

St. Elizabeth ~ St. Brigid
-January 20-26, 2008
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, January 21

St. Agnes

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Alice Cronin Leonard

Tuesday, January 22

St. Vincent

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cooper

Wednesday, January 23

7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions
 7:15 PM (St. Elizabeth) Evening Prayer
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Special Intention
 of: Sr. Mary Joseph of the Trinity, OCD

Novena

Thursday, January 24

St. Francie De Sales

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Karen Schlessinger

Friday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Dr. Harry Fritz

Saturday, January 26

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Mary Polocz
 7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: William Coleman

Sunday, January 27

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES:

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Charles Wilcock
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Walter Schiling
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Grace Cleary
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Rose & Sylvester
 Bergamo
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Arduina D'Amico

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 26

5:00 PM St. Brigid

(E) L. Teppiccione (L) A. McIntyre (A) Z. Schwab

7:30 PM St. Elizabeth

(E) TBA (L) L. Teppiccione (A) E. & C. Villagra

Sunday, January 27

7:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) TBA (L) B. Henderson (A) G. Henderson

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth

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

9:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) D. O'Callaghan (L) C. Miguez (A) G. Henderson
 P. Sweeney

10:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) M. Nucci (L) D. Martin (A) M. Grutta
 B. Moreau

11:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) Sr. Joan (L) D. Cross (A) P. Cozza

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



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



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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

St. Elizabeth: January 12-13:	\$ 3,588.00
Together in Charity:	\$ 904.00
Christmas:	\$31,782.00
St. Brigid: January 12-13:	\$ 5,455.00
Together in Charity:	\$ 1,585.00
Christmas:	\$46,704.00

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, a legal holiday, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

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"

So many wonderful programs and ministries are at work each and every day across Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties – will you support these ministries and programs? You can do just that by making a gift to the 2007 Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Diocese of Metuchen for 2007 if you have yet to do so.

We thank these families for their heartfelt generosity because your gift will help to serve God’s People in need. We also thank those families yet to make a commitment for their prayerful consideration of a gift.



Altar Servers

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Any student in Grades 3 through High School who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to come for practice on Saturday, January 26th at 10:30 AM in St. Brigid Church. For more information, please call the parish office



NEW LECTOR TRAINING

New lector training will be on Saturday, January 26th at Noon in St. Brigid Church. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.

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

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

Gathering For Men - Gain support and inspiration by focusing on spirituality and integration with daily life. Group discussion, reflection and prayer. Tuesday, January 22, 7:30-9:30 PM \$15.

Embracing the Spirit of Lent - A Lenten Afternoon of Recollection that will explore the theme of *Mindfulness* which provides an opportunity for us to be one with the Jesus of the Lenten gospels as we move through the weeks of Lent. Saturday, February 9, 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM \$20

For more information about these programs or to register, email msmhope@msmhope.org or call 908-735 2091.

Lord God, My Creator, help me to create, too. Create peace by my forgiveness. Create understanding by my being open-minded. Create hope by my gentle caring. Create love by my generously serving others.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

Today’s responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Parent Meeting for children who will receive First Communion in May will take place on Wednesday, February 20th 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 27th from 7:00-8:30 PM. Any question please contact Sr. Joan at the Religious Education Office 908-234-1524.

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.

The Diocese of Metuchen’s First Mass for Journalists

will be held on *Sunday, February 3*, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center Chapel, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will be the principal celebrant at the Mass which honors journalists of all faiths who work in the fields of print and broadcast media. Father Joseph G. Celano, Pastor of St. Bernard Clairvaux, Bridgewater, and a former moderator for the Diocese’s radio program, will deliver the homily. A light brunch will follow the Mass. RSVP by January 28 by calling 732-562-2461.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

JOIN THE PARISH IN PRAYER ON MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 22, 2008

The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling **Roses for Life this weekend**. The proceeds of the donations will be used to help pay the costs for the bus going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday. Thank you for your generous support.

We are each called to be a saint by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and following His lead. Fr. Frank Pavone applies these words in a pro-life context: "The movement of the Spirit is in one direction: life. He gives it, He restores it, He elevates it and He will raise it from the dead. The taking of life, wherever it occurs is of concern to the Holy Spirit. Likewise, no matter how far away I may be from the act that takes life, if I am close to God, then that act is of concern to me."



THEOLOGY ON TAP

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

January 29th, "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

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS



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, for the complete schedule.

Special Collection Next Weekend THE FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **The Foundation for Catholic Education**, a Diocesan endowment fund which was established in 1991. Your generosity to the Foundation Collection provides tuition assistance grants to students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic education today needs the support of everyone if we are to continue to inspire the future with faith, hope, love and knowledge. Please be as generous as your means allow. Envelopes for this collection can be found in your envelope packet.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY!

Matthew 25: 34-36

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, "Come, O blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me."

The stunning truth of the Faith is that Christ is present in every suffering person you meet. The way you treat them is the way you treat Him. And the way you treat them is not simply "spiritually" i.e. with attention to their souls but with no attention to their stomachs or wardrobe or housing situation. A plumber who uses his skill to fix a single mom's sink at no charge is doing as much a work of Christ and for Christ as the priest who hears her confession or gives her Eucharist. Remember that as you consider what your gifts to the suffering and poor might be. You are Christ's feet and hands in the world. –*A Word of Encouragement* www.e3mil.com

COME JOIN OUR PARISH SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

When: Every Thursday starting February 21st 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.

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED TOO ARE THE SORROWING THEY SHALL BE CONSOLED

Our world, the one in which we are privileged to live, to direct and to find God, certainly knows suffering. The hurts we feel, the evil we observe, the tragedies which surround us – natural disasters, man-made conflicts – all fall into the realm of human suffering. Sometimes we contribute to it, often we fail to do something about it. A famous sermon “The Cross of Christ, the Measure of the World” of Cardinal Newman; taught us to use the suffering we know and experience to be in communion with Christ and our world’s redemption. We believe that the saving action of Christ continues today, and we are able to unite ourselves with the Lord.

Consolation takes place when we find support and hope in a Christian community. Consolation takes place with the Easter moment and the glory the Lord promises.

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.

BAPTISM SPONSOR/GODPARENT GUIDELINES

In accordance with Canon (Church) Law, at least one godparent who is of the Catholic faith, is required at Baptism. Normally there are two and must be of different genders. The godparent(s) must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Each godparent is required to submit a certificate of eligibility from his/her own parish. The certificate must state that the sponsor is a Catholic in good standing, who attends Mass regularly, and, if married, is in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. An individual married civilly by a judge, or a mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a godparent.

In the absence of a second godparent, a non-Catholic Christian (never a former Catholic) may serve as a Christian witness. A copy of his/her baptismal record must be submitted beforehand.



Inspirational Spot: *Beautiful young people are accidents of nature. Beautiful old people are works of art.*



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Caleb Jude Gluchowski

Child of:

Kathleen and Stephen Gluchowski

*who received the Sacrament of Baptism
on January 13, 2008 at St. Brigid Church.*

SAVE THE DATES:

February 11-13th: 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 27th.

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.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS EVERYDAY

Give your spouse a gift that lasts every day. The next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be held *February 1-3*. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. For registration information visit www.wmcentralnj.org or call 1-888-827-NJME.

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.

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: _____