

*Third Sunday of Easter
April 15th, 2018*

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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. Elizabeth empowered by the Holy Spirit, are the instrument that enables all, bound together in love and thanksgiving to realize that the Lord is our Savior. This is achieved through worship, the proclamation of the Word, mutual concern and service.

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Sundays 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekdays..... 8:00 am & 12:05 pm
Saturdays..... 12:05 pm only
First Friday.....11:00 am Holy Hour
Holidays 9:00 am only

Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday
After the Noon Mass

Saturday
3:00 - 3:45 pm or call for an appointment.

Ministry to the Sick

Homebound

Please let us know of any parishioners, unable to attend church wishing to receive the Sacraments - Anointing of the Sick & Communion.

Hospital Visitation

Present privacy regulations require the family to notify the parish of hospitalized parishioners. Please call the Rectory Office to arrange a visit.

Baptism

Contact the rectory Office for date and Preparation Class

Parish Membership

We welcome new members to our parish. Registering helps us know you are one of us. Please contact the Rectory Office.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory Office at least one year in advance.



MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Easter Week of April 14- 21 2018

Saturday April 14th

4:00 pm Francisco Tot Villani ~ Villani Family

Sunday April 15th

8:00 am John & Mary Kuktik (Wedding Anniversary) ~
John Kuktik

10:00 am Sophia & Gregory Demianczyk ~ daughter

12:00 pm Thomas H. Crowhurst ~ friends from Merck

Monday April 16th

8:00 am People of the Parish

12:05 pm Antoine Jean Denis ~ daughter

Tuesday April 17th

8:00 am George Heider ~ Rose Marotti

12:05 pm Diane La Fante ~ RoseAlba Di Maio

Wednesday April 18th

8:00 am Maria Swider ~ cousin Zofia

12:05 pm All Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Genaro & Paola
Sanchez

Thursday April 19th

8:00 am John Kuktik ~ Pat & Donna Phillips

12:05 pm Special Intentions for Thomas & Family ~ aunt

Friday April 20th

8:00 am Dorothy Salek (3rd Anniversary) ~ Mary Valvano

12:05 pm Isabel Laos ~ Genaro & Paola Sanchez

Saturday April 21st

12:05 pm Bara Family ~ Corka

April 21-22 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday April 21st

4:00 pm Mary & Ralph De Rose ~ De Rose Family

Sunday April 22nd

8:00 am Fred Rudnicki ~ Linda & Dennis Zehrer

10:00 am William F. & Catherine Talbot ~ Family

12:00 pm Thomas Walker ~ wife Joyce & Family

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-
29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and
21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:

"The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses." (Acts 3:15)

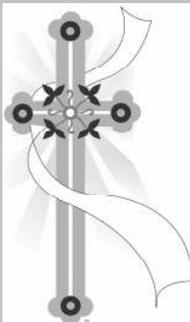
Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled? You are witnesses of these things." (Lk 24:44, 48)

Weekly Memorials



The donation for the Sanctuary Lamps and the Altar Candles are \$10.00, the Altar Bread is \$15.00, and the Altar Wine is \$25.00. The flowers for Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph are 2 @ \$45.00 St Ann are \$45.00. The Tabernacle is 2 @ \$45.00 and the Cross is \$110.00. Please stop by the Rectory to reserve any of the above items.

For the Dearly Departed



Maureen Young

We offer our condolences to the families and friends that have lost a loved one. May the soul and the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in Peace

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



SAGE NATHAN JAED PAULOTTE

Baptisms are performed on all Sundays except for the second week of the Month. Please call the Rectory and make an appointment with a priest to help guide you through this sacrament

April 15th Third Sunday of Easter

"Why do questions arise in your hearts?" After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died-John had been there-and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It's no surprise that the Apostles were initially "startled and terrified" to the extent that they "thought that they were seeing a ghost."

Jesus has compassion on his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity-"look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"-Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures," making known the connections between his own words and deeds and "everything written about [him] in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms."

Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. "You are witnesses of these things." The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus' responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but "all the nations."

This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church's teaching. By sacramental grace, God's "peace" is "with [us]." We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.

The St. Elizabeth's Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatres to see the new biblical production of "**JESUS**" on **October 17, 2018**. The cost of the trip is \$125.00. The trip includes the bus, show, and dinner at one of the local restaurants. We will be stopping at Kitchen Kettles for lunch on your own, and some shopping before the show. Deadline for reservations and money is by August 1st. For information you can call Deacon John at 908-338-5249 or e-mail at john2859@aol.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21

Offertory Collection	04/08/2018
Weekly Collections	\$ 5,055.00
Assessment Collection	\$ 1,278.00
Fuel & Heat Collection	\$ 5.00
Easter YTD	\$ 17,022.00
<u>Envelope Users</u>	

If you currently are not using envelopes please call the rectory and we can easily get you signed up. Please keep in mind that **if you are moving** make the Rectory aware. We need to keep records current and to let the envelope company know of the change of address or to discontinue, thanks.

This week 04/15/2018 Please use Weekly and Fuel & Heat Envelope

Next week 04/22/2018 Please use Weekly and Fuel & Heat Envelope

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Aspire not to have more, but to be more.
-Oscar Romero

CCD / RCIA

April

1--NO CLASS--EASTER BREAK

6--Confirmation Rehearsal 7pm--Church

8--NO CLASS--EASTER BREAK

12:00--Confirmation Mass--Church

15--9:00-9:50--Twenty-third Class

22--9:00-9:50--Twenty-fourth Class

29--9:00-9:50--Twenty-fifth Class

**Last day of class and report card distribution
for First Communion Candidates only

Organizations/Associations

Up Coming Meetings...

Finance Council	May 3	7 PM
Rosary Altar Society	May 8	7 PM
Liturgy Committee	Aug 6	7 PM
Building and Facilities	Jun 4	7 PM
Pastoral Committee	Jun 11th	7 PM

(All meeting take place at Rectory, Rosary call Joanne Badalis 908 486 6570)

Knights of Columbus News

The Linden Knights of Columbus #2859 meets every third Monday of each month at 7:30PM at the American Legion on Elizabeth Avenue. All members are welcome to attend the meetings. If you would like to join the Linden Knights you can call Deacon John (Grand Knight) at 908-338-5249, or visit the state web site at www.kofc.org. All men of the age 18th or older can join. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic lay organization of the Church.

The **Linden Knights of Columbus** will be conducting an intellectual disabilities drive before and after the Masses on the weekend of **April 21st and 22nd**. The money raised by the Linden Knights will go the local organizations in the city of Linden. Thank you in advance for your charitable donations. Deacon John Bejgrowicz (Grand Knight)

Saint Elizabeth's Cantor, **James Kinzel**, is a senior at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. James is majoring in Music Theory, Composition, and Voice. He will receive his Bachelor of Music in May. A degree requirement is a senior recital of his original compositions. **His senior recital will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 1PM** in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ. All are invited to attend.

The Centennial Plaza

In the vestibule please find forms, if you are interested in memorializing a loved one, remembering your family or just wishing St Elizabeth well. There are pavers, two lampposts and benches. The form will allow you to inscribe in the spaces for proper printing.

The costs are as follows:
Pavers are \$250.00
Lamppost are \$2,500.00
Benches will be \$3,500.00

Please call the rectory if you have any questions

SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Has resumed and will run until May

Join us for a dynamic Bible Study **Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes Everyday Life**

It will unveil Jesus's plan for happiness. We live in a world where we are constantly in search for fleeting pleasures in place of true happiness and false promises that actually lead us away from happiness. It's time more than ever to turn to the Beatitudes and enter into the Kingdom of Happiness.

In this 8 part Parish Program that unveils Jesus' plan for happiness in the Beatitudes. With Kingdom of Happiness you will learn how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings, they are the path to true happiness charted by Christ himself. You will discover the exposed "anti-Beatitudes for what they are: the kingdom of man's false promises of happiness that sadly, only lead to misery. In this program, you will also be inspired by a renewed resolve to live the Beatitudes through video profiles of real life people living the Beatitudes in their everyday life.

2018 Archdiocesan Lenten Observations Fasting and Abstinence

- A) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designed as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- B) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18th through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Sunday May 27th, 2018**

*Canon 920.1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal



This year's Appeal is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us. **This year, our parish goal is \$30,264.50**

On February 4th we had our Kick Off weekend for the **2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in our One Body, One Mission that is the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.

It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

If you are new to the parish, welcome!!! If you would like to register Please feel free to call us or fill in the form below

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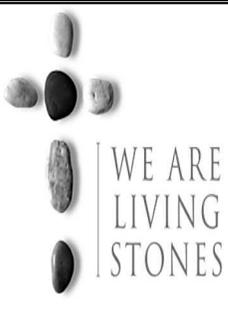
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With your generous donations, our latest deposit in our WALs saving account is \$37,045.18

Next project we completed were the sidewalks around the property.

The We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign continues to focus on strengthening our parishes while building a bright future for the entire Archdiocese we ask that you continue to pray for the success of this campaign both at your local parish, as well as at your neighboring parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Thank you for your consideration and your participation in this endeavor. **Our goal is \$450,911.00 to date we have \$201,674.00 in pledges and \$112,090.00 in collected donations.**

For those of you that are still thinking about your contribution you can call the office with any **questions 908 486 2514**

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Why are you troubled? Life can easily get the best of us. Anxiety, worry, doubt, and uneasiness are just some of the things that can trouble our hearts. Often we are troubled about temporal things. Sometimes our faith troubles us and we wonder where God may be. If we allow Jesus to open our minds so we can understand the Scriptures and the significance of his passion, death, and resurrection, we can begin to trust that God's plan includes something much more than the current concern of our minds. Jesus can then become a light of revelation who helps us keep our lives in perspective and persevere.

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Open House Wednesday April 25th 7:00 pm
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Single Parent Success

The Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Office is sponsoring a special event to honor single parents on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 6:45pm to 8:30pm at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Ave, N. Caldwell, NJ 07006**. If single parenting leaves you feeling overwhelmed or inadequate some days, or overlooked in terms of your needs, join Loyla Louvis from Mothers in Training, LLC. for an insightful look at 5 strategies every single parent should know. Loyla Louvis is a parenting coach, a mentor, a public speaker, and last but not least, a mother and wife. If you are a single parent, were raised by a single parent, a grandparent raising children or have ever been a single parent you are welcome to come! Babysitting and food provided. Free of charge! Must RSVP: <https://www.smores.com/dnqb9> or email

Annual Legacy Society Reception to Honor Parishioner Legacies

On Friday, **May 4, 2018 at 2:00 PM** the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its annual Legacy Society Tea honoring all parishioners who have included their parish or the Archdiocese of Newark in their Will, or who have made some other type of planned gift. The event begins with a Prayer Service in the Cathedral Basilica and is followed by a reception hosted by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. in the Residence. If you have named the parish in your Will or are considering doing so, you are eligible for membership in the Legacy Society. Please contact Theresa Lynch (973) 497-4042 for further information. We would love to see you there.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If we were asked to tell about a family member such as our children, spouse or sibling, we could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and our interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If we have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, we cannot claim to really know them.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. We do certain things for our children because we are parents. We respond in certain ways to our spouse based upon their needs. If we are oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if you were asked to tell someone about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

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