

# July 23, 2017

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A special remembrance will be made at Mass for:*

Monday, July 24	<i>St. Sharbel Makhluf</i>
8:00 AM	Anna Kulhamer
Tuesday, July 25	<i>St. James Apostle</i>
8:00 AM	Ellen Drajjic
Wednesday, July 26	<i>St. Joachim and Anne</i>
8:00 AM	Edward Nakata
Thursday, July 27	
8:00 AM	Robert Malinowski
8:30 AM	Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
Friday, July 28	
8:00 AM	Communion Service
Saturday, July 29	<i>St. Martha</i>
4:30 PM	John Bryk
Sunday, July 30	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	People of Parish
9:45 AM	Josephine & Stephen Polzer
11:30 AM	John Jones

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You can also visit us on Facebook – St Elizabeth Catholic Church

### Hospitalizations and Illness



If your loved one is ill or in the hospital; you may call the parish office to add their name to the prayer chain, to place their name in the bulletin to be prayed for by the parish, or to request a prayer shawl be taken to them in the hospital by one of our friendly visitors. Please do not assume that we've been informed.



### Pray For Our Sick

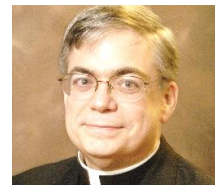
Please pray for the well-being of the following individuals: *Anne Baran, Donald Benner, Jayden Cardona, Cecilia Chia, Louisa Ciciliot, Jim Coombe, Carol Crugnale, Mary Teresa DeCruz, Helen DeCruz, Cindy Dell'Aguzzo, Betty Faustner, Richard Feiller, Dina Fonzone, Sylvia Gill, Janet Huber, Gino Iannelli, William Kaufmann, Maria Kasza, Roger King, Fran Kosack, Gerald Kratzer, Marie LoCicero, Margaret Marakovits, David Millan, Phyllis Mizgerd, Sandra Morris, Dan O'Connor, Helene Parker, Betty Porter, Joel Rivera, Angie Sauerzopf, Fritz Sauerzopf, Gene Smith, Jude Solderich, Maria Sosa, Joseph Tomcho, Michael Winston, John Zelinsky, Doris Zibura.*

***Please let us know when your loved one is better, so their name can be removed.***

  
 Please pray for all the faithful departed, especially parishioner **Jim Hammon**, husband of **Rosalie Hammon** who passed away last week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.
 

### Ordination & Installation of Our New Bishop

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will have two liturgical services:



**Solemn Vespers** at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown.** This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, all parking will be at St. Thomas More Church (1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown). Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5 pm. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.

The **Mass of Ordination** will be held on **Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm in the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena.** Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by invitation only. The Ordination/Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. Live Streaming will also be available on: [www.Facebook.com/Diocese of Allentown](http://www.Facebook.com/Diocese of Allentown).

### Readings for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
 Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27  
 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



Please pray for our Holy Father, bishops and these priests serving in the Diocese of Allentown on each designated date.

July 23	Rev. Achilles Ayaton
July 24	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
July 25	Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker
July 26	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker
July 27	Rev. Francis Baransky
July 28	Rev. John P. Barron SJ
July 29	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus

### SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Prayer brings our mind into the brightness of divine light, and exposes our will to the warmth of divine love. Nothing else can so purge our mind from its ignorance, and our will from its depraved affections. It is a blessed fountain which, as it flows, revives our good desires and causes them to bring forth fruit, washes away the stains of infirmity from our soul, and calms the passions of our hearts."*

*St. Francis DeSales*

## PASTOR'S CORNER

"I bought an ant farm. I don't know where I am going to get a tractor that small!"

My thanks to the previous priests who put in a little garden area out back. I love to grow my own vegetables. This year I have cherry tomatoes, large tomatoes, rosemary, basil, and asparagus. I'm looking forward to a good harvest. Of course weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though can destroy the good plants in the process.

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. In the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. In that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart?

How well is your garden growing? Only thyme will tell. ☺

### God Bless You! - Fr. Pendzick



### Join Our "Greeter Ministry"



Be a part of our welcoming ministry at Saint Elizabeth! We are called to be welcoming and helpful to **all** who enter our doors. Ministers of this ministry are the first to greet those gathering and the last ones to say goodbye to them after our worship together has concluded.

We are called to "be Christ" to everyone who enters the doors of our parish, and we are called to embrace them as Christ embraces each one of us, as we come to the table seeking the nourishment that only God can give. *"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."* **Hebrews 13:1-2**

If you are interested in joining the Greeter Ministry, please either fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH NEWS

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

Total Goal	\$71,537.37
Pledges & One Time Gifts	\$56,519.00
Amount Collected	\$49,879.00
Number of Donors	255



If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office, put it in the collection basket (mark envelope BAA) or make your gift online. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

### Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers



Donations for the vigil candle burning in the Sanctuary or for flowers on the altar may be given each week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Contact the parish office for details.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week  
in Memory of *Al Keglovits*  
requested by *Keglovits Family*



### St. Elizabeth Grounds Crew



The Pastoral Council is looking for two people to be part of the newly formed grounds crew. It is not a big commitment. Four times a year, we will inspect the property and buildings looking for anything that needs attention. Please call the parish office, 610-266-0695 or Jeff Potylycki, 610-432-5942 or email him at [jeffpotylycki@aol.com](mailto:jeffpotylycki@aol.com).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Notes

Our parish has been blessed with many parishioners celebrating 80, 90, 95 and YES 100 years of life. On their day of celebrating, we bless them with a prayer shawl or lap robe and remind them of what a blessing they are to us. We want them to know how much their Priest, Deacon, and parishioners love them and how special they are to us and to many others. As we pray with them and thank the Lord for them, tears of joy can be seen in their eyes and oftentimes, in the eyes of their loved ones. This week we honor **Linda Sagl Perenyi** who has knitted one of these loving, beautiful shawls. Over the last 10 years, Linda has knitted 20 lap covers, shawls and baby blankets. Linda is retired and with her husband loves to travel to many interesting states and countries. We are grateful that Linda shares her time with this rewarding ministry and gives shawls and her love to celebrations of "special milestones" with her lovely handiwork.



## ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

We continue to register students in grades 1 – 8. Please call the school office at 610-264-0143 if you are interested in enrollment or for more information.

Just a reminder: School Office hours are limited for the summer months – We're open **Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm and closed Fridays**. Normal hours will resume August 21<sup>st</sup>. **School begins August 28<sup>th</sup>** for Grades 1 – 8 with **Kindergarten Orientation on August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**. Kindergarten's first full day of school is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

## COMING EVENTS

### Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

*I have called you by name: you are Mine.*

*Isaiah 43:1*

We invite all individuals who are not fully Catholic to join us in our Faith and to learn more about what can lead you to a life of peace, faith and hope.

- If you have never been baptized, but wish to, you are welcome.
- If you have been baptized, but into a different faith, you are welcome.
- If you have been baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, you are welcome.
- Even if you only wish to learn more, you are welcome.

Please RSVP by e-mailing your interest to Mary Spieker at [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org) or by calling the parish office at 610-266-0695. ***This invitation is for you or anyone you may know.*** Classes start in September.



### Golden Agers Upcoming Events

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Next regular meeting at 12:30 pm, along with a Picnic Lunch and 'Bakeless Bake Sale'.

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – **Silver Birches Italian Festival**. Bus leaves church parking lot at 10 am. Cost is \$79 and includes open bar, dinner, music and dancing and a show along with a snack before leaving for home. To book for this trip call Barbara 610-266-2874.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – American Music Theatre bus trip to Christmas Show **"Home for the Holidays"**. Price \$88. Bus will leave church parking lot at 10 am with lunch at Shady Maples and then off to the theatre. Show is at 3 pm. If interested, call Irene at 610-264-3721.

## PRO – LIFE COLUMN

*"America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."*  
**Pope John Paul II**



### You Are Not Alone Ministry

If a Prenatal Diagnosis identifies a possible disability, you are not alone; there is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with these issues and are here to help you. For support contact: Sister Janice Marie Johnson, [jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-289-8900 x 42.



*If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.  
Let them grow together until the harvest!*

*Matthew 13:29-30*



## IN THE COMMUNITY


### Lebanese Heritage Days

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church, 54 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Easton, will hold their milestone 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanese Heritage Days celebration on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – Midnight and Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 10 pm**. There will be a variety of Middle Eastern foods, dance troupes and entertainment. Admission is free. Rain or Shine!

### St. Peter's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Picnic & Homecoming

St. Peter RC Church in Coplay will hold their annual picnic on **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 noon to 10 pm** on the parish grounds. Polka Mass at 10:30 am; Emil Schanta Band from 1 – 5 pm and Flirtin' with the Mob from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Bingo, Games of Chance and Basket & Money raffles. Perogies, Steak Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Ham & Turkey BBQ, Halushki, Clam chowder, Pizza, French Fries, Funnel Cake, Refreshments and Baked Goods.

### Golf Outing – August 7<sup>th</sup>


 **Mercy School for Special Learning** would like a foursome from your parish for our Annual Golf Outing on **Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Brookside Country Club in Macungie**. Get a group of 3 golfers together and ask your pastor to complete your foursome! If you can't golf, consider a sponsorship in support of parish children who are students at Mercy. It's always a great day – several priests play each year and are in charge of the weather! It's a short "distance" and an easy "drive". Please go to [www.mercygolfclassic2017.com](http://www.mercygolfclassic2017.com) to register or call 610-797-8242 for a brochure. Thank you for your support; we look forward to seeing you on August 7<sup>th</sup>!

### St. Joseph the Worker Trips

- **Resorts Casino Atlantic City – August 9<sup>th</sup>. Beach, Casino, Boardwalk or all 3. Cost \$45. Receive \$25 in slot play. Departs 9 am...Home 7:30 pm.**
- **Christmas Show at Sight & Sound & Shady Maples December 6<sup>th</sup> (deadline Nov. 10). Cost is \$105. Departs St. Joseph's parking lot at 8 am and return about 6 pm.**

Call Sue Mueller (610) 392-2957 for reservations. All checks payable to Sue Mueller, 5211 Wagon Wheel Dr, Schnecksville, PA 18078.

### Men of Malvern Retreat

 The Lehigh Valley Men of Malvern, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group will hold their annual retreat at **St. Joseph's in the Hills Retreat House, Malvern PA from 6 pm Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> until 12 Noon Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Approximately 200 men from the various parishes of the Lehigh Valley attend each year. The men of St. Elizabeth or invited to join us. For more information, contact Jim Rieker at 610-435-6439 or go to [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).

### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the Lifeline that you need! It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins the weekend of **August 11 – 13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern PA**. For more information or to register, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### Marian Concert



The year 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. To honor this incredible anniversary, the combined choirs of the Cathedral will present a Marian concert on **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** in the Cathedral. Our Cathedral, Diocesan, Living Word and Angelorum choirs will present of concert of songs and hymns for Our Blessed Mother. We will ask you to join us in singing some of our favorite hymns for Our Lady. Please mark your calendars for this date. We will have a free will offering for the capital campaign of Mary's Shelter. Please come and spend time in prayer and song for Our Lady of Fatima, Our Star of the Sea, Our Mother!

### Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration

The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, at 3 pm**. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass), refer to the AD Times for a registration form or request a form through email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org) or by calling 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The deadline for registration is September 8<sup>th</sup>.



*"The last degree of love is when  
He gave Himself to us to be our Food;  
because He gave Himself  
to be united with us in every way."*

*St. Bernardine of Siena*