

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

July 23, 2017- July 30, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (ℒ) Living

Monday, July 24 ~ St. Sharbel Makhluf

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

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: August F. Ventura †

Tuesday, July 25 ~ St. James

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday, July 26 ~ Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Jack Sadlon †

Thursday, July 27

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carmela & Salvatore
Monaco †

Friday, July 28

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

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: The O'Callaghan Family ℒ

Saturday, July 29 ~ St. Martha

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Joseph Jasontek †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Peter Gareth †

Sunday, July 30 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Alan Vaughn †

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Jean Sucamele †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Clare Shenko ℒ

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Anthony & Mary
Mancuso †

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." – Matthew 13:24, 37-38. As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, July 29, 2017

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

(E) E. Van Arsdale (R) L. Schneider

(A) Assistance Needed

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

(E) V. Zachman (R) J. Zachman

(A) R. Sternick

Sunday, July 30, 2017

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

(E) H. Kochanski (R) S. Santucci

(A) Assistance Needed

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

(E) K. Spinda (R) J. Howe

(A) Assistance Needed

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

(E) B. Carlson (R) A. Bowman

(A) M. Orosz, M. Gaspar

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

(E) F. Grigni (R) R. Schwab

(A) Assistance Needed

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

(E) F. & G. Paez (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 Rochat, 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, Joan Beam, Diane DeSantos, Charlie Blake, Barbara Ryan, Cheryl Huberdeau, Collin Perrone, and Larry Gaffney.

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

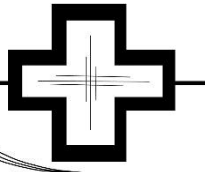
PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

Lapsed Christians.



That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16- 19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26- 27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.

SAINT ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
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Religious Education	Denise O’Callaghan RelEd@sainte.org
Reverence for Life	Kathy Marie Denuel RevforLife@sainte.org

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



**MISSION APPEAL
JULY 29-30
SECOND COLLECTION**

The Passionist Missionaries goal is to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus Christ by witnessing and preaching to the sufferings of our time. Through their projects in Kenya, they are able to evangelize and promote integral human development. Their projects involve programs and activities for alleviating poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment of the communities they serve. They have 40 seminarians, they run two orphanages with 70 orphans, and they support poor widows in their missions. They organize and preach retreats for both religious and lay Faithful. Your generous support continues their mission affecting a positive change in people's daily lives and the hope for a better tomorrow.

Next weekend of July 29 & 30 we will have Fr. Gilbert Omolo, CP a Passionist priest from Kenya who will share his mission story with us. Please mark your donation Mission Appeal--Kenya

If you find time this week, please visit www.Passionistskenya.org to read about the Passionist’s work with the orphans, the Seminarians and the people of Kenya.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 10 “My brain is very big compared to the rest of my body right now. That’s all part of God’s design. My body is so big that you could cradle me in a soup spoon and my legs would hang off the end! Can you believe how far I’ve come in just 10 weeks? - From microscopic to over 5cm in such a short time! Pretty soon my mommy will need to start wearing some clothes that give me a little more growing room. Please pray for me.”

Pray for Unborn Human Life



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION
SPIRITUALLY ADOPT-A-BABY**

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

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.

“Support inclusion in your children’s schools. Not every parent wants it; not every child is best served by it. But a default status in which ‘normal’ children inhabit one reality and ‘disabled’ children another reality breeds isolation and ignorance.” Diocesan Office of Persons with Disabilities



2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-8.

You can choose from two Sunday morning sessions, either 8:15 AM to 9:25 AM or from 10 AM to 11:10 AM. Registration forms were e-mailed home and are also located at the back of both churches. Feel free to email, mail or drop off your completed forms and payment to the Parish Center. If you need additional forms, please contact the office at (908) 234-1524. Returning students who did not register by June 1, 2017 may be required to pay a late fee of \$50.

For students transferring from another Parish’s Religious Education Program or from a Catholic school please include a letter of verification indicating grade levels completed, sacramental history, progress reports and certificates of Baptism and First Holy Communion.

FIND NEARBY CHURCHES



For information on Catholic Churches while you are traveling: Visit www.masstimes.org Remember to bring home a bulletin or two to share what is happening in other churches.



RETROUVAILLE SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

SOMERSET HOTEL

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 sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is September 15-17, 2017. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

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Come Join Us!

WATER GAMES!

Don't miss out! Please sign up to let us know you are coming!
boldym.com/sesb/signup

Incoming 6th-9th graders!
Friday, July 28th
7pm
St. Brigid Church

Contact Maria Allen with any questions!
sesb@boldym.com (908) 443-1802

BECOME AN APOSTLE OF PRAYER

Become an Apostle of Prayer by giving a 2-3 minute daily commitment. Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is seeking people to become Apostles of Prayer - offering prayers each day for those who make requests through our 24 hour prayer line. As a member of the apostolate, you would make a commitment to pray the Prayer for Persons with Earthly Crosses, at least once a day or more often if possible. (A copy of the prayer will be sent to you). If you are interested in participating in this prayer ministry, please contact our Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or e-mail: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com and leave your name, telephone number and mailing address.

MONTHLY MASSES AT HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Monthly Masses will be celebrated from June through November at Our Lady Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery. The Masses will be celebrated on Saturdays at 8 AM. The next 2 Masses scheduled are on August 12th and September 9th. Please plan to join us. All are welcome. Holy Cross Cemetery is located at 145 Mount Airy Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. For additional information, please call 908-766-0079 X 0.



JULY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER HONORING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

Most Precious Blood of Life Eternal, price of sinful man's redemption, by whose saving streams the thirst of souls is quenched, and their stains are washed away, Thou Who dost plead the cause of man before the throne of infinite mercy, from the depths of my heart I adore Thee and desire, as much as lies in my power, to make atonement for the injuries and insults that are constantly offered Thee by mankind, and especially by those who rashly dare to blaspheme Thee. Who will not bless and praise this Blood of infinite value? Whose soul would not be inspired with love for Jesus Who shed It all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this Divine Blood? And what drew Thee from the veins of my Savior even to the last drop? It was love! O boundless love, which has given us this saving balm! O priceless balm, welling from the fount of immeasurable love! Grant that all hearts and tongues may praise Thee, magnify Thee, and give Thee thanks, now and throughout all ages. Amen. www.catholicculture.org



SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4 PM.

Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by accessing the diocesan website: <http://diometuchen.org/marriage-enrichment/>. Kindly note that this form can be typed on and printed out but cannot be forwarded. If you wish to keep the information it must be SAVED AS a word document in your computer. Forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office.

Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration Friday, September 1st. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed. For further information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 x 1705 or 4573 / mfonseca@diometuchen.org



For more information contact OLPH at 908-766-0079

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

It's not too late to participate in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In addition to our parish goal, we are looking to achieve our non-monetary goal of 100% participation. A gift from every household, no matter the size, will make a powerful statement about our commitment to our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift today. Mail your pledge to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

REBOOT LIVE!

a life-changing event for parish and family

Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ, is hosting **REBOOT LIVE!**, a life-changing event for parish and family featuring internationally acclaimed Speaker & Author, Chris Stefanik on November 7, 2017 from 7-9:30 PM. We expect this event to sell out fast. Tickets just \$20! Sign up today. For more information or to purchase your ticket: www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 908.725.1112.

SAINTS JOAQUIN AND ANNE FEAST DAY JULY 26TH



Saints Joaquin (sometimes spelled "Joachim," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them

in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored.

Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joaquin and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that.

Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joaquin and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God. <http://www.catholic.org/saints>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Have you been baptized Catholic or Christian as a child, or have never been baptized? Or you haven't celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a friendly and accepting setting.

Interested, then these sessions are for you. **We will meet every Monday evening in the Parish Center at 7 PM** beginning September 25. Participation and completion of these sessions will prepare you to receive the needed Sacraments of Initiation.

Anyone interested in the RCIA program should contact Margaret Mulrooney at the Parish Office at 908-234-1265 or speak with Msgr. Puleo after Mass.



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