

St. Elizabeth – St. Brigid
 March 22 – March 28, 2010
 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Schedule
Monday, March 22
 8:15 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Special Intentions of Dorothy D'Epagnier

Tuesday, March 23
 8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Special Intentions of Kathy Beyer

Wednesday, March 24
 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: For the Special Intentions of Cheryl Colline

Novena
Thursday, March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
 8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Special Intentions of Mary Burns

Friday March 26
 9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Lucia Lembo
 7:00 PM (St. Brigid) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Special Intention
 4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Confessions
 5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Helen Pote
 6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Albert J. Kalafsky
 7:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Confessions

Sunday, March 28
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
MASSES:
 7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Virginia Robb
 8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Paul Mertz
 9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Matthew Baumpane
 10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners
 11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Helen Hari

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 27
5 PM St. Brigid

(E) MJ & J. Guido (L) (N) D. Cross (A)
 (S) R. Schwab

6:30 PM St. Elizabeth

(E) P. Jibilian (L) (N) J. Zachman (A) E. & C. Villagra
 (S) L. Treppiccione

Sunday, March 28
7:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) Deacon (L) (N) R. Crane (A) H. & T. Lallis
 (S) S. Santucci

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) B. Peterson (L) (N) D. Duffy (A) S. Marki
 (S) S. Butterfield B. Moreau

9:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) B. Carlson (L) (N) C. Hickey (A) S. & G. Henderson
 (S) G. Schweitzer

10:30 AM St. Elizabeth

(E) J. Morgia (L) (N) K. Yeomans (A) R. & J. Lynch
 (S) T. Lynch

11:30 AM St. Brigid

(E) J. Giunta (L) (N) Sr. Joan (A) J. Salcedo
 (S) R. Fielding M. Grutta

CONTRIBUTIONS	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH	
St. Elizabeth March 13-14:	\$ 3,024.00
Easer Flowers:	\$ 1,022.00
St. Brigid March 13-14:	\$ 4,596.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 1,383.00




FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2010
At St. Elizabeth: The *Altar Wine* is offered in memory of **William Feehely** from Emily Walker.

Please call the parish Office at 908-234-1265 to request your 2009 Contribution statement.

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA *Schubert's Mass in E Flat*
 Come listen to a community chorus of voices from local area churches under the direction of Henry Repp on Sunday, March 28 at 4 PM in the Peapack Reformed Church. For more information call 908.234.2733

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?



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, Sheryl Ann Wille, Fr. Joachim Schweitzer OSB, and Raymond Pinkos.**
 A time to die ... please pray for those who have recently passed away.



St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Youth Choir
 Children's choir will meet on Saturday April 10th at 3:45 – 4:45 PM and sing at the 5 PM Mass.

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 March 24th from 4:30-5:30 PM at St. Brigid Church. The Living Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday, March 26th at 7 PM.



BE A WINNER!

Buy a Raffle Ticket for Education

When Catholic education is available, accessible and affordable for our children, everyone wins! Help support the Foundation for Education by purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket and/or join us for the *Students to Leaders* Education Dinner on Wednesday, May 19th at The Palace in Somerset Park. Our guest speaker is author Mary Higgins Clark. For information: 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/.



"The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ." – *Pope Benedict XVI*

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

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)

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 has embarked on a telephone campaign for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made through March 25th (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. 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.



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. Our last meeting will be held in the Parish Center library on Thursday, March 25th from 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 908-234-1265.

BREAD & ROSES BALL

The 20th 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 to order dinner tickets or raffle tickets, please call 732-562-2438 or email www.breadandroses10@diometuchen.org

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA "A WOMAN OF OUR TIMES"

Our Lady of the Mount Church 167 Mt. Bethel Road Warren, New Jersey presents Sister Nancy Murray, O.P., and her one-woman performance as St. Catherine of Siena, on Saturday, April 17th, at 7:30 PM. Sister Nancy is the "sister" of comedian Bill Murray. Sister Nancy brings to life the rebellious adolescent child, and shows the humor and feisty personality that was St. Catherine. Pope Pius XII named Catherine a Patron Saint of Italy, Pope Paul VI gave her the title of Doctor of the Church, and Pope John Paul II made her one of Europe's patron saints. For more information and tickets, please call Our Lady of the Mount Parish Office at (908) 647-1075. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, \$35 for a family ticket (5 or more people).

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is an important private and public virtue and participation in the political process is a moral obligation." Faithful Citizenship, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1999. You are invited to join Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 7-9 PM for an **Evening of Legislative Dialogue** at St. Helena's School, Edison. Please join us as we present the concerns of the Catholic community related to social issues, Catholic education and respect for life issues to our State Legislators. All 30 legislators representing districts within the Diocese of Metuchen have been invited to participate. For more information or to register, call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE FILM SCREENING

On Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 7 PM, at Ridge Performing Arts Center, St. James Youth Ministry will be sponsoring for ages 13 and over **THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE** created by Grassroots Films of Brooklyn, NY. The film is about a band of brothers who travel the world in search of the answers to the questions: Who am I? Who is Man? Why do we search for meaning? Through one on one interviews real life encounters the brothers are awakened to the beauty of the human person and the resilience of the human spirit. Don't miss this amazing event. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Donation \$10. For more information, please contact: thxatridge@gmail.com.

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.

Five Steps to a Good Confession

1. Examine your Conscience
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. Do the penance the priest assigns.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

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

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

Calling all youth!

How Is Your Lent Going?

*Last Chance...

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

youthministryst.elizabeth-st.brigid@hotmail.com

Don't miss it!!

CHRISM MASS

Monday, March 29 - 7:30 PM

St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen



On Monday, March 29, at 7:30 PM Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the Priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils

which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom, which we now call the Chrism Mass, in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. These Oils are kept in an **ambry**; the Latin word *armarium* means cupboard or chest. At this Mass, all Priests make a **Renewal of Commitment of Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. **Bishop Bootkoski will call to Holy Orders our deacon Juan Salonga.** All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 PM.

LENTEN INSTRUCTION



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**:

1. **Good Friday** is a day of **fast and abstinence**
2. **All other Fridays** of Lent are **days of abstinence**.
3. 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.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday~March 28th

Masses:

5:00 PM Vigil, March 23rd St. Brigid

7:30 PM Vigil at St. Elizabeth

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM at St. Brigid

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Elizabeth

Monday~March 29th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM at St. Elizabeth

7:30 PM~Mass of Chrism~Blessing of the Holy Oils

At St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

Tuesday~March 30th

Daily Mass 9:00 AM at St. Brigid

Wednesday~March 31st

Daily Mass at 9 AM at St. Brigid

7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth

Holy Thursday~April 1st

7:00 PM Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

At St. Brigid Church

Adoration to follow until 11 PM in St. Brigid Church

Good Friday~April 2nd

St. Brigid Church

1PM Stations of the Cross at St. Brigid

2 PM The Last Seven Words to Christ on the Cross

3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St. Elizabeth Church

7 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday~April 3rd

8 PM Solemn Easter Vigil at St. Elizabeth

8 PM Solemn Easter Vigil at St. Brigid

Easter Sunday~ April 4th

Masses:

St. Elizabeth: 8:30 AM; 10:30 AM, and Noon

St. Brigid: 7:30 AM; 9:30 AM; and 11:30 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 4:30 PM at St. Brigid

Wednesday & Saturday 7 PM at St. Elizabeth



Mark your calendars to join us Friday March 26th for Soup and Stations hosted by the Daughters of Mary 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.

CALLED BY NAME

Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of

us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

*U.S. Bishops' Pastoral on Stewardship
Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*