



**Saint Elizabeth Parish Religious Education Preparation – PREP (CCD)**

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**SEPTEMBER, 2018**

*Welcome*  
**NEW STUDENTS!**

**Prayer to Begin a School Year**

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin  
a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



<http://thecatholiccatalogue.com/prayers-to-begin-a-school-year/>

**DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30**

Please join us for a fun-filled day for the whole family! **Sunday, September 30, 2018, 11 am - 4pm at SteelStacks**, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. The day begins with an

**outdoor Multi-Cultural Mass celebrated at 11am (Bring a lawn chair)**. The Diocesan Choir will enhance the liturgy with music. Festivities will follow the Mass. There will be ethnic food for sale provided by parishes of the Diocese with games and activities for all ages. Carnival games and activities will include a petting zoo, face painting, bounce house, cornhole game and art activities. Musical entertainment provided by the local band “Island Time”. No reservations are needed. Come and join the fun!



<http://www.allentowndiocese.org/familyfestival>

# Love your Neighbor

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September

## Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



Parents of students preparing for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation are expected to attend the following meeting dates.

**First Holy Communion Class** preparing for the Sacrament of Penance: Parent Meeting - Monday, October 29 @ 6:15 P.M. in the Church

NOTE: A parent meeting for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is scheduled for Monday, January 21 @ 6:00 PM in Church.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade -

Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Meeting:

Monday, October 15 @ 6:15 P.M. in the Church

*(Confirmation students will be brought over to church from PREP class.)*

**Confirmation Service Hours - Additional help is needed at our Basket Social and at our Parish Breakfast. Please call or e-mail me if your child can help - 610-266-0695 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).**

Thursday, October 4 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, October 5 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 6 from 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Parish Breakfast - Sunday, October 6 between 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



## Liturgy of the Word for Children

*Liturgy of the Word* will continue at the 9:45 AM Mass each Sunday starting September 9. This program allows the children, pre-school to Grade 2, to hear the Sunday readings and have an explanation in language that is appropriate to them.

The procedure for attendance is simple. Bring your pre-school or primary grade child (ages 3-8) to the 9:45 AM Mass on Sunday. At the beginning of Mass the priest will invite these children to come forward. The adult leaders will take the children into the chapel. After the intercessions, the children will be brought back into the church to rejoin their families.



If you have questions about your child's participation, please call me. Please also consider being a volunteer for this program. It is extremely gratifying to bring the Word of God to our dear children. Is God calling YOU to this ministry?

## **Housekeeping Topics**

**Arrival time** - Parish hall doors are opened by 5:45 PM for the students. They are usually locked by 6:10. If you arrive late for class, your child will need to enter through the main school doors where an adult will be there to monitor.

**PARKING** - Please **do not park** at the curb on Monday pick-up nights. This creates a dangerous situation for all the children and parents who are crossing the street and may not be seen because of parked vehicles blocking the view, especially as daylight diminishes. PLEASE PARK IN THE PARISH PARKING LOT FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL. I greatly appreciate your cooperation and consideration in this matter.



**Bathroom Breaks** - Please try and make sure your child goes to the bathroom before coming to class on Monday nights. The stream of children leaving the classrooms becomes very disruptive for all. Only if necessary, the teacher will allow your child one bathroom visit during class. (Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders generally do have bathroom breaks during the evening.)

**Attendance** – Please remember that we have a three-absent limit policy at Saint Elizabeth PREP. Of course there is special consideration given to serious illness or family emergencies. In these cases, please contact me. Normally in March attendance is reviewed. If your child has more than three absences, additional make-up work will be given and asked to complete before the PREP year ends in order to meet this year's requirements. All assignments are very doable and don't require much time. Please do not ever feel that situations cannot be worked out. There is always a "Way" when we embrace our faith and follow the Lord.



**Basket Social** Our 9th Annual **Basket Social** is almost here! It will be held at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall on **Friday, October 5 from 5 – 7 PM, Saturday, October 6 from 10 AM – 7 PM, and Sunday, October 7 from 8 AM - 2 PM!** Winners will be drawn after 2:30 PM Sunday.

Over 200 fabulous theme baskets & prizes will be offered. Each student will be given five free tickets on Monday night before the event as a little thank you for their classroom donations. Tickets can also be bought at the door. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 610-266-0695.



*Once again, we will ask each student to bring in a theme item for their class' basket. More information will be sent home in September.*

## **Parish Volunteers**

We welcome all who would like to volunteer for PREP. There is Youth Protection paperwork that needs to be completed in advance, but we are more than happy to help you along with it. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695.

Happy Birthday 

## **September Birthdays**

Gregory, Dylan, Jade, Justin, Kristen, Nhu-y, Jennifer, Breege, Alycia & Ethan

### **The PREP PRAYER OF THE MONTH:**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/10-prayers-to-teach-your-catholic-children/>







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## CALENDAR

### CLASS SCHEDULE 2018-2019



#### SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH PREP (CCD) – PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

#### SEPTEMBER

10	Monday	<b>Opening Mass</b> – Drop students off in parish hall at 6:00 pm. Parents should go directly to church. After Mass return to parish hall for a short Parent Orientation - Meet the Catechist – receive books (Teacher commissioning at Mass)
17	Monday	Class 6:00 – 7:30 PM
24	Monday	Class 6:00 – 7:30 PM

#### OCTOBER

1	Monday	Class 6:00 – 7:30 PM (Adoration)
<b>Columbus Day Weekend - BASKET SOCIAL – OCT. 5, 6, &amp; 7 Fri. 5 – 7, Sat. 10 – 6, Sun. 8 – 2</b>		
8	Monday	<b>NO CLASS</b> Columbus Day Holiday
15	Monday	Class 6:00 – 7:30 PM
15	Monday	Sacrament of Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting in Church 6:15 PM Father Pendzick
22	Monday	Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM (Tentative Assembly)
29	Monday	Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM
29	Monday	Sacrament of Penance Parent Meeting in Church 6:15 PM Father Pendzick

