

*St. Elizabeth ~ St. Brigid*  
*-January 27-February 2, 2008*  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

***Liturgical Schedule***

Monday, January 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Frances Gonzalez

Tuesday, January 29

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carmella & Salvatore Monaco

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31  
St. John Bosco

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Rebecca Mc Kenna

Friday, February 1

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Margaret Gottscho

Saturday, February 2  
Presentation of the Lord

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: Agnes McManus

Sunday, February 3  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASSES:**

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Albert Honoshowsky  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Giuseppi Merola  
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Helen Kolojieski  
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Helen & Jim Schuttz  
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carlo Finocchiaro

**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: Laoredano J. Coli, Anthony Nardi Gambale, Rosemarie Egan**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

St. Elizabeth: January 19-20:	\$2,979.00
Fuel:	\$ 938.00
St. Brigid: January 19-20:	\$3,983.00
Fuel::	\$1,505.00

***Liturgical Ministers***

**Saturday, February 2**

**5:00 PM St. Brigid**

(E) Deacon Duffy (L) A. McIntyre (A) Z. Schwab

**7:30 PM St. Elizabeth**

(E) L. Teppiccione (L) K. Howes (A) W. Howes

**Sunday, February 3**

**7:30 AM St. Brigid**

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

**8:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

(E) D. Duffy (L) C. Butterfield (A) S. Butterfield

**9:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) TBA (L) K. Hahn (A) G. Henderson  
 P. Sweeney

**10:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

(E) D. Martin (L) M. Nucci (A) E. & C.  
 Villagra

**11:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) Sr. Joan (L) D. Cross (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



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

**A 7:30 PM. Mass has been added on the Fridays in Lent. If you would like to reserve one of these Masses in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please stop by the Parish Office.**

***Eucharistic Adoration*** following the 9 AM Mass until 10:30 AM on Friday, February 1, 2008. Please come to pray for the needs of our families, parish, and world.

## "DISCIPLES OF CHRIST... STEWARDS OF HIS GIFTS"

As the 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those parish families that have made a gift to the 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is not too late to make your gift if you have yet to do so. The Appeal is very close to goal and your gift will truly make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift TODAY!

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

**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 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$20.

**Jeremiah: A Lenten Prophet** - Meet the prophet, Jeremiah, and learn how timely is his message, for today, of hope in darkness. Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. \$15.

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

### **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.

### **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](http://www.wmcentralnj.org) or call 1-888-827-NJME.

The Diocese of Metuchen's **First Mass for Journalists** will be held on *Sunday, February 3*, at 10:00 AM 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. Fr. 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.

## GOOD NEWS...



**the kingdom  
of heaven  
is at hand.**

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17**

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

### 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.

**First Penance** will be celebrated on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 11 AM in St. Elizabeth Church. Practice will be on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Any questions contact Sr. Joan at 908-234-1265.

### **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.

### DIOCESE OF METUCHEN 2008 STEWARDSHIP SYMPOSIUM

All are invited to join us for the 2008 Stewardship Symposium on Saturday, **February 2**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Whether you are new to stewardship, a stewardship veteran or just want to learn ways to revitalize your parish community, you will find the Stewardship Symposium both inspirational and informative. There is NO FEE. Brunch is included. For details about the presenters go to [www.diometuchen.org/stewardship/calendar.html](http://www.diometuchen.org/stewardship/calendar.html). We ask that you pre-register by calling 732-562-2432 or e-mail [smantarro@diometuchen.org](mailto:smantarro@diometuchen.org).

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS



“The battle to restore protection to our pre-born brothers and sisters is in many ways a war of words, and a lot of effort has been invested in the pro-life movement to teach people how to win the war of words. There are, at the end, a limited number of slogans and arguments used by the defenders of abortion, and every one of these verbal weapons can be readily counteracted by the truth that the pro-life position contains. Ultimately, there is no way to rationally defend the killing of little babies.”  
--Fr. Frank Pavone

The **Reverence for Life Group** will meet in the Parish Center Library at 10:30 AM to begin a study of Pope John Paul II's *Gospel of Life*. All are welcome to come.

It is very important to select someone to serve as your health care proxy, to execute an Advance Directives (sometimes referred to as a “living will”), and to discuss your wishes with your health care proxy and members of your family. The Catholic Bishops of New Jersey have prepared *Advance Directives for Health Care: A Catholic Perspective*, which is available on the New Jersey Catholic Conference website:

[www.njconf.com/Documents/AdvDirforHC.htm](http://www.njconf.com/Documents/AdvDirforHC.htm)

You may also obtain the document from the Diocesan Respect Life Office, or by contacting the New Jersey Catholic Conference, 211 N. Warren St., Trenton, NJ 08618. 1-609-599-2110. Any revisions in this document made in the future will be published and the revised document made available.

*The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were*

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

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Imagine life below the poverty line, where one in eight Americans struggles every day to hang on. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities. Be part of the numbers that care; give generously to the CCHD Appeal next weekend. Envelopes for this collection can be found in your envelope packet. To learn more visit [povertyusa.org](http://povertyusa.org)

### 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.



### *Inspirational Spot*

For the sparkle in the eyes of loved ones, for the touch of a friendly hand, for the bread we eat, for the plentiful stars, for the roar of the ocean breakers, for the Holy Word You have spoken to us, for the chance to be and to do, we thank You, O Lord Our God.

### 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

## WE THE PEOPLE OF THE BEATITUDES

### BLESSED ARE THE LOWLY THEY SHALL INHERIT THE LAND

The promised reward of a land is no different from that promised to the people of Israel, our inheritance – a legacy. The lowly, the especially chosen ones of the Jewish scriptures, the "anawim," are those who offer no resistance to injury, will hand over their shirt and their coat, will walk the extra mile, will give to the beggar, and not turn away from the person in need. Verses 35-42 of Matthew's 25<sup>th</sup> chapter describe the lowly of our time too. As we live this beatitude we ask that we may see ourselves as the Lord sees us, humble, yet chosen, loved yet in need of His redemption, gifted so we may assist others, especially the Christ who comes to us in need. The meek, lowly, the humble are special to God because they are open to receive the gift He offers. Empty hands, open to receive as well as give, are signs of our dependence upon Him. How ready am I to open my hands to receive His gift?

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

"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)

### 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.



### CONGRATULATIONS

to

Margaret Grace Gaspar  
Child of:

Kathleen & Jeremy Gaspar  
who received the Sacrament of Baptism  
on January 20, 2008 at St. Brigid Church.

**ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNE SOCIETY** of St. James Parish will hold its Birthday Luncheon on Monday, February 4 at 12:30 PM in the St. James Hall on Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge. Call Gerry at 908-766-3492. Membership is open to men and women over 52. For more information call Janet Paglia at 973-425-0778.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 2-3, 2008

This food drive benefits the Consolidated Food Bank Network of Somerset County. The Food Bank is always in need of canned and powdered milk (including the new sterilized, non-spoilable varieties); canned and bottled tomato products, especially sauces with meat; peanut butter, jelly, complete meals in a can, bulk items (rice, sugar, beans; canned tuna, canned fruits and vegetables; detergents; household cleaners, soap, toilet paper, diapers, and hygienic supplies. Your donation of any amount of food or money is always appreciated and welcomed. Please bring your donations to Church next weekend.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Far Hills

And

St. Brigid Parish, Peapack

Lenten Parish Mission

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 31<sup>st</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.

**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.