

St. Elizabeth ~ St. Brigid
November 9-November 15, 2008
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, November 10
St. Leo the Great

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Robert Moran

Tuesday, November 11
St. Martin of Tours

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

Wednesday, November 12
St. Josephat

7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions
 7:15 PM (St. Elizabeth) Evening Prayer
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Mary & Walter Gronwald
 Novena

Thursday, November 13
St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Walter & Mary Gronwald

Friday, November 14

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Gloria Jean Perrone

Saturday, November 15
St. Albert the Great

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: James Bowers
 6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Albert Kalafsky
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions

Sunday, November 16
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES:

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Friedrich Gliebe
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Virginia Taglieri
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Rose Bergamo
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Frances Clark

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 *Alfred Richards*

As we pray today for an increase of spiritual gifts, we are reminded by the bishops' pastoral on stewardship that good stewardship of the Church "means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith."

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 15

(E) B. Tursini (L) L. Treppiccione (A) L. Da Silva
 Z. Schwab

6:30 PM St. Elizabeth

(E) R. Goger (L) J. Zachman (A) W. Rohrbacker

Sunday, November 16

7:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) L. Treppiccione (L) R. Crane (A) L. Crane

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth

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

9:30 AM St. Brigid

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

10:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) M. Nucci (L) M. Fernando (A) B. Moreau
 R. & J. Lynch

11:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) L. Guinta (L) P. Richards (A) E. & C. Villagra

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

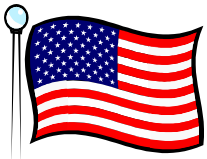
St. Elizabeth Nov 1-2:	\$ 3,561.00
All Saints:	\$ 420.00
All Souls:	\$ 866.00
St. Brigid Nov 1-2:	\$ 5,465.00
All Saints:	\$ 911.00
All Souls:	\$ 1,176.00

A PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Tender God of Mercy, You so loved us that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer. In Him we have come to know You and love You. As we draw closer to You, we seek to share the Good News of Your powerful life-giving Love. In this month of the Holy Souls, we pray for all the faithful departed, and especially for the relatives, friends, and neighbors who brightened our lives.

(here pause to mention those you wish to remember)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, I commend them to Your Divine Mercy. May they welcome these souls into Your heavenly garden. Tender God of Mercy, may these souls, all who sleep in Christ, and all who seek You with a sincere heart, find in Your Presence light, happiness, and peace. Lead them into the fullness of the Resurrection and gladden them with the light of Your Face. Amen.



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 CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Parents of our Grade 7 Students will attend a Confirmation Meeting which will take place on Monday, November 10th from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center Library. Our Confirmation handbook will be distributed and an explanation of our Confirmation Program will take place. One parent is required to attend this important meeting. If you are unable to attend please call Sr. Joan at 908-234-1524 to set up another appointment.

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.

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. The information provided will be helpful for clergy and those in music ministry. Any interested parishioners are also welcome to attend. Registration information is available on the diocesan website at www.diometuchen.org.

*"Do not wait for leaders;
do it alone, person to person."
- Mother Teresa*

Scripture Fulfilled



DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

This reading from the Prophet Ezekiel tells of the streaming, healing waters that flow from the temple. These waters restore life to the river's inhabitants as well as the fruit bearing trees along its banks. It is believed that the water signifies blessings, whereas the lack of signifies trouble, hardship.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Paul compares us to a building whose foundation has been laid by Jesus. As the people of God, we can only be solid if we are grounded in Christ.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Near the time of Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem and saw the temple had become a marketplace. He became angry and proceeded to drive out the vendors and livestock. Jesus spoke of destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days. The Jews did not know Jesus was speaking of his body, but when his resurrection from the dead came to pass, his disciples remembered what Jesus had said and came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.



THE MATHENY ARTS ACCESS PROGRAM

**Proudly presents
FULL CIRCLE 2008~THE FIRST 15
YEARS**

Saturday, November 15, 3-6 PM

The Robert Schonhorn Arts Center
Matheny Medical and Educational
Center, Peapack, NJ

Featuring:

- ~A gallery exhibition of original art created by the Arts Access artists
- ~Performances of original work created by Arts Access writers and musical composers
- ~Professional dance performances by Arts Access dancers and Moe-tion Dance Theater
- ~ Gourmet food and pastry tasting, compliments of Limestone Café, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Country Picnic, CocoLuxe Fine Pastries, and Gladstone Tavern

Tickets: \$25.00 for tickets, call 908-234-0011 ext. 315.

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.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

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 *Tuesdays 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

EXPLORING ISLAM AND HINDUISM: THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE

Presented by Fr. Abraham Orapankal, a missionary priest in north-east India, on Tuesday, *November 11*, 7:30 PM, at St. Luke Parish, North Plainfield. Fr. Abraham will discuss the principles and tenets of the two religious traditions and how we can be sensitive to the similarities and differences. Please register by calling Sara Sharlow at 732-562-1990 ext. 1633.

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.

All are welcome to attend Bishop Bootkoski's **THIRD ANNUAL MASS TO "CELEBRATE ADOPTION"** on Sunday, *November 16*, at 12 noon, to be held at the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen. This special celebration honoring all adoptive families includes: adoptees, adoptive parents, grandparents, extended families, and birth parents. A light lunch will follow Mass. Pre-registration requested. Call 732-562-1990 ext. 1624.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Daughters of Mary will be Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7 PM in St. Patrick's Hall. The meeting will be dedicated to a service project preparing gift bags for the VA Lyons Hospital. All items have already been purchased for the gift bags. Please join us for this enjoyable evening of Christian fellowship. Also, Sr. Wilma will have her handcrafts available for sale and be available to take orders for Christmas giving.



2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal ***Continuing the Mission of Christ***

We are grateful to every family that has made a gift to this year's Appeal and know that you will remain faithful to your pledge. If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. Every gift, no matter the amount, is important. Please participate as your means allow. 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.



"By defending the embryo, we defend the idea of human life as having inherent dignity. If we dismiss the embryo as a form of life we can destroy at will for supposed medical benefits, we leave little basis for defending other unpopular or marginalized members of the human race once someone sees them as worth more dead than alive."
(Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Pro Life Activities).



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

Recently, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, delivered this address to the interactive panel of the 63rd session of the U.N. General Assembly on the global financial crisis:

“Many economists and analysts are agreed that the crisis can be attributed to a lack of a complete and effective regulatory system, but even more to a widespread disregard for regulatory and supervisory structures, to say nothing of the rules of accountability and transparency.

My delegation endorses this view and would go one step further: the real crisis does not appear to be merely financial, economic and technical. Rather, it extends to the broader realm of ethical codes and moral conduct. Unbridled profiteering and the unscrupulous pursuit of gain at any cost have made people forget basic rules of business ethics.

Our reaction should not be limited to deploring the crisis and offering formal expressions of sympathy to the poorer countries and social strata which have been affected. We need to come up with the ways and means to avoid similar crises in the future.

In some cases, governments and institutions which rigorously implemented rules at the lower customer level were lax in maintaining that same rigor at the higher level. The same could also be said with regard to the economic systems of poorer countries. International financial institutions which strictly implemented conditionalities and oversight in developing countries neglected to do so when overseeing developed economies. Now that the latter have collapsed, the former also have to bear the consequences.

Government is the exercise of the virtue of prudence in the enactment of legislative and executive measures capable of directing social activity towards the common good. The principle of subsidiarity requires that governments and large international agencies ensure solidarity on the national and global levels and between generations.

A second observation pertains to the responsibility of those who work in the financial sector. Lending is a necessary social activity. Nonetheless, financial institutions and agents are responsible for ensuring that lending fulfills its proper function in society, connecting savings to production. If lending is seen merely in terms of trading off financial resources without regard for their reasonable use, it fails to be a service to society. When attempts are made to conceal the real risk that loans will not be repaid, savers are cheated and lenders become actual accomplices in theft.

It must not be forgotten that at the edges of the financial system there are retired persons, small family businesses, cottage industries and countless employees for whom savings are an essential means of support. Financial activity needs to be sufficiently transparent so that individual savers, especially the poor and those least protected, understand what will become of their savings. This calls not only for effective measures of oversight by governments, but also for a high standard of ethical conduct on the part of financial leaders themselves.

A third, and perhaps even more basic, observation has to do with the general public and its choice of values and lifestyles. A lifestyle, and even more an economic model, solely based on increased and uncontrolled consumption and not on savings and the creation of productive capital, is economically unsustainable. It also becomes unsustainable from the standpoint of concern for the environment and, above all, of human dignity itself, since the irresponsible consumer renounces his own dignity as a rational creature and also offends the dignity of others.

Looking towards the future, there is a need to restore credibility and authenticity to lending, which always needs to be a part of the product chain of goods and services, and not an independent activity.

Above all, however, there is a need to invest in people. Once the inevitable financial salvage operations are over, governments and the international community should invest their money in aid to the poorest populations.

The relatively recent and positive experience of microcredit shows that, paradoxically, those who, from the standpoint of cold hard financial calculation, seem least suitable to receive credit, are by and large the most serious and reliable borrowers.

The history of developed countries also demonstrates that grants for health, education, housing and other basic services benefiting the weakest socio-economic levels of society, families and small communities, ultimately prove to be the most profitable investments, since they alone ensure the harmonious functioning of society as a whole.”

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.