

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

January 15- January 22, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (ℒ) Living

Monday, January 16

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Julia & Patrick
McCrory †

Tuesday, January 17 ~ St. Anthony

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Henry Pedersus †

Wednesday, January 18

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Victoria Sibilia †

Thursday, January 19

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Crino Family †

Friday, January 20 ~ St. Fabian

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Pino Family †

Saturday, January 21 ~ St. Agnes

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: John Moran †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Margaret Cumiskey †

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Manuel Gafanhao †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Ellen O'Brien †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Charles Parente †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Frank Waldron †



*Congratulations to the following children
Baptized in St. Brigid Church this past weekend:*

Donald James Sciarretta

Child of Jessica & Dominic Sciarretta

Agnes Bogart Nuzzo

Child of Scott & Amy Nuzzo

"God comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others."

— Pope Francis, Misericordiae vultus,

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 21, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 5:00 PM

(E) T. & D. Terracino (R) C. Ross
(A) K. Watkins

St. Elizabeth ----- 6:30 PM

(E) K. Blejwas (R) R. Schwab
(A) R. Sternick

Sunday, January 22, 2017

St. Brigid ----- 7:30 AM

(E) H. Kochanski (R) J. Hendrickson
(A) A. Johnson

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM

(E) D. Karner (R) P. Riedel
(A) C. Moreau

St. Brigid ----- 9:30 AM

(E) D. Sotolongo (R) B. Peterson
(A) C. & M. Ruggia

St. Elizabeth ----- 10:30 AM

(E) D. Agostino (R) **Assistance Needed**
(A) N. Agostino

St. Brigid ----- 11:30 AM

(E) F. & G. Paez (R) A. Bowman
(A) P. Leduc, 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 Rochat, Jr., Ann Buttacavoli, Victoria Gass, Barbara Giarretta, Phyllis Munstis, Mike Tocci, Magdalena Mendez, Kathryn Zacharias, Mary Hanlon, John Gallagher, Dottie Brienza, Marian Pote, Richard LaPointe, Michael Weiss, Pamela Palma, and Robert Butler.

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

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
Bible Study/Book Club	Sr. Lucille Pezzlo MPF AdultEd@sainteab.org
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Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteab.org
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Religious Education	Denise O’Callaghan RelEd@sainteab.org
Reverence for Life	Kathy Marie Denuel RevforLife@sainteab.org

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



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 McMahon of the US Army, friend of The LaPointe family; John Walker of the Air Force, grandson of Bernard & Joan O’Reilly; ~~Evan Malanga Army, son of Annette Malanga;~~ Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Charlie & Pina Jibilian.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



The free throw competition is sponsored by the **St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish Knights of Columbus # 11386.**

It will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017 (Snow Date: January 28th) from 3 PM until 4 PM, at Peapack Gladstone Municipal Gym, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ. All Boys and Girls from Ages 9- 14 are invited to participate.

Open Registration is 3 PM. No registration fee. Contestants are **required** to bring a birth certificate for proof of age and provide a current email address and cell phone number of their parent or legal guardian so that winners may be contacted for subsequent rounds. Prizes will be awarded to the first place finishers in each competition. Winners are eligible to advance to the District Championship in February and the State Championship in March.

For up-to-the-minute contest information and links to the official contest rules and past national champions, visit: <http://kofc11386.org/activities>

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Jim Kearney at (908) 672-9950 or via email at jjkearn@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY



NEXT High School Night: January 24th!

Lots of food, fun, faith, and friends!

Come on out!



Maria Allen - (908) 443-1802 - sesb@boldym.com

DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD?

Are you, or do you know someone, who is considering a vocation to the Priesthood? The St. John Vianney House of Discernment will begin meetings this fall and winter to assist you in your journey. The dates and Topics of our Meetings are as follows:

Jan.18th - "Q & A with Seminarians"

Meetings are for those 16 and up and are held from 7:30-9:00 pm. Please consider attending any or all of the meetings. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@diometuchen.org or call (732)-562-2457.

2016 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: _____

Email Address: _____

SUPPORT GROUP FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Are you separated or divorced? Do you know someone who is? The Divorced and Separated Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights is offering a twelve week support group designed to provide comfort and healing before, during, and after the divorce process. The group will meet on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM to 9 PM beginning February 15 and will continue through May 10.

The program features video presentations from The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide followed by discussion. Some of the topics covered are: Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, and Relearning How to Date. The group is open to all denominations. Registration is required.

For more information and to register, please see the church's website lfbhnj.org, contact divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call the church office at 908-464-1585.



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages

RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next program is scheduled for February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information please call the Family Life Office 732-562-1990 x4573 or Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

KERYGMA RETREAT A CATHOLIC BIBLE-BASED RETREAT

January 27 – 29, 2017

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

Fee is \$25. For more info and online registration:
www/diometuchen.org/evangelization/courses.

2017 MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, DC



The March for Life begins with a Rally at noon on the Mall in Washington on Friday, January 27, 2017. Please check:

www.marchforlife.org for more

information. The pro-life pilgrimage to the nation's capital aims to have a maximum impact on elected leaders; and marchers have an opportunity to visit with their Congressional delegates in order to press their pro-life message.

Bishop Checchio will be traveling to Washington, DC to concelebrate at the opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Thursday and concelebrating at the Youth Mass and Rally for life at the Verizon Center on January 27th.

RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON, NJ

The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the rally on Monday, January 23, 2017. 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. For any questions or if you would like to reserve a seat call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org.

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BISHOPS TO
END ABORTION

9 DAYS FOR
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9 DAYS FOR LIFE 2017

The U.S. bishop's annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

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

SPREADING THE WORD

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

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.



THANK YOU NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

Our Christmas Party for children with disabilities sponsored by our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities was a huge success thanks to your generous support and participation as well as the assistance of many Parish Advocates and volunteers. More than 300 people gathered at our diocesan center for the festive occasion. Dozens of other disabled children unable to attend also received gifts thanks to your contributions to the Christmas Giving Tree.

God bless each and everyone who helped make this a memorable occasion for countless children and young adults.

God bless you,

Father Hillier & the Volunteers

Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities

SCHOOL OF ST. ELIZABETH—BERNARDSVILLE
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2017-18!



The School of St. Elizabeth is an exceptional and inspirational faith-based school where children are happy and successful. Our curriculum offers rigorous academics combined with traditional Catholic values. We will

be hosting an Open House with parent tour guides who will be available to give you first hand testimonials about St. Elizabeth School on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 9-11 AM. Private Tours are also offered daily at 9:30 AM.

The School of St. Elizabeth incorporates various forms of modern technology, while encouraging our passionate staff to utilize their natural ability to inspire students. We challenge our teachers to use various learning methods to suit every child. This includes initiatives such as our highly successful "flipped math classroom" in grades 6-8. We employ teaching methods which teach the individual how to learn so they can use their particular skills to their own best advantages.

The best way to find out more about the School of St. Elizabeth is to come and visit us. Having a look around and meeting our welcoming staff will help you to decide whether St. E's is the perfect school for your family. If you would like to schedule a private tour and a meeting with Mr. Venezia, contact Mrs. Jean Jackson~ 908-766-0244, ext. 12 or e-mail jacksonj@steschool.org.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS AND PRO-VITA AWARDS

All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 12 Noon at the St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen.

Bishop Checchio will present the 2017 Pro-Vita awards at this time. This year's recipients are James and Deborah Vokral who are being recognized for their service to women facing unplanned pregnancies at Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen and Robert L. Keeling, Jr. of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Whitehouse Station for his dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and beyond.

Please plan to attend as a show of support for these pro-life champions! Following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs. Please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY
ST. ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID
GOT TALENT SHOW



WEDNESDAY ~FEBRUARY 8, 2017 at 7 PM

Rehearsal date to be announced.
Are you a great singer or play a musical instrument?
Do you juggle pretty well? A magician, comedian?

The Saint Brigid – Saint Elizabeth Parish Talent Show sponsored by the Daughters of Mary is looking for acts! The Talent Show will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 during the Daughters of Mary Annual Wrapped in Red Fundraiser. We're hoping to have acts that are approximately 3 to 5 minutes long to perform. This is not a competition but an opportunity to have fun and showcase your talents. *(The music, the attire and the act itself must be appropriate to a family atmosphere.)*

If interested, please fill out the form below and return to it to the Parish Office by January 20th or email Tess Johnson (tessanto@aol.com) or Margaret Mulrooney (ParishLife@sainteb.org).

Performer(s) name(s): _____

If a student(s), please indicate Grade you are in:

Name: _____ Grade(s) _____

Name: _____ Grade(s) _____

Description of Act:

Performer phone# _____

Email _____

If student, parent phone# _____

Email _____