

*St. Elizabeth ~ St. Brigid*  
*February 10-16 2008*  
*First Sunday of Lent*

***Liturgical Schedule***

Monday, February 11  
Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Michael Perrone  
 7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Parish Mission

Tuesday, February 12

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Maria & Michele Monaco  
 7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Parish Mission

Wednesday, February 13

6:45 PM (St. Brigid) Evening Prayer  
 7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Parish Mission  
 7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Robert Joseph Stahl

Thursday, February 14

St. Valentine  
St. Cyril and St. Methodius

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Margaret Goger

Friday, February 15

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: The DiLullo Family  
 7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Stations of the Cross  
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Cameron Calabrese

Saturday, February 16

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions  
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Mary Gronwald  
 7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions  
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners

Sunday, February 17  
Second Sunday of Lent

**MASSES:**

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Charles Wilcock  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Clifford Rimpo  
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Mary Bunsu  
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Natividad Cardenas  
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Angela Quarantat

**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: Christopher D’Ambrosi; Walter Gronwald**

**A time to die ... please pray for those who have recently passed away including: Maureen Biscotti and Cameron J. Calabrese**

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all you produce; then will your bars be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow.*

- Proverbs 3:9-10

***Liturgical Ministers***

**Saturday, February 16**

**5:00 PM St. Brigid**

(E) P. Cross (L) D. Cross (A) E. & C. Villagra

**7:30 PM St. Elizabeth**

(E) R. Fielding (L) L. Teppiccione (A) Z. Schwab

**Sunday, February 17**

**7:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) L. Teppiccione (L) TBA (A) TBA

**8:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

(E) K. Spinda (L) C. Miguez (A) B. Moreau

**9:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) D. Karner (L) J. Skinner (A) P & D. Sweeney

**10:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

(E) D. Martin (L) M. Fernando (A) M. Grutta

**11:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) P. Richards (L) J. Felser (A) TBA

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to check in with the priest before Mass begins so that they are know who will be assisting them at the Mass. Thank You

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

St. Elizabeth: February 2-3:	\$ 3,264.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$ 876.00
St. Brigid: February 2-3:	\$ 6,346.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$ 1,262.00

**For the Week of February 9-16**

**At St. Brigid:**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the intentions of Pat Finocchiaro.



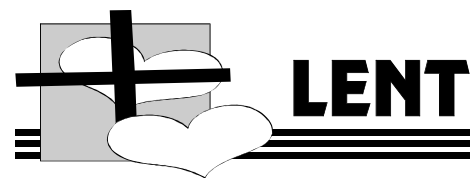
The **Altar Bread** is offered in memory of Cameron Calabrese from his wife Lina.

*What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us. See Psalm 51*

**2007 Contribution Statements** will be mailed upon request. 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; 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



### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days.

There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

**ST. ELIZABETH AND ST. BRIGID'S INTERVAL BASED FITNESS CLASS**

"And on the seventh day...  
He worked out..."

A fun fitness class incorporating aerobics, toning, and stretching..

**When:** Monday & Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM

**Where:** Lower level Multi-Purpose room  
in St. Brigid School

**Cost:** \$7.00 per class or ask about the monthly pass.

**Bring:** Water and a towel. Hand weights optional.

**Contact** Lauren Boesch at 908-507-0610 for more information. Fully Insured and AFFA Certified Instructor and Personal Trainer.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Our Parent Meeting for children who will receive First Communion in May will take place on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Parish Center Library. One parent is required to attend this important meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact Sr. Joan. A make-up meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM. Any question please contact Sr. Joan at 908-234-1524.

**OPEN YOUR HEART & YOUR HOME**



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen's Therapeutic Foster Care Program is seeking warm, supportive individuals and families to serve as Resource families to children in need. Many of these children are innocent victims of abuse and neglect. Children of all ages and backgrounds are in need of loving, nurturing homes. Be a Valentine to a child in need. **CALL TODAY!** 1-866-247-HOME (4663). You Can Help!!

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL AND YOUTH CHOIRS**

The Diocesan Office for Music Ministry is currently forming a Diocesan Youth Choir of 100 singers for the fall Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. They are also forming an enlarged choir of adults and students for the closing Eucharist of the July Regional Convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the annual Chrism Mass, and the fall Pilgrimage. Pilgrimage rehearsals are TBA. Chrism Tuesday rehearsals begin February 19 from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Contact Lisa Mary Andrade at 732-562-1990 x1634 for further information. Please RSVP by February 18.



***Inspirational Spot***

*In our journey to heaven, going out of our way to help someone else is not considered a detour. It may be the main road.*

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:**

Family Penance Service on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 11 AM in St. Brigid Church.

Parish Penance Service, Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7 PM in St. Brigid Church. A number of priests will be available for confession.

**A "WALK" THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY**

**Jeff Cavins**, a renowned theologian, scholar, speaker and writer of the Great Adventure Bible Study will lead you on a "walk" through Salvation History. The day will start at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, on *February 23*, with registration at 7:30 AM., Mass at 8:00 AM, Jeff's presentation at 8:30 AM, concluding at 4:30 PM Cost: \$45 per person - includes all materials, breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register please call 908-725-1112 ext. 1124.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR EASTER**

Attention all children in Grades 1-8, in preparation for the 11:30 AM Eater Sunday Mass, the children's choir will be practicing every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center starting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in participating can e-mail Mark Filoramo at [mfiloramo@hotmail.com](mailto:mfiloramo@hotmail.com) or call at 908-625-8009. We look forward to seeing you there.





### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

"I speak about 'ending' abortion because it is a goal we can achieve. Yes, abortion has always been around. So have other sins. But we live today in a culture of abortion, which enshrines it in law, celebrates it as a right and resorts to it with an alarming frequency that surpasses every other act of violence. That is something that can be turned around." **-Fr. Frank Pavone**

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

**LORD**, we know the harvest is rich, but workers are scarce. We believe that You continue to call men and women to do Your work in this world as priests and religious. We pray that these men and women may open their hearts to Your will and have the courage to go where You lead. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

In response to Bishop Bootkoski's announcement of a year dedicated to prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated Religious Life in our Diocese, various parishes throughout the Diocese will host *Holy Hours for Vocations* now through November 2008.

The Monstrances which will be used at these Holy Hours were blessed by Pope Benedict XVI.

**February 18** - Immaculate Conception, Somerville, 7:30 PM

**February 23** - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Manville, 8 PM.

**March 7** - Blessed Sacrament, Martinsville, 7-9 PM.

**March 8** - St. Brigid, Peapack, 6:00 -7:30 PM. following the 5:00 PM Mass

Visit [www.diometuchen.org/vocations](http://www.diometuchen.org/vocations), for the complete schedule.

### CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST RALLY

Men, set aside Saturday, *March 1*, 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and come to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spiritual Rally for Men held this year at St. Veronica's Gym, Route 9 North, Howell. This year, pro-life congressman Chris Smith, and former NFL player Kevin O'Brien, will provide uplifting and inspiring presentations. Bishop John Smith will celebrate our closing Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Tickets: adults/\$20; students/\$5. Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians are free. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Visit [www.CatholicMenforJesus.com](http://www.CatholicMenforJesus.com) for more information, or call 732-845-2999 and press #1 to speak to Bill Marshall.

### MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The Delbarton Mothers' Guild invites you to join us for our Morning of Recollection on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Abbey, Delbarton. Coffee and refreshments will begin at 9 AM in the Vincent House. Johanna Webber will lead the morning presentation, "Spa Day for The Soul." Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM. For more information or to register, please call Megan Massey at 201-914-3985 or Elise Redmond at 973-292-3279.

Daughters of Mary  
Something Wrapped in Red  
FUND Raising Event

Thursday, February 21,  
2008  
St. Patrick's  
Hall  
7 PM-9 PM

Refreshments

All the women in the parish are invited to bring a gift wrapped in red. (It need not be expensive.) Friends are welcome to come with a gift or just to bid on the gifts. Gifts will be auctioned to the highest bidder. The evening promises to be

### COME JOIN OUR PARISH SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

**When:** Every Thursday starting February 21<sup>st</sup> after the 9 AM Mass

**Where:** The Parish Center

**Our first book:** Twelve Ordinary Men  
by John Mac Arthur

Who were these men? What is most amazing of all is that Jesus selected them a handful of common fishermen, a hated tax collector, and an impulsive political zealot. When you take a fresh look at the disciples, you'll be faced with a stunning fact: The men the Savior chose were ordinary and hopelessly human. They were remarkably unremarkable. But they were available and obedient to the Master's call. Under Jesus' ministry they became a force that forever changed the world. Come meet the disciples face to face as you've never seen them before. You'll walk in their shoes and understand their doubts and hopes and hear the power of Jesus' words in a whole new way. The message of Twelve Ordinary Men is clear, if Christ can accomplish His purposes through the lives of common men like these, imagine what He has in store for us. Come join us for reading, reflection, and shared prayer. Please call Sr. Joan at 908-234-1265 to register.



### ADULT EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study Group will begin a look at the Letters of St. Paul on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Not to study the writings of St. Paul is to overlook almost half of the New Testament. This study will go behind the scenes to understand the person, life, and times of the devout Pharisee who became the Apostle to the Gentiles. In many ways, the theology of St. Paul has contributed as much to the formation of Christianity as the Gospels themselves. The issues raised in these simple letters will challenge and inspire us. Come join us for video presentations, study, prayer, and discussion. Meetings will be every other Tuesday, starting February 19<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM Mass in the Parish Library. All are welcome. For more information call Sr. Joan at 908-234-1265

St. Elizabeth Parish, Far Hills

And

St. Brigid Parish, Peapack

Lenten Parish Mission

February 11th, 12th, 13th, 2008

Presented by: Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR

Fr. Glenn is one of the original members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal with Fr. Benedict Groeschel. The friars work with the homeless in the Bronx and in other areas of the world. They recently opened a Friary in Newark. Fr. Glenn has worked with the new members of the community in their formation and training..

Monday, February 11, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Church 7:00 PM

Topic: Faith and Religion: What's the difference?

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at St. Brigid Church at 7:00 PM

Topic: Healing Presence of the Eucharist

Christ Truly wants to make us whole and holy.

Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at St. Brigid Church at 7:00 PM

Topic: Mary, a love beyond all telling.

Concluding Mass

Fellowship will follow in St. Patrick's Church Hall.

## WE THE PEOPLE OF THE BEATITUDES

### BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SHOW MERCY MERCY SHALL BE THEIRS

The God I wish to know is a merciful God. How often we hear of His justice, but even more frequently of His kindness and forgiveness. Reflecting on this 5<sup>th</sup> Beatitude I am reminded that to know the mercy of God I have to show the mercy of God. The "I don't get mad, I just get even" is a maxim foreign to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Mahoney of Los Angeles asked the faithful to return to the practice of "giving up" things for Lent. He cited some things worth eliminating: quick judgement, strong opinions, sharp criticism ... all are quite distant from the mercy of God and the mercy I seek. The word in English connotes forgiveness and compassion. In other languages it indicates that it comes from the heart. May it be part of our lived vocabulary and experience. Our God, we are told is "slow to anger and rich in kindness and mercy."

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~Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski

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## During LENT:

**The Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday evening at 7:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Church. Mass will follow at 7:30 PM.

## LENTEN INSTRUCTION

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:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. 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 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.

## A LENTEN REFLECTION

### What to Give Up . . .

- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up sin—turn to virtue.
- Give up worry—trust divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- Give up negativism—be positive.
- Give up anger—be more patient.
- Give up pettiness—become mature.
- Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty all around.
- Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
- Give up harsh judgements—think kindly.
- Give up giving up—hang in there!

(from [www.appleseeds.org](http://www.appleseeds.org))



**ST. FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL**

*Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart,  
and give me right faith, certain hope,  
and perfect charity, wisdom and understanding,  
Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command.  
Amen.*

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