

St. Elizabeth – St. Brigid  
 March 8 – March 14, 2010  
 Third Sunday of Lent

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Monday, March 8**

8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Rita DiLullo

**Tuesday, March 9**

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: James Oliva

**Wednesday, March 10**

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Special Intention  
 7:00 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions  
 7:15 PM (St. Elizabeth) Evening Prayer  
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Tom Tremaine

**Novena**

**Thursday, March 11**

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: James Allen Ross

**Friday March 12**

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the intentions of  
 Sr. Joan Godeski CSJB  
 7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 13**

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Sam Costa  
 4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions  
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carmella & Anthony Puleo  
 6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Vincent E. Bolash, Jr.  
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions

**Sunday, March 14**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**MASSES:**

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Fanny Tedesco  
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners  
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Catherine Baxter  
 & Maria Mantey  
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Angeline Rasile  
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Lois Torsilieri

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, March 13**

**5 PM St. Brigid**

(E) P. Cross (L) D. Cross (A) W. Howes

**6:30 PM St. Elizabeth**

(E) L. Treppiccione (L) G. Schweitzer (A) B. Moreau

**Sunday, March 14**

**7:30 AM St. Brigid**

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

**8:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

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

**9:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) L. Henderson (L) R. Slattery (A) M & G Carolonza

**10:30 AM St. Elizabeth**

(E) D. McNally (L) M. Nucci (A)

**11:30 AM St. Brigid**

(E) B. Peterson (L) P. Richards (A) M. Lagana

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

St. Elizabeth February 27-28: \$ 5,309.00

St. Brigid February 27-28: \$ 3,591.92



**FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010**

**At St. Brigid:** The *Sanctuary Candle* is offered for the special intentions of **Joanna Jasontek** from Scott and Diane Van Arsdale.

A *Votive Light* is offered for a special intention by Bruno Bastet.



**St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Youth Choir**

Children's choir will meet on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 – 4:45 PM and sing at the 5 PM Mass.



**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: Joe Orlando, Cathy Sabatino, Bruno Rodizoski, David A. Pickel, Jr., Christopher D'Ambrosio, Lina Calabrese, Elizabeth Kurylo, Ophelia Robbie, and Sheryl Ann Wille**  
**A time to die ... please pray for those who have recently passed away.**

**2009 financial contribution statements for St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid are now available. Please call the parish Office at 908-234-1265 to request your statement.**

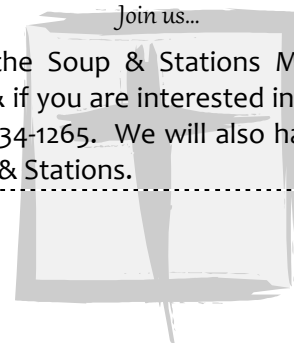
*“Remember: You are what you are in the eyes of god and nothing else.”- St. Francis of Assisi*

Calling all youth!

How Is Your Lent Going?

Join us...

~Come host the Soup & Stations March 12th. For more details & if you are interested in helping contact Katie at 908-234-1265. We will also have a table each week at Soup & Stations.



~Lenten Lock-in! March 26th 5:30-10:30 PM For all High school & Middle school students. Prayer, reflection, food, & fun! Sign up by March 21st by calling Katie at 908-234-1265 or emailing: youthministryst.elizabeth-st.brigid@hotmail.com

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; Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver, Timothy Donovan of the US Navy, close friend of Tom Gioino; John F. Stahl of the US Army, son, Joseph Stahl of the Navy, grandson, and Eric Hummel of the US Army nephew of Ruth Stahl.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Children in Grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 are invited to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross. We will have practice on the following Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-5:30 PM at St. Brigid Church; March 10th, 17th, and 24th. The Living Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday, March 26th at 7 PM.

Students in Grades 6 through High school are invited to participate in the Teenage Stations of the Cross. Practice will take place on Thursday, March 18th from 7-8 PM at St. Brigid Church. Stations will be prayed on Friday, March 19th at 7 PM at St. Brigid Church. Call Sr. Joan at 908-234-1524 for more information.

### STUDENTS TO LEADERS EDUCATION DINNER



Catholic schools prepare our young people to be future leaders and responsible citizens for business, our communities and our nation. To keep the legacy alive, we must strive to keep Catholic elementary and secondary schools available, accessible and affordable to Catholic parents and their children.

**You can help by joining us for the Students to Leaders Education Dinner on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Palace at Somerset Park. The special guest speaker is author Mary Higgins Clark.**

Proceeds from the dinner support the Foundation for Education—an endowment fund which provides tuition assistance grants to aid low and middle income families whose children attend diocesan schools. Tickets for the event are \$250. For information on ads, underwriting or dinner tickets, phone 732-562-2429, email educationdinner10@diometuchen.org or visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/development.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for financial aid through the Diocese of Metuchen Tuition Assistance Program for the 2010-2011 school year are now available at all diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Completed applications must be

received by Private School Aid Service no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010. To obtain an application form, please contact the Principal or main office of the school where the student is registering. For a printable version of the form visit the diocesan website: [www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/](http://www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/).



### First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

### Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

### Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.



"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." - **Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270**

### NEEDED: CRIBS AND TODDLER BEDS



Life Choices is happy to announce the birth of so many beautiful babies. But, this has led to a great shortage of cribs and toddler beds. Right now we have more than 40 moms on the waiting list. Please call if you have any gently used baby furniture or equipment. Call: 908-454-2066

**The Legal Center for Defense of Life invites you to join them for Sunday Brunch** with special guest Prof. Mark L. Reinzi, Esq. from the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11AM - 2PM at The Madison Hotel in Convent Station, New Jersey. For more information call (973)-984-0725.

**FR. JOHN CORAPI IS COMING TO NEW JERSEY!** On Saturday, October 30, 2010, Fr. Corapi will be coming to the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ for an all day Conference and Mass. This event is sponsored by

Domestic Church Media, which broadcasts EWTN Catholic Radio in NJ. Tickets for the Fr. Corapi Conference are available through Ticketmaster ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com))

*Each one of them is Jesus in disguise. – Mother Teresa*

### 2009 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN

In an effort to secure the funding which is critical to sustaining our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, the Diocese of Metuchen is embarking on a telephone campaign for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made from March 1st through March 25<sup>th</sup> (excluding Sundays) to those who have not yet made a gift to the 2009 appeal. Please note that callers will not ask for your credit card information. Callers have been instructed to honor the National Do Not Call list even though as a religious institution we are exempt. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Very Reverend Sylvester J. Cronin, Executive Director, Stewardship & Development by phone at 732-562-2431 or by e-mail [scronin@diometuchen.org](mailto:scronin@diometuchen.org).

### BREAD & ROSES BALL

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bread & Roses Ball will take place on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ. The **proceeds** benefit Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen in Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties. **Carmel Gettings, parishioner of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church in Flemington, will receive the Immanuel Award.** The event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, 50/50 raffle and by popular demand, Monte Carlo style gaming. For any questions or details on underwriting and sponsorships or to order dinner tickets or raffle tickets, please call 732-562-2438 or email [www.breadandroses10@diometuchen.org](mailto:www.breadandroses10@diometuchen.org)

### PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

**A Mass Honoring Healthcare Professionals** will be held on Sunday, *March 14*, at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen, at Noon. Bishop Bootkoski will celebrate the Mass with Rev. Frank Berna, O.F.M. the guest homilist. The **WHITE MASS** honors those in our Diocese that are involved in the healthcare profession including: physicians, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, chaplains, administrators and volunteers. Please call to pre-register or for additional information at 732-562-1990 ext. 1629.

### \*\*THURSDAY EVENINGS IN LENT\*\*

Come break open the "Word of God" in a small group setting and learn how it affects our life and our Lenten Journey. We will study and reflect on the readings for the following Sunday's Mass. Meetings will be held in the Parish Center library on Thursday evenings during Lent from 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM with the exception of Thursday March 11. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.



### *Daylight Saving Time Begins ~ March 14*

**Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed next Saturday night, March 13. This is also a good time to change the batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.**

Next weekend, our Parish will take up **The Diocese of Metuchen SPRING COLLECTION.** This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. The envelope for this Collection is included in your envelope packet.

### IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

On Thursday, March 25 at 8 AM, Immaculata High School, located at 240 Mountain Avenue in Somerville, will administer the Diocese of Metuchen HSPT Entrance Exam to all current 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in applying to Immaculata for September 2010 admission. Please contact Matt Pitucco, Admissions, at 908-722-0200 x218 for an application and exam registration information.

### "JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF"

When a loved one dies, our world is forever changed. For the heart-broken daily life is overwhelmed with sadness. The Diocese of Metuchen will offer an afternoon Bereavement Group for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 1PM – 3PM at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. These sessions are focused on the stages of grief and offer a safe haven during this difficult time. Although there is no fee, **registration is required.** To register call the Family Life Office 732-562-1990 X1624.

### LENTEN SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The Diocese of Metuchen Council of Catholic Women will host a Lenten Spiritual Retreat on March 13, at Guardian Angels Church, Edison. Guest Speaker: Mary Morrell. Topic: "Moving Forward with Faith and Joy." Registration 9:30 AM; day ends at 2:30 PM. Lunch will not be provided – please bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, cold drinks and dessert will be served. Cost \$7. For further information or to register, please call Carol at 732-321-1625 or Alice at 732-572-2638.

### MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

*Remembering Who We Are and  
How to Remind Our Neighbors*

In Commemoration of the Feast of the Annunciation, St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ, will host a Respect Life Celebration on Sunday, March 21 beginning at 3 PM. This event, sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, will be an afternoon of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Everyone is invited to share in the beautiful celebration of two short Byzantine Catholic prayer services and to hear a presentation by Theresa Notare, PhD and Loretta Fleming, MA. Reservations are not required, but will be helpful in our planning. To make your reservation, please call St. Mary's at 908-725-0615.

**God loves each one of us  
as if there were only one of us to love.**  
- St. Augustine



Mark your calendars to join us during Lent for Soup and Stations hosted by various groups of the parish. From 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall there will be a Lenten Supper of meatless soup and

bread followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in St. Brigid Church.

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Confirmandi & Youth Group

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Knights of Columbus

March 26<sup>th</sup>: Daughters of Mary

#### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Each Friday Evening**, during the Stations of the Cross from 7 PM-8 PM at St. Brigid Church confessions will be heard at St. Brigid Church.

**Lenten Penance Service:** Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7 PM in St. Brigid Church. The guest homilist will be Fr. Keith Cervine, Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen. There will be a number of priests available for confession.

#### LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS—2010

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of **good health**:

~The days of **fast and abstinence** are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

~**All other Fridays** of Lent are **days of abstinence**.

~From the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday** until the celebration of the **Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday**, the **Easter fast** should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

The obligation to **fast** applies only to Catholics **between the ages of 18 and 59**. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of **abstinence** affects all Catholics who have **reached the age of 14**. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat and all meat products.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe **any** penitential day in itself may **not be considered serious**, the failure to observe **any** penitential days at all, or a **substantial number** of them **without good cause**, would be considered a **grave matter**. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to

perform **some other penitential act**, or to **abstain on another day**.

*The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!*

#### *Daughters of Mary Something Wrapped in Red FUNd Raising Event*

*Supporting the Daughters of Mary charities!*

**Change of date: Thursday, March 11, 2010**

*St. Patrick Hall*

*7 PM-9 PM*

*Refreshments*

*All the women in the parish are invited to bring a gift wrapped in red with a value of \$20 or more. Friends are welcome to come with a gift or just to bid on the gifts. Gifts will be auctioned to the highest bidder. The evening promises to be fun filled! A party not to be missed. A brief Lenten prayer service will begin our evening.*

#### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN OUR AREA

##### **BASKING RIDGE- St. James Church**

184 South Finely Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4PM – 5PM  
Lenten Penance Service: March 15 7PM

##### **BERNARDSVILLE- Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

111 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30PM – 5:15PM  
Lenten Penance Service: March 30 7PM

##### **BRIDGEWATER- St. Bernard of Clarivaux Church**

500 Route 22, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4PM – 4:45PM  
Lenten Penance Service: March 28 7PM

##### **MARTINSVILLE- Blessed Sacrament Church**

852 Newmans Lane, Martinsville, NJ 08836  
Reconciliation: Saturday 11AM – 12noon

##### **WARREN- Our Lady of the Mount Church**

167 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren, NJ 07059  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15PM – 4:45PM  
Lenten Penance Service: March 24 7PM

*The following names have been enrolled in the Mass Guild  
of St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid Parish:*

**February 2010**

*Charles Mathias*

*For the Special Intentions of George & Patsy Richards*

*Fred Toms*

*Jean Marie Felser*

*Salvatore J. Treppiccione  
Louis & Rose Bennetto  
Frank & Antoinette Treppiccion  
Loretta Nieroda  
Jamie & Lidia Wenz  
Michael & Madeline H. Perrone  
Thomas & Madeline D'Attilio*

