

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

March 9, 2020 – March 15, 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, March 9 ~ St. Frances of Rome

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

8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Carmela & Antonio Puleo †

Tuesday, March 10 ~

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Patricia A. Riehman †

Wednesday, March 11 ~

8:25 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary

8:50 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Raymond D. Hickey †

Thursday, March 12 ~

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Rev. Msgr. Sean Cunneen †

Friday, March 13 ~

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 14 ~

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Ephraim S. Ackor †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Special Intentions of
James Zachman L

Sunday, March 15 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Umbelina Migueis †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Maureen McCullough
Caffrey †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Thomas & Victoria Sibilis †

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: Lillian Owens



PLEASE NOTE:

With the cold and flu season upon us, please refrain from shaking hands before or after Mass and at the sign of peace. Let's keep each other healthy! Thank you.

WHAT'S NEW?

As promised, we replaced the railings on the steps of Saint Brigid Church and Plaza. The new rails were sorely needed because the rusted and deteriorated old ones became a safety risk. The new rails are up to code and should last a couple of decades!

WHAT'S OLD?

Some parishioners have been amazed to see the "new altar" at St. Elizabeth Church. In fact, the green marble altar was originally set in place at St. Brigid Church about 50 years ago, following the Second Vatican Council. Subsequently it was transferred to St. Elizabeth Church. Recently, when we were changing the altar cloths, parishioners suggested that this altar not be fully covered until Easter or maybe later.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A new roof ... at the Parish Center will be installed in the Spring replacing the present 30-year-old roof.

A new heating system ... will be installed at St. Brigid Church due to the corrosion of the original heat pipes installed 84 years ago, in 1936!

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8th – MARCH 14th



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Brigid is being offered for the Special Intentions of Sr. Elena Pearce, SCC

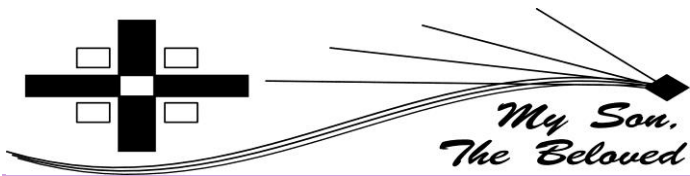


FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT there will be Stations of the Cross at 7 PM at St. Brigid Church. Confessions will be heard during Stations of the Cross.



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



2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My Beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

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
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Choir	Mary Lieberman Choir@sainteb.org
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For more information, call the Parish Office 908-234-1265

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.



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; 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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Please help support our local programs by donating Clothing, Shoes, and Household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

If you have any questions or have a larger pick up please call our toll free number 1-877-343-3651.

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

Twenty-four percent - \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.



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.

WHEN YOU DO YOUR ESTATE PLANNING PLEASE REMEMBER US

St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish - Far Hills & Peapack

WORD OF LIFE

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of Life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (*The Gospel of Life 28*).

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: _____

IHN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SUNDAY MARCH 29 THROUGH SATURDAY APRIL 4



Empowering
homeless families
to achieve
and maintain
Independence

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.

Concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering to benefit the St. Francis Caracciolo Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa will be taken. 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

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1 God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet god promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

**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.

LENTEN INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor – He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**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**

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." -- St. Peter Chrysologus

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

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.



Knights of Columbus ~Council 11386

Invites you to a Lenten Meal

Friday, March 20, 2020

5 PM to 8 PM

St. Patrick Hall~St. Brigid Church, Peapack

Menu: Baked or Fried Fish or Vegetarian Lasagna, Cole Slaw, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage; PLUS A Choice of French Fries or Mac & Cheese

Cost: Adults: \$20, Children 12 and under \$10 (Dine In/Take Out Available)

Return tear off in Sunday collection basket or to the Parish Center.

RSVP by March 15th to the Parish Office or to Abe at kofc11386@gmail.com

Tear Off And Return

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #11386

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please indicate number of meals: _____

Anticipated Arrival/Pickup Time: _____ Dine In _____ Take Out _____

Adults: Baked _____ Fried _____ Vegetarian Lasagna _____

Children: Fried _____ Vegetarian Lasagna _____

Anticipated Time of Arrival: _____ Dine In _____ or Take Out _____

Amount Enclosed: _____