checks payable to: *Daughters of Mary*

For more information: Parish Office - 908.234.1265

Drop check or cash in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office,

129 Main Street, Peapack, NJ

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORNER

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME TO A FOSTER CHILD

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living.

Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential.

Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection.

All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child's expenses and support from experienced families.

For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF METUCHEN!

Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties.

*Donated vehicles are tax deductible.

*Free pick-up is available

*Vehicles do not need to be running.

Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATION BOX

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Boxes located in the parking lots of St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid Church

If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

WORD OF LIFE

"When parents say 'yes' to life for their child, they are saying 'yes' to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (Jn 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying 'yes' to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given for as long as it is given."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"

FIRST FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 2020 AT THE BLUE ARMY SHRINE

Begin your new year with Our Lord. Honor his request to St. Margaret Alacoque to spread devotion in the world for nine First Fridays in reparation for the offenses against his Most Sacred Heart. Please join us - the world needs this. Confessions 10:00 AM; Holy Rosary 11:30; Mass 12:00 PM; Exposition 12:45; Benediction 1:30. 674 Mt. View Rd. E, Asbury, NJ 08802 908-689-1700, ex. 224.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020-2021 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE JERSEY SHORE!

For the past few years, St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish has hosted a women's retreat for our parishioners and their guests. We decided that for this year, we would take a hiatus from developing and delivering a customized retreat and, instead, look at retreat options in the nearby vicinity to allow "all" of us to participate in spiritual reflection, prayer and communion with Our Lord. What better place to do so than at the Jersey Shore! St. Joseph by the Sea, a retreat house run by the Filippini Sisters in Mantoloking, is offering a "wellness weekend for women" May 15-17. If you are interested in an intimate, peaceful and serene ocean setting, providing an opportunity to renew yourself in body, mind, and soul, please consider attending. Availability is limited as there are only 20 rooms. Website is www.sjbsea.org for more information and registration; or feel free to contact Vera Ricciardi @ vricciardi@comcast.net or 908 361 1487 to further discuss.