

St. Elizabeth ~ St. Brigid
November 16-November 22, 2008
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Larry Barlow

Tuesday, November 18
Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Frank Zaredkewiez

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Anthony Tarallo

Friday, November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the intentions of
 Sr. Mary Joseph of the Trinity, OCD

Saturday, November 22
St. Cecilia

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Tony Rinaldo
 6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Frank Brach
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions

Sunday, November 23
Feast of Christ King

MASSES:

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Richard Ouellette
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Clarence Wolf
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: William Carr
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Sylvester Bergamo
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Deceased Members of the
 Knights of Columbus Council 11386



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, and Cathy Sabatino.

A time to die ... please pray for those who have recently passed away including Al Richards

Join us Thanksgiving morning, November 27th, at the 9 AM Mass as we gather to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has showered on our lives. Children interested in singing on Thanksgiving Day may come on Monday, November 24th at 4:30 PM to St. Brigid Church for practice with Sr. Joan.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 22

(E) M. Guido (L) K. Howes (A) W. Howes

6:30 PM St. Elizabeth

(E) R. Goger (L) L. Treppiccione (A) Z. Schwab

Sunday, November 23

7:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) F. Grigni (L) S. Santucci (A) H. & T. Lallis

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) K. Spinda (L) E. Schwer (A) S. Marki

9:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) D. Karner (L) C. Hickey (A) E. & C. O'Callaghan
 A. Caccavale

10:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) S. Grutta (L) M. Fernando (A) B. Moreau
 M. Grutta

11:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) J. Giunta (L) J. Felser (A) Knights of Columbus

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

St. Elizabeth Nov 8-9 \$ 3,205.00

St. Brigid Nov 8-9: \$ 4,875.00



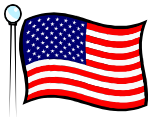
**FOR THE WEEK OF
 NOVEMBER 16-22, 2008**

At St. Elizabeth: The *Sacramental Wine* is offered for the repose of Tony Rinaldo requested by Maryann Rinaldo.

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER THE CHURCH
 REMEMBERS HER "LOVED ONES" WHO HAVE
 BEEN CALLED BACK TO THE LORD.**

Lord God almighty, I beseech Thee, by the precious blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in the garden, deliver the souls in purgatory, and amongst them all especially that soul which is most destitute of aid; and bring it to Thy glory, there to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen.

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.



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 USMC, son of Marie Callahan; Brendan Patrick Duffy of the US 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; Michael Mattessich of the US Army, nephew of Tom O'Callaghan; Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver and Timothy Donovan of the US Navy, close friend of Tom Gioino.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Parents of our Grade 2 students will attend a Parent Reconciliation meeting on Tuesday, November 18th from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center Library. At least one parent is expected to attend this important meeting. Our children will receive First Penance on Saturday, January 31st. Parents at that time will have an opportunity to sign up for their child's First Communion Mass. Please call Sr. Joan at the Religious Education Office if you have any questions. 908-234-1524.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are forming a children's choir for Christmas. Members of the choir will sing at either the 4 PM or the 6 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Families may select which Mass they will attend. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 PM in St. Brigid Church. Practice will also be held on December 2, December 9, and December 16. More details about the dress rehearsal and music will be distributed at the practices. If you'd like to be a part of the choir please contact Sr. Joan or Mark Filoramo at the Parish Office 908-234-1265.

The Latin Mass: Questions and Answers

Presented by

**The Department of Worship and Liturgical Formation
Tuesday, November 18, 2008 from 7:30-9 PM at the**

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

By Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Alliegro, Executive Director of the Department of Worship and Liturgical Formation.

This workshop will address the 2007 letter by Pope Benedict XVI, *Summorum Pontificum*, and the usage and implementation of the Latin Mass in the Diocese of Metuchen. Any interested parishioners are welcome to attend. Registration information is available on the diocesan website at www.diometuchen.org.

*For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of
friendship with God.*

Saint Teresa



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-29, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

TURKEY ROUND UP November 23, 2008



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting frozen and fresh turkeys as well as canned or cured hams for the Somerset County Food Bank after Mass at both churches. Please check with your local grocer to determine how you might be eligible for a free turkey or ham.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Winter Coat Drive will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2008. Please bring gently worn winter coats to the church vestibule before or after Mass next weekend. Men's, women's and children's winter coats are needed. Coats should be clean and serviceable with working closures and no rips or tears.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The St. Joachim and St. Anne Society will have their Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 8 at Fairwinds (Basking Ridge Country Club). Call Gerry Lewis for reservations (908) 766-3492.

The Diocese of Metuchen presents: **An Evangelizing Parish: Inviting Others to Experience The Fire of God's Love**, with Jodie D'Angiolillo, Director of the Office of Evangelization on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at St. Augustine of Canterbury-McGivney Hall, Kendall Park. For more details or to register please call Sara Sharlow at (732) 562-1990, Ext. 1633.

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.

Do You Want to Serve the Lord?

Is priesthood or religious life a possibility for you?

If so, consider joining our monthly discernment group, which is open to men, ages 18-50, who wish to discern God's will and find out more about priesthood and consecrated religious life. The group will meet at St. John Vianney House of Discernment, Hopelawn, on *Tuesday November 25 and December 9* at 7:30 PM. For more information call 732-562-2457.



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:

November 21 - St. Mary of Czestochowa, Bound Brook, 10 AM-noon

November 23 - Christ the King, Manville, 3 PM

TRUE LOVE WAITS 2 ADULT TRAINING SEMINAR

LIFENET will be conducting an adult training seminar to teach youth leaders, teachers, and others with a heart for youth to present *True Love Waits 2* - a new program to empower high school and college students and young adults to save sex for marriage. The seminar will be held on Saturday, *November 22*, 8:45 AM to 3PM at the College of St. Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown. Cost: \$90 per person until November 15; \$100 thereafter. For additional information call 201-804-8331.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea,
Conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson

Sunday, November 30, at 3 PM. Sacred Heart Church, 149 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield. Admission: \$25 (\$30 at the door); Seniors and Students: \$20 (\$25 at the door). For tickets call 908-756-0633 ext. 10.

For we walk by faith, not by sight
-- 2 Corinthians 5:7

2008 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Continuing the Mission of Christ

Our goal is to have 100% participation in the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift. For your convenience you can extend your pledge over monthly payments. Please participate in the Appeal to the best of your ability. Pray for the success of the Appeal, and let us remember God's love for us and the grace and blessings of sharing what we have with others.

IRA ROLLOVER EXTENDED

When President Bush Signed the \$700 billion economic bailout bill (H.R. 1424, The Financial Rescue Package), it included a two-year extension of the IRA Rollover provision. The provision will be made retroactive to January 1, 2008, and will apply to gifts made from that date through December 31, 2009. The provision exempts from taxable income any funds transferred ("rolled over") from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or a ROTH to a charitable organization. The following limitations apply:

- The donor must be age 70½ or older.
- The cap on annual IRA rollovers is \$100,000.
- The contribution must be a direct gift to a charity.

If you qualify, this provision may help you in making gifts to our parish, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Catholic Charities. For more information, call Margaret Guellich, CFRE Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-2436.

ANNUAL RED MASS

The Diocese of Metuchen 2008 Red Mass will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception, Annandale. The Mass honors individual in the judicial systems and the legal profession. Following Mass, there will be a brunch at the Beaver Brook Country Club in Clinton. Tickets are \$50 per adult. All are invited. For more information call 732-562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org



The next **FISH ON FRIDAY** will be held on Friday, *November 21*, 7:30 PM at the St. John Neumann Pastoral

Center, Piscataway. Topic: The Passion of St. Paul. Presenter: Father Richard Loch from the Diocese of Scranton, PA. For additional information call Gerri at 908-735-7804 or go to www.diometuchencr.org

St. Joseph High School Fathers' Club will sponsor the **30th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair** at the



high school, on 145 Plainfield Ave., Metuchen. There will be many tables of fine, original handcrafted or specialty items. Admission is free but there is a \$2 parking fee. Date and times: Saturday, *November 22*, 9 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, *November 23*, 10 AM to 4 PM. For additional information call 732-549-7600 ext. 214.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them... To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third, one – to each according to his ability. Then he went away... After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.... Since you were faithful in small matters I will give you great responsibilities. Come share your master’s joy.”

How enjoyable it is to listen to Jesus teaching by way of parables. Sometimes the full meaning escaped the apostles and they needed a little help as He explained the parable to them. That is not the case today. Jesus paints the scene quite clearly. His gifts have been offered in abundance, sometimes based on ability. But there is no escaping accountability.

Think for a moment. What are the five gifts He has entrusted to me, my talents and abilities, my family or my work? Do I treasure them as gifts? How well do I use them for those around me? Am I an enabler for others to grow?

Think for a moment. What are two special gifts that I have, not merited or earned but are gifts of God to me? They are the gift of life and the gift of grace. Am I able to recognize them as gifts and express my appreciation for them? How well do I use them?

Think for a moment. What is the most important gift that I have received? It is the gift of grace, the God life given me at baptism. Is it still present in my spiritual life? Do I need to seek forgiveness to restore it?

There are many ways to apply the parable of Jesus to our spiritual lives and as we do well with the five, the two and one, we await Jesus’ accounting as He says ‘Come; share your master’s joy.’



“We are not lonely, isolated, self-enclosed little egos, turned in upon ourselves, whose neighbors and whose unborn children are but an obstacle to our own self-fulfillment. No, as the Body of Christ we are valued participants in a beloved community, headed by a Lord Who has eradicated the barriers of sin and death that would separate us from one another, and Who has given us the power by His Spirit to care and to love all of His children.”

–*Not My Own*, by Terry Schlossberg and Elizabeth Achtemeier

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The Reverence for Life Committee invites everyone to join them for a Prayer Vigil for life on Monday December 8th immediately following the 7 PM Mass in St. Brigid Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 PM. All are invited to come and pray for the sanctity of all life from natural conception to natural death.

A Prayer for Our Troops

God, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH A PRAYER FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, in the mystery of baptism we became Your adopted sons and daughters and received the gift of belonging in Your family, and we praise You as Your own children.

As our Lord touched and blessed the children who came to Him, we ask that Your divine touch and blessing be upon our children. May they grow in wisdom and grace. May their knowledge of Your love for them grow daily.

We ask also Your blessing for ourselves, that we may love and guide our children with the unconditional love that You model and the wisdom that only You can provide.

Finally, we ask Your blessing upon our children’s birth families. May they know the peace of Your comfort, and may they rest assured of the legacy of hope they have given to our children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Family, pray for us. Amen.

OPPOSE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is again before Congress (S. 1173, H.R. 1964). FOCA is a radical bill. It creates a “fundamental right” to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy. No governmental body at any level would be able to “deny or interfere with” this right, or to “discriminate” against the exercise of this right “in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information.” For the first time, abortion would become an *entitlement* the government must condone and promote.

FOCA would go beyond the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision in imposing an extreme abortion regimen on our Country. No other piece of legislation would have such a destructive impact on society’s ability to limit or regulate abortion.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, declared: “We can’t reduce abortions by promoting abortion.” He urged all Senators and Representatives “to pledge their opposition to FOCA.”

Let your voice be heard – Contact your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators by FAX, letter, email, or phone and ask them to “Please pledge now to oppose FOCA.” Full contact information can be found on Members of Congress’s web sites: www.senate.gov or www.house.gov or call the U.S. Capital switchboard at (202)-224-3121.

“Love is a gift of self. It means emptying oneself to reach out to others. In a certain sense, it means forgetting oneself for the good of others.”

~Pope John Paul II