

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

February 17 – February 23, 2020

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, February 17 ~ The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:25 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations

8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Bette Abaraham †

Tuesday, February 18 ~

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Josephine Monaco †

Wednesday, February 19 ~

8:25 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary

8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Giovanni Di Verde †

Thursday, February 20 ~

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carl LaGrassa †

Friday, February 21 ~ St. Peter Damian

8:25 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Special Intentions - Family of Vincent Barba L

Saturday, February 22 ~ The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Dr. Louis G. Ricciardi †

Sunday, February 23 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Anthony Bielawa †

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Cecelia & Matthew McGough †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Costatina Melchionda †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Dr. Cyrus Nucci †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Robert R. Leavy †

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: Ann Scott, George E. Black and Dolores Byro

HELP 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.

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH – FEBRUARY 22ND



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Brigid is being offered for the Special Intentions of **Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC**



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Elizabeth is being offered for the Special Intentions of **Sr. Mary Mark Smith, SCC**



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

PLEASE NOTE:



With cold and flu season here please keep in mind the following:

If you are sick (and this holds true at all times not just flu season) you should refrain from drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice, receiving the Body of Christ on the tongue and exchanging the Sign of Peace by shaking hands.



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

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
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Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteb.org
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For more information, call the Parish Office 908-234-1265

**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.

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.

**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

**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.

CAMP VERITAS 2020

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at five locations in 2020; June 29 – July 4 at Clongowes Wood college in Ireland; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-Aug 1 in Emmitsburg, MD; Aug2-7 in Lake Placid, FL and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/2020 and enrollment price for each week is only \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/20) are \$400 and \$450 after that. More details can found at www.campveritas.com.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING & 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.

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

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: _____

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. Contact the parish office at 908-234-1265 with any questions.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH: GRACE IN ACTION

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over our goal of \$230,000.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of campus ministry through the Catholic Center at Rutgers University. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 26, 2020



Distribution of Ashes:

9 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth

12 PM & 7 PM Mass St. Brigid

4:30 PM Prayer Service at St. Brigid

Bring all old Palms and place in the baskets in the back of Church.



FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

there will be Stations of the Cross at 7 PM at St. Brigid Church. Confessions will be heard during Stations of the Cross.



Consider participating in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl to share the journey of faith with members of our human family around the world and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need. Pick up a Rice Bowl from Church this week and return to Church during Holy Week. For more information check out: www.crsricebowl.org

WORD OF LIFE

“Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

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.

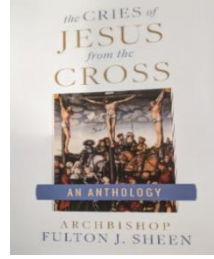
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SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB



This year, our parish's Spiritual Book Club will be reading our new book selection, **"The Cries of Jesus from the Cross"**, an Anthology written by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Jesus, who in His final hours gave us seven last "words", rich with spiritual meaning for every human soul. Archbishop Sheen shows how the seven words are a full catechism on the spiritual life.

We invite all parishioners to join the Spiritual Book Club, facilitated by Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC Charity. Attend the 9 AM Mass at St. Brigid Church and the session follows in the Parish Library every first, second and fourth Tuesday, to review and discuss our current book selection, which is purchased by the attendees.

Join us for a very enjoyable experience, while having the opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners.

If interested, or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.



SAVE THE DATE!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Friday, Friday, March 20th - St. Patrick Hall
More details to come!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Any student in Grades 3 through High School who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to come to an information session on Friday, February 28th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM or Saturday February 29 from 3 PM to 4 PM in St. Brigid Church. Confirmation Service hours are available for assisting in this ministry.

Training will be offered on:

_____ **Friday from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM in St. Brigid Church**
(March 6, March 13, March 20, and March 27)

_____ **Saturday from 3 PM to 4 PM in St. Brigid Church**
(March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28)

Students interested must register by calling the Parish Office at 908-234-1265 or complete the form and return it to the Parish Office prior to February 28th.

Child's Name: _____

Will attend _____ Friday _____ Saturday

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____

Phone Number: _____

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS—2020

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

~The days of *fast and abstinence* are

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

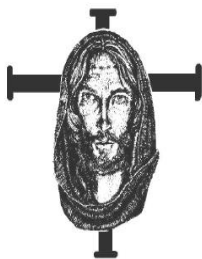
~All other Fridays of Lent are

days of abstinence.

~ From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger. The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat and all meat products.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.



A FRANCISCAN WAY OF THE CROSS (A Sacred Mystery Play)

On Friday, March 27th at 8 PM, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" in St. Brigid Church at 129 Main Street in

Peapack. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a "play" in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 8 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early. A free will offering will be taken.

This play will replace our regularly scheduled Stations.

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!

In the past, St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish has hosted a women's retreat for the parishioners and their guests. This year we looked at local retreat options to allow "all" of us to participate in spiritual reflection, prayer and communion with Our Lord. 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 @ vrizziardi@comcast.net or 908 361 1487.

COMING SOON!

ILLUSIONIST AND COMEDIAN SIMON MANDAL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 7 PM – ST. PATRICK HALL

Showtime approx. 8:15 PM

Tickets \$37 includes:
Dinner from The Pluckemin Inn & 50/50 Raffle

BYBO (no one under 21)

Bring an appetizer for your table

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Name(s) _____

Contact No.: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$37 = _____

Checks or cash with checks payable to: *Daughters of Mary*
Drop check or cash in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office, 129 Main Street, Peapack, NJ