

St. Elizabeth ~ St. Brigid
August 10-August 16, 2008
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, August 11

St. Clare

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Winthrop Fielding

Tuesday, August 12

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Catherine Guadagni

Wednesday, August 13

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

7:15 PM (St. Elizabeth) Evening Prayer
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Communion Service:
 Santa Calabro

Novena

Thursday, August 14

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Floyd Paula

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: The Fielding Family

Friday, August 15

Feast of the Assumption

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Clifford Rimpo
 NOON (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Joyce McCormick
 7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Special Intentions of
 Sr. Mary Joseph of the Trinity, OCD

Saturday, August 16

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Laoredano J. Coli
 6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Margaret & William Beaver
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions

Sunday, August 17

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES:

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Theresa Telesco
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Andrew Grabarczyk
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Living and Deceased
 Members of the Marinelli Family
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Sylvester Bergamo
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

Those who leave everything in God's hands will eventually see God's hand in everything.

CONTRIBUTIONS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
 TO YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH**

St. Elizabeth Aug 2-3:	\$ 3,524.00
Air Conditioning:	\$ 931.00
St. Brigid Aug 2-3:	\$ 4,876.00
Air Conditioning:	\$ 1,002.00

Liturgical Ministers

Thursday, August 14

Vigil for the Feast of the Assumption

7 PM St. Brigid

(E) R. Goger (L) R. Fielding (A) TBA

Friday, August 15

Feast of the Assumption

9 AM

St. Brigid

(E) Sr. Joan (L) L. Treppiccione (A) M. Grutta

Noon

St. Elizabeth

(E) TBA (L) D. Duffy (A) TBA

7 PM

St. Elizabeth

(E) R. Schwab (L) C. Hickey (A) TBA

Saturday, August 16

5:00 PM St. Brigid

(E) J. Petrillo (L) D. Cross (A) L. Da Silva

6:30 PM St. Elizabeth

(E) L. Treppiccione (L) J. Zachman (A) A. Caccavale

Sunday, August 17

7:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) L. Treppiccione (L) J. Dill (A) H. & T. Lallis

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) K. Spinda (L) E. Van Arsdale (A) TBA

9:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) B. Tursini (L) A. Mc Intyre (A) P. Sweeney

10:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) M. Nucci (L) D. Duffy (A) M. Grutta

11:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) R. Schwab (L) TBA (A) TBA



For the Week of August 10-16, 2008

At St. Elizabeth: The **Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Sacramental Wine** are offered for the intentions of Judy Taglieri.

At St. Brigid: The **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered in memory of Robert Moran from Johanna D'Amico.

Inspirational Spot ~ Great occasions to serve God and others come very seldom in our lives. But little ones surround us.

The Parish Center will be **closed on Friday, August 15th** in observance of the **Feast of the Assumption**.



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; Timothy Callahan of the US Marine Corps, son of Marie Callahan; Brendan Patrick Duffy of the U.S. Army, son of Deacon Larry & Denise Duffy, grandson of A.J. Errico; Michael Ferreira of the US Army, grandson of Anne & Bob Butler; Amanda Loomis of the US Army, cousin of Grace Ann McKeon; Maj. Seth Lucente of the US Army, brother-in-law of Philip & Kimberly Hahn; Michael Mattessich of the US Army, nephew of Tom O'Callaghan; & Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver.

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 *Emilie Lemmons, Chris Martin, Joe Orlando, Cathy Sabatino, and Al Richards.*

A time to die ... please pray for those who have recently passed away including: *Rev. Msgr Jack Casey.*

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

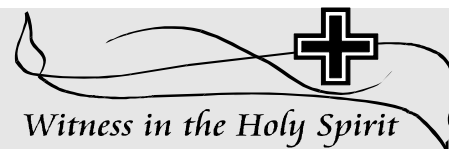
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2008-2009

Registrations for the 2008-2009 school year are now being taken for our Religious Education Program. If you have attended another program or Catholic School please call Sr. Joan to schedule an appointment. A letter from the previous program and sacramental certificates must be submitted. Any questions please contact Sr. Joan in the Religious Education Office at 908-234-1524. Returning students who did not register by May 4th should include a late fee of \$35.00 with the registration.

Calling All Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students: All children going into First Grade in September 2008 should be registered in our Religious Education Program in order to receive First Communion in Grade 2. Please call Sr. Joan to set up an appointment. We are also taking students for our Kindergarten class.

Classes for our Religious Education Program will begin on **Sunday, September 14th**. Our early **morning session** will begin at **8:15 AM and end at 9:20 AM**. Our **second session** will begin at **10 AM and end at 11:10 AM**. On Sunday September 21st, we will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday at the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses where the catechists will be introduced and each will receive a blessing. Please join us with your families at the conclusion of each session for Mass. For more information, please contact Sr. Joan.



Witness in the Holy Spirit
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

After fleeing from the revenge of the King of Israel, Elijah hid in a cave, but at the command of God, he went outside and stood on a mountain. There the Lord came to him, not in the wind nor in the earthquake, but in a "tiny whispering sound."

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul is deeply pained because the Jews - in spite of everything that has been given to them - have rejected Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew vividly recounts the event of Jesus walking on the water. When the disciples see this, they are terrified, and Jesus chastises them for their fear. Peter begs Christ to let him walk on the water; he is at first brave but begins to sink and loses faith, crying out, "Lord save me!" Christ rescues him for his faltering faith.

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS

Our Catechist In-service meeting will take place on Thursday, September 4th from 7 PM-9 PM in the Parish Library. Class lists will be distributed. This is a very important meeting. Anyone not able to attend, please call Sr. Joan at 908-234-1524 to arrange an alternate meeting. Please bring your teacher manuals.

NEW CATECHISTS

On Tuesday, August 26th from 7 PM-9 PM we will have a special meeting for new catechists in the Parish Library. Please bring your teacher manual. Anyone not able to attend, please call Sr. Joan at 908-234-1524 to arrange an alternate meeting.

SAVE THE DATE! – The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a **Critical Life Issues Conference - Trust and Hope in Life** on *Saturday October 25*, from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway. The Conference will address a wide spectrum of issues. Please call the Respect Life Office at 732-562-1900 ext 1629 or 1543 for more information or to reserve a seat. Tickets, including lunch: \$40; students - \$20.



Congratulations to:

Claire Lynne DuChene
Child of: Julie & Patrick DuChene
Maya Irene Jaross
Child of: Michelle & Ronald Jaross
Who were baptized on
August 3, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Church

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS



HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

This year 2008 marks a year dedicated to prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated Religious Life in our Diocese.

Holy Hours for Vocations will be held at the following parishes:

September 11- St. James, Basking Ridge, 4:30 PM

Visit www.diometuchen.org/vocations, for the complete schedule.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our parish will be joining Bishop Bootkoski for a Diocesan Pilgrimage for Vocations to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Plans are being made to join Blessed Sacrament in Martinsville for bus transportation. If you are interested in joining us for the day please contact Sr. Joan at 908-524-1524. There will be a minimal cost to attend. Everyone is welcome to join us for this Pilgrimage to represent our parishes as we pray for vocations and celebrate vocations.

The Church's position, supported by reason and science, is clear: the human embryo is a subject identical to the human being which will be born at the term of its development.



Consequently whatever violates the integrity and the dignity of the embryo is ethically inadmissible. Similarly, any form of scientific research which treats the embryo as a laboratory specimen is unworthy of man.

—Pope John Paul II, *Address to the Diplomatic Corps, January 10, 2005*

Does Your Loved One Have Alzheimer's or Dementia?

A seminar for families uncertain whether a member of your family is in the early stages of dementia or suffering from Alzheimer's disease will be held on *Wednesday, August 20; 1 PM. to 3 PM or 7 PM to 9 PM* at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Presenter: Sr. Rosemary Goulet, IHM, NHA, CDP. Admission: \$10 per person; families of 3 or more - \$5 each. For more information or to register call 732-562-1990 ext 1624.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - then the Retrouvaille Program may help you. Sponsored by the Family Life Office, Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program will be held the weekend of **September 19-21**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1624 or Tom and Pat 732-583-4468.



Golden and Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, on **Sunday, October 19, 4:00 PM**. The prayer service does not fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Applications may be secured by contacting the Parish Office or by logging on to www.diometuch.org/familylife (click on the Silver/Gold Application icon). Forms must be signed by Fr. Puleo and returned to the Family Life Office by the Parish Office. *Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until Wednesday, October 1*. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed. Formal invitations and seating tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the celebration. To ensure your reservation please fill out an application ASAP. For additional information call the Family Life/Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990 x 1624.

Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The 2009 MASS Book Is Now Open

In order to meet the needs of all the parishioners that would like to have Masses said for their family and friends there will be a limit of four Masses per intention. (name) -- 2 Sunday & 2 Weekday or 4 Weekdays. If after the initial requests are accommodated, additional Masses may be requested as they are available starting in October, 2008.

The donation is \$10 per Mass. To reserve a Mass for 2009, please COMPLETE THIS REQUEST FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE, WITH YOUR PAYMENT, BY AUGUST 15, 2008. We ask that you include a 2nd and 3rd choice. We will try to give you your requested date, however if it is not available, we will give you the closest date/time possible.

In addition, the Sanctuary Candle, the Altar Bread and Altar Wine may be offered for a particular week in either parish in remembrance of the deceased, in honor of someone who is living, or for a special intention. The suggested donation for each is \$25. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Love, and do what thou wilt.

Whether thou hold thy peace, through love hold thy peace;

Whether thou cry out, through love cry out;

Whether thou correct, through love correct;

Whether thou spare, through love do thou spare:

Let the root of love be within,

Of this root can nothing spring but what is good.

— St. Augustine

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
A Holy Day of Obligation

†Mass Schedule:

August 14 7:00 PM - Vigil Mass at St. Elizabeth
August 15 9:00 AM at St. Brigid
Noon at St. Elizabeth
7:00 PM at St. Brigid

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption

Let us pray. O God, who on this day didst raise up to the heights of heaven the rod of Jesse, the mother of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, that through her prayers and patronage Thou mightest communicate to our mortality the Fruit of her womb, Thy Son: we humbly pray that by the power of Thy Son and the glorious patronage of His Mother, we may be so affected by the aid of these fruits of the land as to proceed from temporal to eternal welfare. Through the same Jesus Christ. Amen

HE WILL ASK. . .

God won't ask what kind of car you drove,
but *He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.*

God won't ask the square footage of your house,
but *He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.*

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
but *He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.*

God won't ask about your social status,
but *He will ask what kind of class you displayed.*

God won't ask how many material possessions you had,
but *He'll ask if they dictated your life.*

God won't ask what your highest salary was,
but *He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.*

God won't ask how much overtime you worked,
but *He'll ask if your overtime work was for yourself or for your family.*

God won't ask how many promotions you received,
but *He'll ask how you promoted others.*

God won't ask what your job title was,
but *He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.*

God won't ask what you did to help yourself,
but *He'll ask what you did to help others.*

God won't ask how many friends you had,
but *He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.*

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights,
but *He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others.*

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived,
but *He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.*

God won't ask about the color of your skin,
but *He'll ask about the content of your character.*

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words,
but *He'll ask how many times they didn't.*

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation,
but *He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in Heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.*

SUMMER ENVELOPES

We sincerely thank our parishioners who will mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacations this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

**St. Elizabeth & St. Brigid
Parish Picnic**

Registration deadline: August 31, 2008

Date: Sunday, September 7, 2008

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Place: St. Brigid Church Grounds

Food, Fun and Fellowship
Bring a favorite dessert to share!

6th, 7th, and 8th graders needed for organizing and planning games.
Please call Sister Joan (908) 234-1524 to volunteer and receive community service hours.

**-Family - Fellowship - Great Food - Fun Games -
Spacewalk - Face Painting -**

Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

No. Adults and children ages 11 and older:

_____ x \$12.50 = \$ _____

No. Children ages 5 to 10:

_____ x \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

No. Children Ages 4 and under: _____ Free

Total No. Attending = _____ Total \$ _____

Form of Payment - Cash _____ Check _____

(Make checks out to St. Brigid Parish)

Please return in an envelope to Parish Office or place in weekly collection basket by August 31, 2008. Thank you!