



Holy Week Schedule 2017

*St. Elizabeth Church~ 34 Peapack Rd Far Hills
St. Brigid Church ~129 Main St. Peapack*

Palm Sunday ~April 9

Masses:

*5:00 PM Vigil, April 8th at St. Brigid Church
6:30 PM Vigil at St. Elizabeth Church
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM at
St. Brigid Church
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Church*

Monday ~April 10

*Daily Mass 9 AM at St. Elizabeth Church
7:30 PM~ Chrism Mass ~ Blessing of the Holy Oils
At St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen*

Tuesday ~April 11

Daily Mass 9 AM at St. Brigid Church

Wednesday ~April 12

Daily Mass 9 AM at St. Elizabeth Church

Holy Thursday ~April 13

*7:30 PM Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
At St. Brigid Church
Adoration to follow until 10 PM in St. Brigid Church*

Good Friday ~April 14

*3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
with the distribution of Holy Communion*

At St. Elizabeth Church

7 PM Stations of the Cross

At St. Elizabeth Church

Holy Saturday ~April 15

7:30 PM Solemn Easter Vigil at St. Brigid Church

Easter Sunday~ April 16

Masses:

*St. Elizabeth Church: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
St. Brigid Church: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Simulcast in St. Patrick Hall*



Friday evenings during Lent there will be Mass at 7 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM at St. Brigid Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during Stations of the Cross.

I will put my Spirit within you



and you shall live

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

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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; Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Charlie & Pina Jibilian.



FOR THE WEEK OF 4/2 - 4/9, 2017

Altar Bread and Wine at St. Brigid Church are being offered For the Special Intentions of Msgr. Sean Cunneen on the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly ordination.

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.

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: _____



Monday, April 10, 2017

**Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,
 32 Elm St., Metuchen ~ 7:30 PM**

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass.

MSGR. RICHARD A. BEHL MEMORIAL PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP AWARD

A memorial pro-life leadership award has been established to honor the memory of Msgr. Richard Behl. Msgr. Behl served for many years as the Chairman of the Diocesan Commission for Pro-Life Action. His commitment to the sanctity of human life and his leadership in pro-life ministry were an inspiration to many. Applications for the award are now being accepted. Applicants must be a Junior or Senior in High School and must be active in pro-life ministry in a leadership role. For additional eligibility requirements and application form, visit: <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/events/>. The Award in the amount of \$500 will be announced at our Annual Respect Life Contest Mass & Luncheon this May. The deadline for all submissions is April 13, 2017.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Please come join us on *Good Friday*, April 14th, for *Living Stations of the Cross*, 7pm at St. Elizabeth Church

6th-12th graders! We Need You!

We need you to help us prayerfully enter into the final moments of Jesus' life and to meditate on God's extreme mercy and love for us.

How? We need Volunteers - Volunteers who will perform the different parts of the Stations of the Cross, (e.g. Jesus, Mary, Pilate, soldiers, Veronica, etc.), read, or help behind the scenes. *(Counts as service hours!)*

Please let me know if you are interested!

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

SIGN UP at boldym.com/sesb/signup



*Congratulations to
Courtney Lyons & Scott Kaylor
Who were united in marriage on
March 25, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Church.
May their life together be filled with God's
abundant blessings.*

summer CAMP

CAMP VERITAS 2017

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 three USA locations in 2017: July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. The enrollment price of each week is \$450 per camp. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

Have you suffered an abortion?

Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call 877-586-4621

THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST SAVE THE DATE



Communion Breakfast June 4, 2017
Sponsored by the Daughters of Mary of
St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish.
To take place after the 9:30 AM Mass
at St. Brigid Church
At the Basking Ridge Country Club
185 Madisonville Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
SPEAKER: Bishop James F. Checchio, Bishop of
Metuchen

Men and Women are invited to attend.

For more information contact the Parish Office at 908-234-1265

Tickets will be sold before and after all Masses during the month of May.



The next meeting of the Daughters of Mary will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. (It is one week earlier than usual due to Easter Sunday falling on April 16th, and our regular meeting time occurring during Holy Week) At this meeting we will have a Lectio Divina discussion led by Monsignor Puleo. Our social will consist of desserts provided by the membership. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Please join us for this spiritual discussion and share in the Christian fellowship we all enjoy.

LET'S NOT FORGET ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 8-9 2017

The second collection next weekend is for the Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 26 retired priests, as well as for our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.



EASTER HAM ROUND UP

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting hams after the Masses at both churches on Sunday, April 9th. Hams and turkeys that are frozen, fresh, canned or smoked will be accepted.

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS—2017

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.

BISHOP CHECCHIO'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop James F. Checchio's first Pastoral Letter, *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of our World*, is now available. Published in a special March 2 edition of *The Catholic Spirit*, the letter is a reflection of Bishop Checchio's pastoral visits to parishes, Catholic schools, institutions and ministries of the diocese since his May 3, 2016 ordination and installation. Based on his conversations with clergy, religious and the lay faithful and his personal observations, it outlines the priorities that emerged and which call for our attention as we go forward in the Church of Metuchen. Please pick up a copy of Bishop Checchio's Pastoral Letter after Mass or read it online at diometuchen.org and catholicspirit.com.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA. To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$124,657.05 and payments totaling \$111,757.05 from 166 parishioners. This represents 56.9% of our \$219,000 goal.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

Lord God,

You appointed St. Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation to the nations.

May his example and prayers inspire the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to become Ambassadors for Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds and be witnesses to the hope that does not disappoint.

You have given each of us different gifts and made us your stewards to generously share on earth the blessings we have received through your goodness so that the world may be reconciled to you.

May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our constant encouragement so that we may be

worthy ambassadors for your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.