

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

January 7, 2018- January 14, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, January 8 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Joseph Lembo †

Tuesday, January 9

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Julia Schaefer †

Wednesday, January 10

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: John Mooney †

Thursday, January 11

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Harold & Marie Jones †

Friday, January 12

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Cathleen Callaghan †

Saturday, January 13 ~ St. Hilary

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Patricia Finocchairo †
6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners

Sunday, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Patricia Finocchairo †
8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: August Stadtmueller †
9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Daniel Norbert Zeitler †
10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Cathleen M. Callahan †
11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Walter Rutkowski †



*Congratulations to
Nicole Bernardo and Christopher Boehme
Who were united in marriage on
December 30, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Church.
May their life together be filled with God's
abundant blessings.*



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

December

*Louis Gene Di Perna Marilyn Baumann
Laureana Abano Dean O'Hare*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13, 2018

St. Brigid ----- 5:00 PM
(E) Jennifer D'Andrea (R) Rosanne Schwab
(A) Max Orosz

St. Elizabeth ----- 6:30 PM
(E) Pat Reidel (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Ray Sternick

Sunday, January 14, 2018

St. Brigid ----- 7:30 AM
(E) Holland Kochanski (R) Bart Henderson
(A) Bobby & Audrey Henderson

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM
(E) Kathy Spinda (R) Joanne Howe
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 9:30 AM
(E) Barbara Carlson (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Isabelle Barsanti, Paul & Camille Leduc

St. Elizabeth ----- 10:30 AM
(E) Fred Grigni (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 11:30 AM
(E) Assistance Needed (R) Assistance Needed
(A) Luke & William Mahala

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, Lucy Napoliello, and Msgr. Sean Cunneen.

A time to die... Please pray for those who have recently passed away.

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6 Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

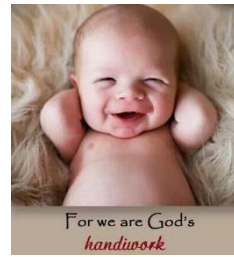
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12 After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
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	Tess Johnson Daughters_of_Mary@sainteb.org
Knights of Columbus	Abe Van Beveren III kofc11386@gmail.com or KofC@sainteb.org
Lectio Divina	Men: Jerry Tutak Lectio_M@sainteb.org Women: Vera Ricciardi Zachman Lectio@sainteb.org
Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteb.org
RCIA	Margaret Mulrooney ParishLife@sainteb.org
Religious Education	Denise O’Callaghan RelEd@sainteb.org
Reverence for Life	Kathy Marie Denuel RevforLife@sainteb.org

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 34 “Here we go again! hic! Another case hic! of the hiccups! ...hic! I have been practicing my breathing here in the womb and sometimes that causes me to have the hiccups! They sure do feel strange! Meanwhile, the fuzz

on my head that will become my hair is growing rapidly and I get excited to hear my mother’s voice as she sings to me. Those will probably be the same songs that I will hear as she sings me to sleep. My birthday is almost here! 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 prolifere 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.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Daughters of Mary on Wednesday, January 10th for our Movie Night. The featured film will be "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness". It stars Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens & Robert Donat. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM instead of 7 PM so that we will be able to see the movie in its entirety.

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).

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

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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through at personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. Knowing that we are not alone may give some strength and consolation.

A nine-week session will begin Monday, January 15th. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8 PM. There is no fee, but registration is required. Contact Deacon John Phalen 908-500-2050.

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.

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.

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.

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, Somerville, 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

Immaculate Conception Church
35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ.

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

Immaculate Conception School
41 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS AND PRO-VITA AWARDS

All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will present the 2018 Pro-Vita awards at this time.

This year's recipients are Kevin and Mary Dugan of Immaculate Conception in Somerville who are being recognized for their dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and beyond and Arlene Lippincott of St. Philip & St. James in Phillipsburg for her service to women facing unplanned pregnancies at Life Choices, Inc. in Phillipsburg.

Please plan to attend as a show of support for these pro-life champions! Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs.

Please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 or visit www.diometuchen.org for more information.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK



The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week from

January 7-14, 2018. We have celebrated National Migration Week in the United States for nearly 50 years. This week is an opportunity for us to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week culminates on the Vatican's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 14.

The theme for National Migration Week 2018 is "Many Journeys, One Family." This theme invites us to remember that each of our families has a migration story—some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. We celebrate this theme during the Share the Journey campaign, a global effort by the Church to show love to our migrant and refugee neighbors.

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

The Diocesan Emergency Assistance Program provides grants to parishes when their funds may be insufficient to help individuals who may be facing eviction, disconnection of utility services or other basic needs. The Together in Charity Collection is the sole source of funding for the Diocesan Emergency Assistance Program. The total collection is used to help parishes when they call to ask for assistance for individuals in need.

Last year 59 of parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance. In total, 437 households, consisting of 693 adults and 578 children, were helped by those who gave to the Together in Charity Collection. We thank you for your efforts that made last year's collection so successful!

The Diocesan Emergency Assistance Program has also helped in building strong relationships between many parishes and Catholic Charities Office of Parish Social Ministry. Please consider donating to the Together in Charity Collection which will take place during the second collection on January 13th and 14th. Your generosity will help many people throughout the diocese.

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!

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.

