

*St. Elizabeth~St. Brigid*  
*-January 13-20, 2008*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

***Liturgical Schedule***

Monday, January 14

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Carmine Limone, Jr.

Tuesday, January 15

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Joseph Lembo

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions  
 7:15 PM (St. Elizabeth) Evening Prayer  
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Clifford Rimpo Novena

Thursday, January 17

St. Anthony

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Julia & Patrick Mc Crory

Friday, January 18

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Clare Kelly

Saturday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASSES:**

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Albert Honoshowsky  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Mildred Pote  
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Eleanor Conrad & Kenneth Van Arsdale  
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Frank Lawton  
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Thomas Sibilia

***Liturgical Ministers***

Saturday, January 19

**5:00 PM St. Brigid**

(E) Deacon Duffy (L) R. Fielding (A) Z. Schwab

**7:30 PM St. Elizabeth**

(E) L. Teppiccione (L) J. Skinner (A) A. Skinner  
 E. & C. Villagra

Sunday, January 20

**7:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) Deacon Duffy (L) B. Henderson (A) G. Henderson

**8:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

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

**9:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) D. Karner (L) K. Hahn (A) G. Henderson  
 M. Grutta

**10:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

(E) P. Jibilian (L) M. Nucci (A) T. & R. Lynch

**11:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) D. Martin (L) TBA (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

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**At St. Elizabeth:**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the soul of Margaret Clarke requested by Anne Cancro

The **Altar Bread and Sacramental Wine** are offered for the soul of

Margaret Clarke requested by Anne Cancro.



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

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
 TO YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH

St. Elizabeth:	Dec 29-30	\$3,176.00
	January 1	\$1,763.00
	January 5-6	\$3,948.00
St. Brigid:	Dec 29-30	\$4,237.00
	January 1	\$2,372.00
	January 5-6	\$5,783.00

Christmas Offerings are still coming in.

*Faith is like a boomerang. Use what you have and it will  
 come back to you in greater measure.*

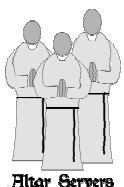
For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven ...”

**A time to heal ...** please pray for the sick of our parishes including: Christopher D’Ambrosio  
**A time to die ...** please pray for those who have recently passed away including: *Laoredano J. Coli, Anthony Nardi Gambale, Romarie Egan*

### **"Disciples of Christ...Stewards of His Gifts"**

Each year thousands of God’s People in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties are served through your generosity to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The Appeal places your gift in action through more than 25 diocesan ministries that provide service for both the young and old alike. This myriad of services includes: Catholic Chaplains in local secular hospitals, a central office to serve the religious education programs of 108 parishes, a central school office to serve our Catholic elementary and high schools, and Catholic Charities that provides social outreach and programming to support children, families and seniors.

If you have yet to make your 2007 Bishop’s Annual Appeal gift – please do so TODAY!  
It is not too late! Thank you for your anticipated response.



### **Would you like to be an ALTAR SERVER?**

Any student in Grades 3 through High School who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to a meeting in St. Brigid Church on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM. For more information, please call the parish office

### **NEW LECTOR TRAINING**



Many have asked how they may serve our parish as lectors. For those interested in finding out how they may share their talents to proclaim the Good News we will be meeting on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM in St. Brigid Church. This meeting is for those high school age or older. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs:

**Making Time Your Friend - Reclaim the holiness of time!** Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.; repeated: Tuesday, January 15, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.

**Friend Grief Recovery - Learning a process to deal with grief.** A gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving the grief caused by loss. Sunday, January 13, 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$45.

**Weekend Retreat** - An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. January 25-27. \$110/weekend; non-refundable deposit \$25. Registration required. Begins 7:00 p.m. on opening day; concludes at 2:00 p.m.

For more information about these programs or to register, email [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org) or call 908-735 2091.



### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, “This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him.”

Our Baptism, like the Lord’s, is a consecration to service. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship reminds us that “. . . there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God’s service in and through the Church.”

Christmas Thank You

Celebrate Life!

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth & St. Brigid,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful items for our babies. both their moms, and us were thrilled!

Thank you so much for your kindness and support. You are in our prayers of thanks.

The Volunteers of the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan

*Additional Christmas Flower Offerings were received in honor or memory of the following parishioners’ friends and families:*

Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Adam  
Mr. & Mrs. George N. Allport  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bartley  
Mrs. Angelina Gibney  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred L. La Bracio  
Ms. Veronica C. Messersmith  
Dr. & Mrs. W. Norman Scott  
Ms. Cynthia A. Tone  
Ms Catherine E. White  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Yeomans

***The Church is a Place of Prayer.*** Out of respect for those who wish to pray in silence please remain quiet when you are in the Church. Also, please turn your beepers and cell phones off or put them in the silent mode. Thank you.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

### MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 22, 2008

Our Resepect for Life group is sponsoring a bus to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2008. For those unable to walk there have been arrangements made to spend the day in prayer at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Departure will be from St. Brigid Church following a special Mass at 6:15 AM. A donation of \$20 is asked when your reservation is made. Arrangments are being made to stop for dinner. Cost for dinner is \$13 for adults and \$12 for seniors. For more information please contact the Parish Office 234-1265.

### TRENTON RALLY FOR LIFE - BUS TRIP

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 - \$10.00 to reserve seat  
Departs Diocesan Center in Piscataway 9:45 AM and returns at approximately .2:30 PM. Bring a bag lunch – Call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 for info. Join us as we rally to show reverence for Life in New Jersey!

The **Knights of Columbus and the Reverence for Life Committee** are sponsoring a talk by Richard F. Collier on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in St. Patrick's Hall. Mr. Collier is the President of the Legal Center for the Defense of Life. This organization is dedicated to providing pro bono legal services in support of the pro-life cause in New Jersey.

*“Rise up in splendor. . . Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; But upon you the Lord shines. . . Nations shall walk by your light.”* (Isaiah 60: 1-6) We are each called to be bearers of the Light of Truth to a darkened world, to make manifest the hope-filled message of life.



### THEOLOGY ON TAP

January 15<sup>th</sup>, "What's Love got to do with it" Applying Love in everyday relationships - Bob McLaughlin

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, "What is a Just War" The Catholic Church's view on war - Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski, Army Chaplin

January 29<sup>th</sup>, "Evangelization 101" Sharing your faith - Bill Donaghy

Each forum begins at 7:30 p.m at "Grasshopper off the Green" in Morristown. Geared for men & women in their 20s & 30s, married and single . There is no cover charge. Call Katie at 908-674-1833 or e-mail to [MorrisCountyYA@gmail.com](mailto:MorrisCountyYA@gmail.com)

**Inspirational Spot:** A smile adds to your "face" value.

## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK.

This week January 13-18, parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate *National Vocation Awareness Week*. It begins today with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday. You are invited to renew your baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening for all vocations.

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

God of Love,

You call us to live in Your love  
through the grace of our baptism.

Bless us with the courage  
to carry out the mission of Jesus.  
Grant us open and generous hearts  
to see the needs of others  
and to respond with compassion.

May the Church be blest with women and men  
who are dedicated to You through marriage,  
the single life, the diaconate, priesthood,  
and the consecrated life.

It is in Christ and through Christ  
that we offer ourselves to You now and forever.  
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 1** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bernardsville, 7 PM

**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.

### Altar Bread, Sacramental Wine, and Sanctuary Candle

#### Intentions



Due to the many requests from our parishioners for Masses, and the limited number available, we have added an offering of Sanctuary Candle intentions at each Church and weekly Altar Bread and Sacramental Wine for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please contact the Parish Office for additional information.

## WE THE PEOPLE OF THE BEATITUDES

### BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The teaching of Jesus, called by the name Beatitudes, is found in the gospel of Matthew. Each speaks of a reality and a promise. As a spiritual guide for our Christian lives, we can reflect upon one statement each day, to help join our lives with Jesus Christ as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery – the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. Surely the Passion of Jesus is a reality and a promise for all.

To be poor in Spirit ... to show a dependence upon God and not on things ... to be willing to strip myself of the guards I place around myself, and take risks in the service of others ... to allow the first commandment of the Decalogue (respecting God, His name and His day) to be lived in a positive joy-filled way. To discover the many ways God is present in my life and to bring others to enjoy that presence.

May each day allow me to express a deeper dependence and trust in God. May I look for spiritual strength in the person of Jesus Christ and the promise He has made.



## CONGRATULATIONS

to  
*Edward Wigmor Morris*  
Child of:  
*John and Mary Morris*  
who received the Sacrament of  
*Baptism*  
on January 6, 2008  
at St. Elizabeth Church.

### SAVE THE DATES:

February 11-13<sup>th</sup>: A Lenten Parish Mission. More details to come.

**Lent** begins on February 6, 2008 with Ash Wednesday. The ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday are made from old palms. Old palms will be collected in baskets at each Church. Palms will be collected until January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Centennial Books are available to be picked up at the Parish Center Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM for those who ordered them in 2006.**

*Prayer begins by talking to God,  
and it ends by listening to Him.*

### LIVING IN LOVE



A mini-retreat workshop for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of being in love will be held Saturday, February 9 and Sunday February 10, at St. John Neumann Diocesan Center, Piscataway (includes a Romantic Candlelight Dinner on Saturday). Cost: \$125 per couple.

This weekend offers a series of presentations followed by questions for reflection and discussion so that couples can explore the topics together in complete privacy. There is no group discussion or counseling. For additional information and/or registration, contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990.

If we worry too much about ourselves we won't have time for others ~ Mother Teresa

### LEAVING A LEGACY



A young man was surprised to find his sick and elderly grandfather planting a small peach tree in his backyard. When the young man asked his grandfather why he was planting the tree, the old man replied, "Son, all my life I have eaten the fruit from trees that

other people have planted. I figure I have an obligation to make sure there is some fruit around for others to enjoy."

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All Catholics should be registered in a Parish so that the Parish may know you and your family and so be able to serve you better. Registration is your statement that you belong to a particular faith community where you are known, your faith is strengthened, and your relationship with God is nourished and given expression. *When you are registered, actively involved, and a Catholic in good standing, the Parish is able to provide you with testimonial certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation.* Your registration information is strictly confidential and never in any way becomes a public record. It is strictly for the Pastor and his associates to enable them to know you and your family and so be better able to meet your needs and serve you better.

If you attend either St. Elizabeth or St. Brigid Church but are not registered, please do so. Having you as a part of our faith community is important to us! Forms are available at each Church or you may return this portion with your name, address and phone number and a form will be mailed to you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_