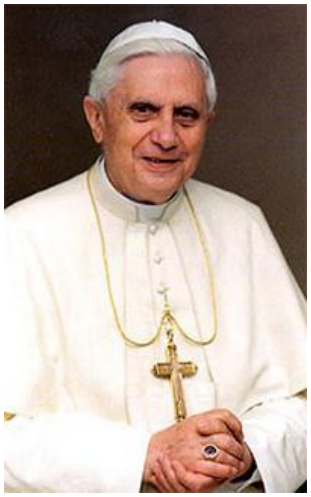
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 17, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners: We hear the words of our Pope Benedict with the hope that our prayers will strengthen him and bless him in the days ahead. Let us pray also with Pope Benedict for our church in this time of decision and discernment. The following is the text of the speech that Pope Benedict delivered in Latin to members of a consistory, or church council, announcing his planned resignation:



Dear Brothers,
I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonisation, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry.
I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognise my incapacity to adequately fulfil the ministry entrusted to me.
For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.
Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff.
With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.

Ad multos gloriosque annos, Holy Father.

With every good thought and prayer,

Fr. Harahan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, PRESIDENTS DAY
No Holy Hour, One Mass only at 9am
Parish Center Closed

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Next Monday, February 25th, 5:30pm-7:00pm

The Parish of St. Elizabeth provides the opportunity for everyone to share Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 5:30-7:00 pm. We invite all to pray in silence for 15 or 30 minutes or longer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Even if just for a few minutes, make sure that you take the time to stop in Church and give thanks to Him from whom every good comes.

Holy Hour for Life,
Marriages & Religious Liberty
Sunday, February 24th at 3pm.

OVERNIGHT EXTENDED ADORATION
1st Monday, of each Month
Monday, March 4th, 5:30pm - 6:45am

NEW!!! For the Year of Faith, St. Elizabeth's will have extended Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Monday of the month Join us on Monday, Mar. 4th. It will begin at the normal time of 5:30 pm, but will extend overnight concluding with Benediction at 6:45 am before the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday. We are looking for parishioners to commit to a once a month time slot for a Holy Hour. You can commit for the same time slot each month or simply for a month at a time. Commit with a friend, a spouse, or a child to come and pray. Prayer groups, parish ministries and families are encouraged to commit some time to this invitation. Please call Pat Khanjian at 201-891-3262 ext. 227 or email jcamiolo@saintelizabeths.org to sign up for a time slot.

Please consider some quiet time in prayer.

2013 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

   On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

   On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially" or as whole is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 17, 2013 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013.

*****_Canon 920. §1 All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year._

SAVE THE DATE
Parish Lenten Mission Tony Melendez and Band

Monday & Tuesday evenings, February 25 & 26
7:30—9:00 PM in Church
Daytime Option - Tuesday, February 26th - 1 PM in Church
Complete the Mission with the Parish Penance Service
Wednesday, February 27th, 7:30 PM

"The Light is on for you" during the Year Of Faith

On all of the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:30pm-8:30pm, our parish along with all of the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Newark will be open for individual confession. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.YearofFaithArchNewark.org/reconciliation.htm to help you prepare. It has a video on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently asked questions and more. Please make plans to come on Lenten Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

Confessions

Saturdays, at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
February 20 & March 6,13,20,27
Penance Service February 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent

7:00 a.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. Monday – Saturday
7:00 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays (during Lent)
Please note there will be no evening Mass Holy Week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us in Church every Friday evening, during Lent at 7:30pm, as we pray the Stations of the Cross. The practice of "walking the Passion with Jesus" is quite ancient. Traditionally, pilgrims to Jerusalem would follow the route of Jesus' Passion. Those traveling to the Holy Land were able to experience the devotional Way of the Cross and its spiritual benefits. Today this practice allows us to also walk that route with Christ, to meditate on his Passion and to share it in a particularly intimate way with one another.

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The light is on for You during the Year of Faith
Check out these helpful videos for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

How to go to Confession
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdNwS-2qYDk&feature=youtu.be
How to Say the Act of Contrition
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v49ocF9Y3P0&feature=youtu.be

DON BOSCO PREP
Spring Musicial "Godspell"

Featuring St. E's parishioners and former graduates
March 15, 16, 17 & 22, 23. More details to follow.

"To everything there is a Season and a time for every Purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed…"

Prayers for those ill: *will be included in the weekly bulletin with a name listing. Please call the Parish Center by Monday of each week to be included. All names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless we are notified.*

Please pray for: Daniel Struble, Nick Sanfilippo, Peter Bogulaski & Gloria Crone

"A time to be to mourn…"

Recently Deceased: Bertha Currie

"A time for war and a time for peace…"

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, Major Christopher Crotty, Miguel Tully, John Paul Phillips, Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, Captain Colin McNulty, Captain Luke Walsh, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Marines P.F.C. Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 2nd LT. Nolan Dunn, Taylor Mosera, 2nd LT, Conner Gillen Specialist 2nd Class, Sgt. Peter Gentry USMC, Amen.

PROJECT LIFE AND LIBERTY
February 16/17 & 23/24

As Catholics, we believe that life is a gift from God that must be cherished and protected. Our faith obliges us to work both privately and publicly to defend life. As Americans, we believe that the freedom of religious expression, and the rights of conscience, are protected by the US Constitution and are equally in need of defense.

At its November meeting, the Catholic Bishops of the United States agreed to launch a new postcard campaign-**Project Life and Liberty –** to keep before the public and our elected representatives the Church's critical issues of religious freedom and pro-life concerns. Through **Project Life and Liberty,** we call on Congress to prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion, and to protect the rights of conscience in health care.

Project Life and Liberty, will be launched in February in partnership with the National Committee for Human Life Amendment (NCHLA), which will coordinate the logistics of this postcard campaign.

The Bishops of New Jersey are urging all Catholic people to join in informing our elected representatives in Washington to retain pro-life laws and policies, and protect the our Freedom of Religious Express and rights of conscience. The postcards are located at the end of each pew on this weekend Feb. 16/17 & next weekend 23/24. Please complete them and return them in the collection box. The parish will arrange to mail them to Washington this week.

Today, we have the opportunity to make not only the strongest possible statement about the Sanctity of life, but also to demonstrate our strength as people of faith and faithful citizens. Help us make this campaign to secure true progress in building a Culture of Life in our nation a success.

Chrism Mass

You are invited for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Sacred Heart in Newark, on Monday, March 25th, at 8pm. During the Mass Archbishop John J. Myers will bless the holy oils used for the sacramental life of the local Church of Newark. Consider attending especially when you or your loved ones will be celebrating baptism, confirmation, ordination to the priesthood or anointing of the sick this year, since oils blessed during the mass will be distributed and used by every church in the Archdiocese of Newark. If you would like to attend and have transportation provided from/to St. Elizabeth's please contact the parish office at 201-891-1122.

RESUME REVIEW WORKSHOP FOR COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

College students who want to improve or strengthen their resume for summer internships and first "real" jobs are invited to a workshop on Wednesday, March 13, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Ministry Room. Michele Meussner, founder of Red Cup Career Services LLC., will share her expertise as a former HR Director who managed corporate college recruiting programs. Michele will provide insight into what businesses look for when choosing resumes and how they are selected. Students are asked to bring their resumes for review. Call Jonathan Camiolo for more information or register by email at Michele@redcupcareers.com by March 11.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL BLUE RIBBON DINNER

St. Elizabeth School will host its Annual Blue Ribbon Dinner on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Sheraton Mahwah. Proceeds from the dinner support the operating budget to keep tuition affordable, fund initiatives such as math, science and other technological advances, and provide professional development opportunities. Dinner tickets are $65 per person and may be purchased at the School Office. The Blue Ribbon Dinner Committee would greatly appreciate your support of its 50 / 50 Raffle. For a gift of $100 you have the chance to win up to $28,750! Only 575 tickets will be sold. Complete the flyer or visit the Parish Center or school office for tickets. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses on March 2-3, March 9-10 and March 16-17. Thank you for your generosity!

RICE BOWL

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. **Rice Bowls will be available in the Narthex this weekend.** Please be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

A "SPECIAL" LENTEN EVENT
The Last Supper (The Seder Meal)

Discovering how the Passover meal becomes the Paschal Mystery in Christ Saturday, March 16th at 6:00PM (after the 5 PM mass) Tickets are $20 per adult or $60 per family of three or more. Please contact the parish office for tickets no later than March 8th.

K OF C TROOP DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

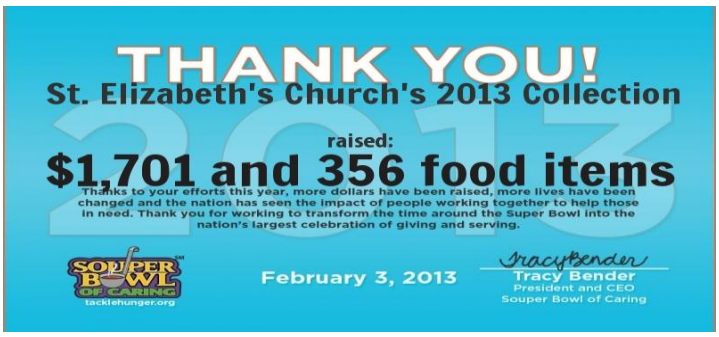
The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual US Troop Drive this weekend at all masses. There will be a second collection to raise funds to purchase care packages to be shipped overseas to support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Last year, over 800 pounds of socks, candy, soup, personal hygiene items, etc in 21 boxes were mailed to Northern Afghanistan in support of a Navy Explosive Ordinance Disposal Company. The Knights thank you in advance for your generous support in this patriotic cause.

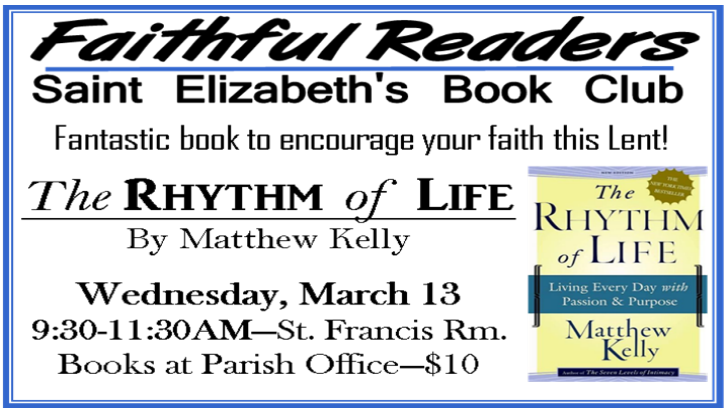
PENNY POWER

As of February 9th, 5,950 pennies have been collected in the jars in the narthex. Please remember to save your pennies and help us give a hand to Sacred Heart School. Their goal is to amass a million pennies by their school's 100th anniversary in the fall. Please keep those pennies coming. The children at Sacred Heart School thank you.

BOLD YOUTH MINISTRY

BOLD Youth Ministry would like to say THANK YOU to Deacon Liguori and all of those that performed for a wonderful ELVIS NIGHT that raised over $5,000 that will go to help with youth ministry service work, mission trips and aid to those in need. Thank you to all of you that came out and supported this wonderful evening and fundraiser!





ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Saturday, February 23, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate food contact Dylan Wyka 201-294-0329 or email at dwyka89@gmail.com. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, February 19.

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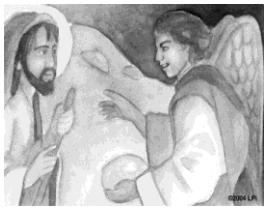

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." during those - Lk 4:1-3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

Miraculous Medal Novena – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
Novena to the Divine Mercy – Fri. after 9 am Mass
Men's Sharing – Elizabeth Rm. Sat. 7 am
Morning Prayer – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am
Rosary - Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deteronomy 26:10)

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we give God our "first fruits" or what is leftover? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here?

The gift of treasure for last week was $23,782, (of which $3,406 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to $741,827 vs. our year to date budget of $799,755.

Our Christmas collection amounted to $218,832 vs. our budget of $215,000. Thank you for your great spirit of generosity toward the church.

MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
We Walk by Faith!

On Saturday, March 2, at Seton Hall University in South Orange. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8am and ending 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests concelebrating. For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or call 973-497-4545.

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION
Rediscover the Joy of Believing

On Saturday, March 9, at Seton Hall University in South Orange. The day begins at 8:30am and ends 5:15pm. For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or call 973-497-4545.

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent

Sat.	Feb. 16	5:00 PM	Ermine Lerro 20th Anniv.
Sun.	Feb. 17	7:30 AM	Philip McGarrity
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Paul & Angela Hearns
		12:00 PM	Maria & Joseph Patti
Mon.	Feb. 18		
		9:00 AM	James Brown 7th Anniv.
Tue.	Feb. 19	7:00 AM	Mary Ringley
		9:00 AM	John Berardinelli
Wed.	Feb. 20	7:00 AM	George Mahoney
		9:00 AM	George Mahoney
		7:00 PM	Mary Brefach
Thu.	Feb. 21	**St. Peter Damian**	
		7:00 AM	Newtown CT Victims & their Families
		9:00 AM	John MacQuaide 5th Anniv. Angelina DeFino
Fri.	Feb. 22	**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**	
		7:00 AM	Daniel Doherty
		9:00 AM	Lawrence W. Zivkovich
		7:00 PM	Robert Ulrich
Sat.	Feb. 23	**St. Polycarp**	
		9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
Second Sunday of Lent			
		5:00 PM	Guy Accettura & Jane Accettura Snyder
Sun.	Feb. 24	7:30 AM	Robert Ulrich
		9:00 AM	Catherine M. Fox, 36th Anniv.
		10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		12:00 PM	Ana Picinic

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK:

Altar Bread & Wine: *In Memory of James Brown, Given by: Mary Brown.*

Candles on the Altar: *In Memory of James Brown, Given by: Mary Brown.*

Sanctuary Lights: *In Memory of Lawrence W. Zivkovich, Given by: The Zivkovich Family.*

Flowers For St. Elizabeth's Shrine*: Joanne E. Conyngham, Given by: Wiuff Family.*

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