



ST. GENEVIEVE'S CHURCH

200 MONMOUTH ROAD

ELIZABETH

NEW JERSEY 07208

(908) 351-4444

Rev. George D. Gillen, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Hugh A. O'Donnell,
Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mirosław Kusibab
Parochial Vicar
Joseph Caporaso, Deacon
Religious Education Administrator
Donna Pietz

PHONES:

Rectory 351-4444
Fax 351-5454
Religious Ed Office..... 351-4444

E-Mail: stgens@optonline.net
Website: www.stgensrcc.com.

MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

BAPTISMS should be arranged before baby is born (preferably 7th Month). Call Rectory for information.



PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION: www.stgensrcc.com.

DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

Dear Friends of St. Genevieve's

Like so many of our holidays this past year, Christmas will be quite different because of Covid 19. Restrictions on so much of what we normally take for granted, worship, size of our family gatherings, travel restrictions, etc. What is so important is that despite everything that is going on, Christmas can still be a holy and sacred day in our lives because we celebrate the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ among us. He does not disappear because of the pandemic but is found more than ever in our hearts. It is so important that you and I share the message of Christmas, a message of Hope, Peace and Love to all those we meet. Our family, our relatives and friends need to hear and experience the Good News of the Birth of Christ, Emanuel, God is with us.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Mirek, Deacon Joe, Msgr. O'Donnell, Fr. Jim, Fr. Robert and our entire staff, I want to extend to you our best wishes for a very Holy and Joyful Christmas Day and Season. You will be remembered in all our Christmas Masses.

Merry Christmas.

Fr. George



Our 2nd Collection today is for our Christmas Flowers. Thank you for your generosity in helping us to decorate our beautiful church at Christmas.

Our 2nd Collection for December 27th is for our Maintenance. Thank you for your continued support.



KINDLY NOTE OUR SPECIAL MASS TIMES

THURSDAY MORNING MASS—8AM (NO 7AM)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- 2:30PM
4:00PM (NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY)
5:30PM
9:00PM

FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

- 7:30AM
9:00AM
10:30AM
12:00 NOON



Christmas 2020



In Luke's Gospel we read, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none." Perhaps you received new clothing for Christmas. Why not donate your old clothing and other needed items to Catholic Charities? The donation bin is readily accessible on the Church's grounds. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, “Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?” I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn’t go as you had hoped, remember it’s not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the difference between apostles and Disciples

Answer:

When we look at the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, we see two special titles applied to his followers: *apostles* and *disciples*. At first glance, we might think that these two words are interchangeable, but when we look at what each one means, we quickly see that the evangelists were using them very specifically. When we look more closely, we see that while Jesus had many *disciples*, the group of *apostles* was much more limited and referred to Jesus’ closest collaborators.

The word *apostle* essentially means “one who is sent forth” or, as we might think of it today, “an ambassador.” The group of apostles — sometimes called the Twelve — included those twelve men who formed Jesus’ inner circle (see Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13). It was this group that received the gift of the Holy Spirit and who were sent out by Jesus with the special mission of forgiving sins on that first Easter Sunday (see John 20:19-23). In time, the Catholic Tradition also recognize Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas as apostles, recognizing that they also shared the mandate of going out in the Lord’s name to pray, to bless, and to preach. In 2016, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis raised the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of feast, recognizing that she also received a special mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ resurrection to the Eleven, becoming the “apostle to the apostles.” In a particular way, the bishops continue the mission of the apostles in our own time.

When we think of the word *disciple*, we see that it has a very different meaning. Rather than referring to those who were sent out to carry on the mission of Jesus, disciple literally means “student” or, more specially, an “apprentice learner.” The task of the disciple is to learn and integrate into their lives the teachings, values, and way of life of their master teacher. Although a disciple might be called on to explain or represent aspects of their life, in light of the teachings they receive from this master teacher, Christian discipleship is ultimately about living our lives with faith and integrity, guided by the life and mission of Jesus, our Master Teacher. The call to discipleship is the common vocation of all Christians.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact :
Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

SPECIAL DONATION

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

WINE ___ or HOSTS ___ FOR COMMUNION

CANDLES ___ FOR THE ALTAR

The donation may be made for the following:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

IN THANKSGIVING _____

SPECIAL INTENTION _____

NAME _____

DONATION _____



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that “more” needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

5:30pm The Sisto Family req. Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

7:30 Peter Senatore req. Family

9:00 Dominga Entero req. Nancy

10:30 O'Donnell & O'Connor Families req. O'Connor Family

12:00 Iorio & Obremski Families req. Elizabeth Ruf Frank Manfredi req. Danise

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

7:00 Santiago Fernandez req. Carmen Fernandez

8:00 Al Burd req. O'Connor & Burd Families

7pm Tina Adams req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 William & Jean O'Lear req. Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

7:00 Joseph Lipari req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Carole Cascio req. Tony & Heather Carriero

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

8:00am Maria Lobo req. Homem Family

2:30pm CHRISTMAS MASS

4:00pm NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

5:30pm CHRISTMAS MASS

9:00pm MERRY CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020 CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12:00 Noon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Maria Benedita Lobo req. Daughter

5:30pm Carol Ann Chodan req. Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

7:30 Estelle Kloss 15th Anniv. req. Barbara Ann Kloss

9:00 Frank Manfredi req. Lilibeth Manfredi & Family

10:30 Our Lady of Fatima req., Manuel Farinha

12:00 Mary Lynn Perera req. Family

Janusz Gnielka req. Family

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Mary Bernier, Frank D'Amato, Matilda Hennessy, Debra & Kenneth Hojnowski, S. Holland, Joseph Torre, Mark Cowen, Kathy Healy, Jan Sovinee, Barbara Roessle, Zoe Cardaci, Michael Butler, Lynda Misyak, Frank Sovinee, Vincent Veneruso, Marge Davis, Celestino & Maria Torres, Olivia Costello, Francisco Ortiz, John Matthews, Ed Jones, Eleanor Erhl, Barbara Walcheski, Thomas Rapuano, Billy Price, Michael O'Connor, Lisa Cianciulli, Theresa Russell, Elizabeth Wallace, Ann Marie Bolin, Lorraine Grill, Lyuba Labunsky, Maria Cereira, Alice Bexiga, Antonio Jose Coca, Michael McGowan, Tom Brennan, Bill Rush, Gabriella Spano, Joanne Foster, Anthony Cavallo, MaryEllen Golda, David Hawthorne, Aston Lofton, Alice Kelly, Rachael Craig, James Chambarry, Janice Pennell

Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



Jennifer Tanis
Funeral Director
NJ Lic. No. 4894

Edward J. Shaffery Jr.
Manager
NJ Lic. No. 3315

Ronald T. Principe, Jr.
Funeral Director
NJ Lic. No. 4841

Matthew V. Marini
Advanced Planning Director
NJ Lic. No. 5114

McCracken Funeral Home

1500 Morris Ave., Union, NJ 07083

908-686-4700



Shim's Martial Arts Academy

TWO LOCATIONS!

- Martial Arts
- Summer Camp
- After School Program

2191 Morris Ave. | Union, NJ | 908-721-1992

1115 E. Jersey St. | Elizabeth, NJ | 908-354-0203

www.SMAATKD.com



WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred • Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required • Expense Reimbursement



CONTACT US AT

careers@4LPi.com • www.4LPi.com/careers

**AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME**

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Jim Marcinkiewicz**
to place an ad today!
jmarcinkiewicz@4LPi.com
or (800) 477-4574 x6417

SPREAD THE WORD:

**A Thriving, Vibrant
Community Matters**



Support Our Advertisers!

Krowicki McCracken FUNERAL HOME

LINDEN, NJ

908-352-9190

www.krowickifuneralhome.com

Joseph J. Olivero, Mgr. NJ Lic. No. 3322



Bar & Liquor Restaurant
Take-Out • Barbecue

Portuguese, American & Spanish Cuisine
Home of the Steak on a Stone
"O Rei dos Leitões"

Assado em forno a lenha

665 Monroe Ave., Elizabeth

Restaurant: 908-354-2525

Take Out: 908-354-4024

www.valencadining.com



ARNOLD'S PEST CONTROL

Complete Termite and Pest Control Service
Industrial • Comm. • Res.

Family owned for over 50 years
908-276-8062
www.arnoldspestcontrol.com

AVENUE FLOWERS & GIFTS

"Beautiful Arrangements Start Here"

166 ELMORA AVE.
ELIZABETH, NJ
354-7101

Pinho's Bakery Inc.

Portuguese
French, Italian Bread
Rolls and Pastry
1027 Chestnut Street
Roselle 245-4388



Portuguese & Spanish Cuisine
625 WESTFIELD AVENUE
ELIZABETH, NJ 07208
908.355.2233
FAX: 908.355.4418
Large Parties Welcome
15-50 people

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM



\$29.95/MO
BILLED QUARTERLY

PLUS SPECIAL OFFER

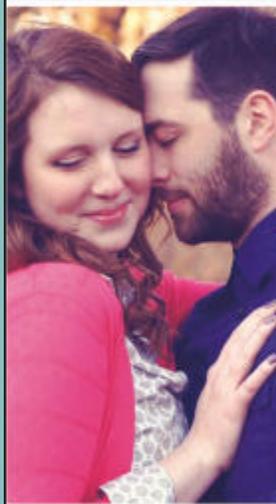
CALL NOW!
1.877.801.7772

WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



Regional Medical Center
Caring For You in Every Way
225 Williamson St. • Elizabeth, NJ
www.TrintasRMC.org

catholicmatch[®] New Jersey



CatholicMatch.com/NJ

139 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey

AUGUST F. SCHMIDT
MEMORIAL
Funeral Home

Established 1888

Directors: James A. Gordon Jr. NJ Lic. No. 3021, Manager
Pawel S. Maslanka NJ Lic. No. 4813

908.352.2268
Afschmidtfuneral.com

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!

www.parishesonline.com



UPGRADE TO A
VIBRANT
ad
Contact us for details
800-477-4574

908-355-2253
HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE



Knights of Columbus
Council 253

328 Union Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Max. 100 People
Free Parking

