

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

October 29, 2017- November 5, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Sr. Angeline Dal Corso, MPF †

Wednesday, November 1 ~ All Saints Day

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the parishioners †
12:10 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carl LaGrassa †
7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Jean Sucamele †

Thursday, November 2 ~ All Souls Day

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the souls in purgatory †

Friday, November 3 ~ First Friday, St. Martin de Porres

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Ann Lenora Mandelos †

Saturday, November 4 ~ St. Charles Borromeo

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Peter Cipparulo, Jr. †
6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Marie Jarecki †

Sunday, November 5 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

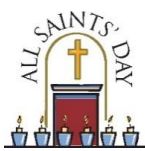
7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Augustine & Maria Aloia †
8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Mass Guild of
St. Elizabeth- St. Brigid
9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Deceased members of the
Kucinskis Family †
10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the parishioners
11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Anthony F. Peterson †

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5, 2017



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Brigid Church is being offered in memory of Cameron Calabrese & the deceased members of the Monaco Family as requested by Lina Calabrese

**Wednesday 11-17 All Saints Day is
A Holy Day of Obligation**
Masses Times:
St. Elizabeth 9AM
St. Brigid 12:10 PM and 7 PM



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, November 4, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 5:00 PM
(E) D. Agostino (R) C. Ross
(A) K. Watkins, N. Agostino

St. Elizabeth ----- 6:30 PM
(E) K. Blejwas (R) R. Schwab
(A) R. Sternick

Sunday, November 5, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 7:30 AM
(E) H. Kochanski (R) J. Henderickson
(A) J. Duesbout, A. Johnson

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM
(E) D. Karner (R) P. Riedel
(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid ----- 9:30 AM
(E) Assistance Needed (R) M. Ruggia
(A) M. Gaspar, C. Ruggia

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

St. Brigid ----- 11:30 AM
(E) L. Henderson (R) Assistance Needed
(A) L. & W. Mahala

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

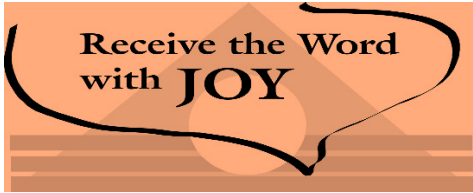
"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

A time to heal... Please pray for the sick of our parishes including: Elizabeth Kurylo, Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Dave Martin, Edmond Roachat, Jr., 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, and Nancy Santucci.

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

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: EXODUS 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
Bible Study/Book Club	Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC AdultEd@sainteob.org
Choir	Mary Lieberman Choir@sainteob.org
Couples in Christ	Gabriella Daus ParishLife@sainteob.org
Daughters of Mary	Tess Johnson Daughters_of_Mary@sainteob.org
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Lectio Divina	Men: Jerry Tutak Lectio_M@sainteob.org Women: Vera Ricciardi Zachman Lectio@sainteob.org
Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteob.org
RCIA	Margaret Mulrooney ParishLife@sainteob.org
Religious Education	Denise O'Callaghan RelEd@sainteob.org
Reverence for Life	Kathy Marie Denuel RevforLife@sainteob.org

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

ALL SOULS DAY MESSAGE 2017

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,


On All Souls Day we pray for all the souls in purgatory and most especially our departed loved ones. We recommit ourselves to pray for them on a regular basis. I encourage you to pray for your loved ones who have died as you would want others to pray for you after your death. We believe that our prayers, our sacrifices and especially Masses offered for the dead will be rewarded when they join the community of saints and speak to God on our behalf.

This of course is our Catholic understanding which the Church has always taught concerning our movement toward heaven. Although the word purgatory is never used in the Bible, the doctrine of purgatory is clearly present in the teaching of the Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments. Purgatory is the state where holy souls destined for heaven are given an opportunity to be purified; fine-tuned; made perfect, in order to behold God and live with God forever in heaven.

We have regularly prayed the words of Psalm 103: "The Lord is kind and merciful." This truth is most especially evident by the precious gift of God --- the precious opportunity to be made perfect for our eternal life in heaven through the purifying state of purgatory. In so doing, Jesus most assuredly keeps his promise: "It is the will of him who sent me that I should lose nothing of what he has given me" (John 6:39).

In Christ Jesus, Our Lord,
Reverend Monsignor Edward C. Puleo

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

 On Saturday, November 11 at the 6:30 PM Mass in St. Elizabeth we will have a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died in our parish and our families during the past year. If you would like your loved one's name read during the Mass, please return this form by November 9th so that your loved one's name may be included. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.

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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

Parishioner Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 24 "My auditory functions are done developing and my inner ear has grown to its full size. That means that when people talk, I can hear them completely. I enjoy the sounds of my parents' voices and even the sounds of music and rain. It's wonderful to know that hearing is just one of the many precious gifts that God will give me throughout my lifetime. Please pray that I will experience the most precious gift of all, LIFE."

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

2017 Autumn Tricky Tray benefiting the Foundation for Catholic Education

November 10, 2017

**DoubleTree by Hilton, 200
Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ**

No one under 18 will be admitted. No admission tickets sold at the door.



Treat yourself to a great evening out with family and friends—great food, music and prizes galore to win! Admission tickets are \$60 and include a 3-course sit-down dinner. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm, and we begin calling prizes at 8:00 pm. For reservations and details on Tricky Tray Tier Ticket and Bundle prices, email tricky.tray@diometuchen.org, call 732-562-2438 or purchase online at www.diometuchen.org/trickytray.

2017 Autumn Tricky Tray proceeds support tuition aid for deserving children attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Metuchen.



FALL BRUNCH

The Legal Center for Defense of Life invites you to our Fall Brunch: **Madison Hotel, Victorian Room Convent Station, NJ, Sunday, November 12, 2017 11 AM – 2 PM.** The guest speaker will be Father Frank Pavone, founder and president of the national organization, Priests for Life. There is a suggested donation of \$65. We hope that you, your family, and friends will join us.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Questions? Contact: Maria Allen (908) 443-1802 | sesb@boldym.com

YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE

Bishop James Checchio will concelebrate the Youth Rally & Mass for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Capital One Arena starting at approximately 6:45 AM prior to the March for Life. Anyone wishing to attend must request tickets through the Respect Life Office 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. The deadline for requests is Tuesday, October 31, 2017. For more information on the Youth Rally & Mass please visit www.youthrallyandmassforlife.org



AN EVENING OF PRAYER, WORSHIP AND MUSIC WITH JOSH BLAKESLEY

November 12, 2017, 5 PM – 8 PM
For students in Grades 8 – 12

**Immaculata High School
240 Mountain Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876**

Come join us for a wonderful evening with Josh Blakesley which will also include Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. For more information call or email youth.ministry@diometuchen.org – 732-243-4575.

CALLED TO SERVE ...

"Consistent with the Holy Father's call for the faithful to embrace our sisters and brothers in need, and to extend our hospitality to all, the Parish has partnered with the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County ("IHN") to host their homeless clients for Thanksgiving Week. Our hosting activities begin on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, and end on the Sunday morning following the holiday. Our guests (who can number up to 12, including children) are clients of IHN, an organization dedicated to the care and social rehabilitation of families that find themselves homeless.

IHN carefully screens all families it admits into the program, and has had tremendous success with its efforts. We will host the families at St. Patrick's Hall and the adjacent school lower floor between 5:30 PM and 6 AM each day. We will serve and enjoy dinner with the families and the attendant fellowship. We need volunteers for two important aspects: (1) to help prepare, serve and enjoy the meals and social time with our guests; and (2) to stay overnight with our guests (folding beds will be provided, and each family and overnight parishioner has a separate room). To inquire further into volunteering, please contact Bill Mosca at 908-41-7379, or e-mail to wmosca@bmg.law. Once we have secured our volunteers, we will set up a greeting/training meeting with our IHN representative. Thank you."

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; PFC Sean McMahan of the US Army, friend of The LaPointe family; 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.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY MEETING



All ladies of the parish come join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 8th from 7 PM-9 PM in St. Patrick's Hall in St. Brigid's Parish Center.** We will collect donations for the VETS in Basking Ridge and discuss our many community service projects.

A TASTE OF TUSCANY UPDATE

Due to the overwhelming response, we have reached our capacity for this event. We may place future requests on a wait-list and you will be notified in case of any cancellations. Regretfully, we will not be able to accommodate any reservations at the door.

CAN YOU ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS?



Are you a warm and welcoming individual? Do you enjoy making others feel comfortable? Do you want to give back to our Parish for giving so much to you?

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, we would like to invite you to be a part of a new group forming in our Parish – the Welcoming Committee. Finding great joy in celebrating the Eucharist as a parish doesn't happen by accident – it happens on purpose. And there are many ways that we as a parish community would like to bring our parishioners closer to Christ and each other.

We are looking for people of all ages and backgrounds to help formulate and guide our program. If you are able to commit to a few hours a month and have ideas to share - please reach out to Ginny Brach @ginny.brach@yahoo.com. Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 5th at 7 PM in the Parish Center Library.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:



St. Ann Parish in Raritan invite you to a concert: *Fr. Alphonse Stepheson and The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea* Including Christmas, Broadway, Opera & Classical music alike!

Sunday, December 17th 2 PM
Somerset County Vocational School
14 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater, NJ

Tickets are only available through advanced purchase. Orchestra \$35/Balcony \$30. To purchase tickets call 908-725-1008, ext. 104

PRAYER FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE

God of infinite love, open wide our hearts and minds
that we might be worthy advocates
for the voiceless and vulnerable.

Give us the courage of will
to remain vigilant to the unborn.

The generosity of heart
to offer support to the sick.

The constant desire
to be present to the elderly.

The abundance of love
to be committed to the disabled.

The perseverance to seek
and find the lost and forgotten.

Lord and Giver of life,
in your love and mercy,
keep us safe in your care as we strive to offer
comfort to others in your name.

May we always keep before us
the challenge to recognize
the face of Jesus in all those we meet.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

~by Reverend John G. Hillier, October 1, 2013

DISASTER RELIEF DONATIONS

In the wake of the recent hurricanes that devastated Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas, and the deadly earthquakes in Mexico, Bishop Checchio has asked that the diocesan-wide Disaster Relief Collection, be extended through November 23rd. All monies collected will be used to assist victims of these recent natural disasters, working with local Catholic relief and recovery agencies in the affected regions. Please continue to pray for all hurricane and earthquake victims, especially for the deceased and for families who have lost a loved one. **You may donate online at <http://diometuchen.org> or write a check made payable to "Diocese of Metuchen" with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line and mail to: Diocese of Metuchen, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191**

HEARING ASSISTANCE LISTENING SYSTEM

The system includes portable receivers which may be borrowed and returned following Mass (or purchased for those who wish to own their own receiver). If you are interested in testing the system, please contact Margaret (908-234-1265) to make arrangements to pick the receiver up before Mass and to return it after Mass or to make arrangements to order a personal receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Academy of St. Elizabeth

November 9, 2017 - 7:00 PM

2 Convent Rd, Convent Station, NJ 07960
(973) 290-5225

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

Saturday, November 4, 2017

44 Blackburn Road, Summit, NJ 07901

Contact Suzanne Kimm Lewis (908) 522-8109

SAVE THE DATE!



Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is preparing for its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, 2017 (1:30 PM - 3:30 PM) at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. We ask that you contact us as soon as possible to reserve a place for you and/or your group (children/young adults with special needs and their families/caregivers). Please call 732-765-6432 or Email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

You're Invited!

so please...

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Crisis for Christians in the Middle East

An inter-faith daytime forum with religious, civic and academic leaders
**Coming Home From Genocide: Protection, Reconstruction & Inclusion
For Middle East Christians In The Post Isis Era**

*Conference mission: To analyze the challenges facing
Middle Eastern Christians and examine solutions to overcome them.*

Confirmed Speakers Include:

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus

His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder

Nina Shea, The Hudson Institute

Congressman Christopher Henry Smith (R-NJ)

Bashar Matti Warda, Archbishop of Erbil, Iraq

Former Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA)

**3 West Club
3 West 51 Street
New York, New York**



Invitation to follow



Founded by Amanda Bowman, The Anglosphere Society is an independent, non-profit, educational, membership organization whose mission is to strengthen the principles and historic values of the English-speaking peoples: democracy, the rule of law, freedom of speech and freedom of religion. We hold forums with industry, government and media leaders on important Anglosphere issues. We encourage the US/UK alliance through events relating to the arts, finance and security. We foster human networks and personal bonds that stimulate discussion on key topics of the day.

TAS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.