



# ST. GENEVIEVE'S CHURCH

200 MONMOUTH ROAD  
ELIZABETH

NEW JERSEY 07208

(908) 351-4444

Rev. Armand Mantia, *Pastor*  
Rev. Msgr. Hugh A. O'Donnell,  
Rev. George D. Gillen,  
*Pastors Emeritii*  
Rev. Miroslaw Kusibab,  
*Parochial Vicar*  
Joseph Caporaso, *Deacon*  
Donna Pietz  
*Religious Education Administrator*

## PHONES:

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

E-Mail: [stgens@optonline.net](mailto:stgens@optonline.net)  
Website: [www.stgensrcc.com](http://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:

Saturday: 1:00 PM until all are heard

## MARRIAGES:

In accordance with the Common Policy of the Bishops of New Jersey, marriages should be arranged one year in advance of the proposed date. Please call the rectory for more information.

## 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** are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please call the Rectory for information and to register for a Baptism.

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent! Throughout the church today is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday" or "rejoice" Sunday. It is the day when the rose colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear a rose colored vestment. The purpose of this day is to offer a small glimpse of the joy that the coming of the Lord will bring. Also, depending upon the calendar, it is also somewhere around this day that we begin the shift in emphasis from the Lord's second coming to our remembering of His first coming.

Today also serves as somewhat of a two minute warning. We are now three weeks closer to Jesus arrival. What more needs to be done in our lives to get ready for that moment? I don't mean baking, shopping and wrapping, but repentance, caring for others and changing our lives. If we have done nothing spiritually to prepare for the Lord, time is running out! What are we waiting for?

I want to thank all those who helped make our giving tree such a success. Many lives will be touched as a result of your generosity and I know how pleased the Lord must be with our outreach.

Speaking of generosity, may I respectfully ask that you begin to consider making a truly sacrificial offering to this year's Christmas Collection? Our parish finances have not recovered from two years of the pandemic and the resulting lower church attendance. It would go a long way to helping us get back to where we need to be if you were to do so. Thank you for considering it.

Enjoy this Gaudete Sunday. It reminds us, as Auntie Mame sang in her famous song: "For we need a little Christmas right this very minute!"

*Fr. Armand*



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**Christmas Confessions-1:00PM**

**Outdoor Crib Blessing after 5:30PM Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**Christmas Confessions—7:00PM**

**(Until all are heard)**

**FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

**Morning Mass—8AM (Please note NO 7am)**

**4:00PM—Children's Mass**

**10:00PM**

**SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

**9:00AM**

**10:30AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**(Please note—NO 5:30PM Mass)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26—7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00**

**FRIDAY, NEW YEARS EVE**

**Morning Mass—7AM & 8AM**

**(Vigil) 5:30PM**

**SATURDAY, NEW YEARS DAY**

**9:00AM, 12:00 Noon**

**(Please note—No 5:30PM Mass)**

**SPECIAL DONATION FOR CANDLES**

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF:***

***MY HUSBAND LOUIS KELLY***

***MY SON SHAWN KELLY***

***FROM: KATHLEEN KELLY***

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Dec. 11/12—Retirement for the Religious**

**Dec. 18/19—Christmas Flowers**

**Dec. 26—Red Envelope Maintenance**



*The Cathedral Concert Series Fiftieth*

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING**

*The Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble*

*Wednesday, December 15 at 8PM*

*Thursday, December 16 at 8PM*

*Doors open at 7pm—Masks strongly recommended*

*Ramped Entrance on Ridge Street*

*Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart*

*Park and Clifton Avenues, Newark*

*For more information call (973-484-2400)*



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.**

**If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely—with unconditional love.**

**If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.**

**If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.**

**If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.**

**We are happy you are here....and want you to stay.**

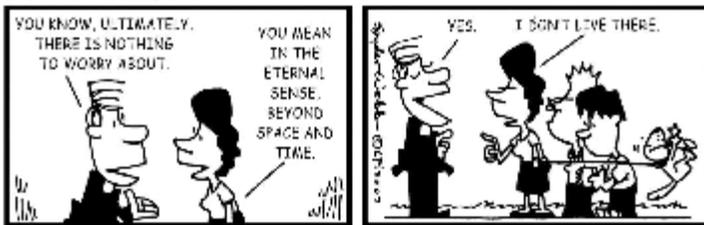
**We would like to share our lives with you.**

**Join us each week so we can worship God together.**

**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**

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**Children's Liturgy first Sunday of the month at 10:30 Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word third Sunday of the month 10:30 Mass.**

**CAFÉ GENEVIEVE—CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!**

**The communal experience of Mass is continued each week downstairs in the church hall at Café Genevieve.**

**Please come down after the 9 and 10:30 Masses to enjoy coffee, tea or juice and a bagel, roll or pastry with your family, friends, and future friends.**

**Children of all ages are invited to enjoy games, puzzles, coloring pages, craft projects and other activities during Café Genevieve in Karen's Corner. These activities are provided after the 10:30 Mass until noon each week, and are supervised. Please join us!**



**CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:**

**What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?**

**Answer:**

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021**  
 5:30pm Oneilo, Anthony & Benny Desiderio req. Nick & Maryann Marino
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021**  
 7:30 Margaret Glackin req. Family  
 9:00 Lois Lodzinski Rivera 10th Anniv. req. The Lodzinski Family  
 10:30 O'Connor & O'Donnell Families req. Family  
 12:00 John Murray 72nd Anniv req. Jackie Kelleher The Sisto Family req. Children
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021**  
 7:00 The Homem Family req. Family  
 8:00 Joseph A. Zaleznack req. John J. Clark  
 7pm Loretta Mulligan req. Parenti Family
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021**  
 7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier  
 8:00 The Hahn Family req. Martina & Fred Hahn
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021**  
 7:00 Roberto & Annie Miranda req. Miranda Family  
 8:00 Joe Leonard req. Family
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021**  
 7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. The Homem Family  
 8:00 Lou Kelly req. Erin McGuinness
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021**  
 7:00 Anthony Desiderio req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese  
 8:00 Patricia Balboa req. John & JoAnne Malone
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021**  
 7:00 People of the Parish  
 8:00 Anna Savarese req. Karen Moynihan  
 5:30pm Carol Ann Chodan req. family
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021**  
 7:30 Michael James Coyle req. Coyle Family  
 9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta  
 10:30 Pat & Fran Gervase req. Ed & Deb Kirk  
 12:00 Carmen Fernandez Readigos & Josh Fernandez Zardian req. Family



*Our prayers are with you as you recover ~*

Susan Lipke, Tony Brennan, Carol Brink, Elaine Stachowicz, Licinia Dossantos, Maria Joe Godinho, Mary Paul, Herminia Murphy, Michael Perrino, Michael Alexander, Carol Chiari, Brian Da Silva, Mary Bernier, Judith Leonardi, Charlie Poppe

*Please note—If you wish to add someone to the list—please call the rectory.*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

**STOCK UP NOW ON FIREWOOD**

Do you need firewood for your backyard chiminea, fireplace or wood-burning stove?. You can get well-seasoned split hardwood logs right here at St. Gen's for half of what you pay in the supermarket. And at the same time, you will be supporting the camping program of Boy Scout Troop 23, including a campership fund that helps send financially-challenged Scouts to summer camp. Help yourself from Webby's Wood Shed, located behind the Rectory near the garages that face Livingston Road. Follow the directions on the envelopes provided to make a donation. Thank you for your support!



**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](http://www.SMAATKD.com)

## We've Missed You!

Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

[www.ParishesOnline.com](http://www.ParishesOnline.com)



**Valença**  
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](http://www.valencadining.com)



**Mental Health Services**  
Union County

Partial Care Day Rehabilitation Services  
Call 908-355-7200

HOST - Homeless Outreach Support Services  
Call 908-289-7330, press 2

Bridge to Wellness Medical Care  
Call 908-917-7791

Career Services and Supported Employment  
Call 908-687-9866

[www.bridgewayrehab.org](http://www.bridgewayrehab.org)

LET US PLACE  
YOUR AD HERE.

## AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

## ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

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

## WE'RE HIRING

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

**BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.**

**WORK WITH PURPOSE.**

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at [careers@4lp.com](mailto:careers@4lp.com)  
[www.4lp.com/careers](http://www.4lp.com/careers)

## Krowicki McCracken FUNERAL HOME

LINDEN, NJ

### 908-352-9190

[www.krowickifuneralhome.com](http://www.krowickifuneralhome.com)

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



**Amazing Seafood Boil**  
7 New St. | METUCHE  
[www.nauticrab.com](http://www.nauticrab.com)

**NOW HIRING**

## 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](http://www.arnoldspestcontrol.com)

## Pinho's Bakery Inc.

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

## STAND OUT

with a PREMIUM DIGITAL AD on PARISHESONLINE.COM



**CONTACT US AT**  
800-477-4574



*Caring For You in Every Way*

225 Williamson St. • Elizabeth, NJ  
[www.TrintasRMC.org](http://www.TrintasRMC.org)

**908-355-2253**

**HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE**



**Knights of Columbus Council 253**

328 Union Avenue  
Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Max. 100 People  
Free Parking

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](http://Afschmidtfuneral.com)

### 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



*Realty*

STEPHEN STRICKLAND  
732-319-6870  
32 Summit Rd  
Elizabeth NJ 07208

[Stephen@StricklandRealtyNJ.com](mailto:Stephen@StricklandRealtyNJ.com)  
[WWW.STRICKLANDREALTYNJ.COM](http://WWW.STRICKLANDREALTYNJ.COM)

## Looking To Buy or Sell Your Property?

"Service You Deserve With The Brothers You Can Trust"

- Google Listings
- Virtual Reality Tour
- 4K Ultra Photography
- Aerial Video of Your Property
- Precise Social Media Advertising
- Direct Email Marketing
- Step by Step Guidance Through the Home Buying or Selling Process

@TheArendelGroup  
 @Corlizo\_Brothers

(908) 445-5019  
 1324 North Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

## HIGGINS AND BONNER ECHO LAKE FUNERAL HOME

BRIAN R. BONNER, Manager, NJ LIC.#4143

EMILIO DEL CUETO III, Director, NJ LIC# 4627

Five generations of our Family serving the Families of Union County. Est'd 1868

**582 Springfield Avenue**  
**Westfield, NJ 07090**

**908-789-7400**  
**HigginsandBonner.com**

