

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

March 2, 2020 – March 8, 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, March 2 ~

8:25 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations
8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Robert O'Brien †

Tuesday, March 3 ~ St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Gallagher & Sikorski Families †/L

Wednesday, March 4 ~ St. Casimir

8:25 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary
8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Christopher Todd †

Thursday, March 5 ~

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Bienvenido C. Valencia †

Friday, March 6 ~

8:25 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Bienvenido C. Valencia †
7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Stations of the Cross & Confession

Saturday, March 7 ~ SS. Perpetua & Felicity

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Billy Zimmerman †
6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Maria D'Amico †

Sunday, March 8 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners
8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Ann & August Stadtmueller †
9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Lydia C. Sardea †
10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Special Intentions of Dr. Robert Nucci L
11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Mary & Patrick Cooper †

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

To add a name please call the Parish Office.

For the recently deceased: Mary Christensen and Mary Di Rienzo



PLEASE NOTE:

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.



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

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1ST – MARCH 7TH



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Brigid is being offered for the Special Intentions of

Sr. Chiara Marie Stimpfle, SCC



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Elizabeth is being offered for the Special Intentions of

Manuela Guimares, Postulant



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



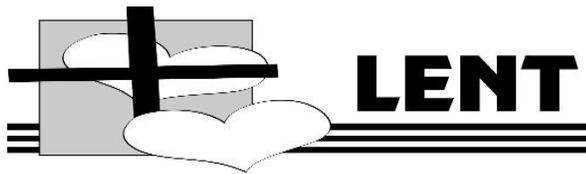
St. Elizabeth - St Brigid Mass Guild

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

February 2020

Edel Freitag
Jennifer Cheung
Brenda Renzulli
Joseph La Rosa
Dolores Byro

Walter & Mary Gronwald
Michael Renzulli
Denise Oshman
Vincent La Rosa, Sr.
Susan Goerger



1st SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

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

Pray the Rosary

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.

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.

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS



Catholics in China We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY - GENERAL MEETING

The next Daughters of Mary meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall. After a brief meeting and social, we will show the DVD "*Catholicism The Pivotal Players – St. Benedict the Monk*". All are welcome.



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; Aug 2-7 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

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.



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



SAVE THE DATE!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Friday, Friday, March 20th - St. Patrick Hall
See this week's insert to RSVP.

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: _____



Empowering
homeless families
to achieve
and maintain
independence

**IHN VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
SUNDAY MARCH 29
THROUGH SATURDAY
APRIL 4**

Our parish will host homeless families of Somerset County enrolled in the Interfaith Hospitality Network www.ihnsc.org. We are in need of volunteers to:

- Provide dinner
- Hospitality (sitting in the common room, being available to play with the children)
- Stay overnight (Must have completed Diocese of Metuchen background check)
- Provide lunch/snacks and supplies for kitchen, etc.

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals or families to get involved. If you are doing this for the first time training is available. If interested, please contact Breda Ryan-Blake at 773-255-2564.

**CARITAS CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERT
INTO YOUR HANDS**

Caritas Chamber Chorale will present a series of Lenten concerts of sacred music entitled *Into Your Hands*. Remembering Christ's passion and honoring those who have gone before us, this program features the Faure Requiem as well as works by Rheinberger and Gesualdo. Caritas Chamber Chorale is joined by Simply Strings and Wayne Dietterick on organ.

The concert will be presented:

· Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, Martinsville, NJ.

All concerts are free and open to the public. A freewill offering will benefit the St. Francis Caracciolo Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. Directed by Barbara Sanderman, Caritas Chamber Chorale is dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music. Visit www.caritaschamberchorale.org or call 732.718.0775 for additional dates and locations.

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: _____

E-Mail: _____

LENT HELP: GIVING UP TO GIVE MORE

DON'T BUY ANYTHING THAT YOU DON'T NEED. If you can live without it, we don't need it. Put the money saved in a jar and see how much we can save after 40 days. Put some into savings and/or donate the rest to our Parish or the missions.

NO GOSSIPING. If someone says something negative about another person, either say something nice or don't say anything at all.

SAY 3 ENCOURAGING THINGS TO SOMEONE EVERY DAY. You may think this is easy but try to say things that aren't the normal "Thanks" or "Good job". Try to do three out-of-the-box things: "I love how you always help the kids" or "I love how you work hard even when it is tough today."

REPLACE 30 MINUTES OF TV TIME (OR OTHER RECREATION) WITH 30 MINUTES OF DEVOTION OR PRAYER. Attend Mass, Stations of the Cross, read a devotional or the daily Lent Mass readings (with your family) and have a reflection/discussion about it. Even the young (and the young at heart) can learn and have fun doing this!

DO NOT COMPLAIN. Try to have a positive outlook on things. We don't realize how much we complain until we "give" ourselves to an attitude of gratitude.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10) Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**"

**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.

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" at St. Brigid Church, 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

LENTEN WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE SAINTS

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."

— St. John of the Cross

SAVE THE DATE!

COMMUNION BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, APRIL 26

HAMILTON FARM GOLF CLUB, POTTERSVILLE

DOORS OPEN 11 AM

MEN & WOMEN WELCOME

**GUEST SPEAKER: FR. EDWIN LEAHY, O.S.B.,
Headmaster, St. Benedict's Prep., Newark**

**Tickets \$45 for buffet breakfast (includes
complimentary valet parking)
Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffles**

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Name(s) _____

Contact No.: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$45 _____

Checks or cash with checks payable to:

Daughters of Mary

Drop check or cash in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office or mail to 129 Main Street, P O Box 33, Peapack, NJ 07977

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. Website is www.sjbysea.org for more information and registration; or feel free to contact Vera Ricciardi @ vricciardi@comcast.net or 908 361 1487.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

