

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A special remembrance will be made at Mass for:

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| Monday, February 4 | |
| 8:00 AM | Marion Kulhamer |
| 8:30 AM | Adoration |
| Tuesday, February 5 | <i>St. Agatha</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Jacob Gartner |
| 8:30 AM | Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots |
| Wednesday, Feb 6 | <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i> |
| Church 9:00 AM | Michael Oswald |
| Thursday, February 7 | |
| 7:00 PM | Ferdinand Loffredo |
| Friday, February 8 | |
| 8:00 AM | John & Stephanie Hanzl |
| Saturday, February 9 | |
| 4:30 PM | Madeline Mack - Fedorak |
| Sunday, February | <i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Vito & Adelina Finelli |
| 10:00 AM | Jacob Gartner |

Pray For Our Intentions

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Mike & Ann Baran, Marge Boccardi, John & Rose Brosious, Robert Brubacker, Millie Buchman, Barbara Buck, Larry Buss, Dave Faust, Dorothy Folajtar, Edith Garcia-Ascencio, Carl Kilhefner, Skye Kremsner, Marie LoCicero, Joe Macaluso, Helen Marzano, Phyllis Mizgerd, Stephen O'Connor, David Perenyi, Tim Pollock, Rick Stoudt, Irene Zink.* Intentions will remain for three months unless renewed.

If you are admitted to a hospital, please remember to inform the parish office. Additional personal prayers may be written in the book in the church foyer for prayer at Masses.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the rectory office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our next *Day of Eucharistic Adoration* will take place in the Chapel on *Monday, Feb 4th* after the 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 5 pm with Evening Prayer.

Parking

Jay Gilbert has generously offered Sunday parking in his lot for Mass overflow.

To access current & past bulletins visit www.sercc.org
You can also visit us on Facebook – St Elizabeth Catholic Church

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| First Reading: | Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Psalm 138 |
| Second Reading: | 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11 |
| Gospel: | Luke 5: 1 – 11 |

The Sanctuary Candle, Ringing of the Bells, or Flowers on the Altar may be sponsored in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Contact the parish office for available dates.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the special intention for **Stephen Sledjeski** requested by *the Pendzick Family*.

The Church Bells will ring this week for **St Elizabeth School Students**, requested by the parish.



Low Gluten Communion Hosts

St. Elizabeth has low gluten hosts. If there is a medical need and you would like to receive the Eucharist in low gluten form please come to the sacristy fifteen minutes prior to Mass so that the celebrant is aware and arrangements can be made for distribution.

To Our Parishioners with a Disability

We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the ushers know so that Communion can be brought to you.



RCIA & RCIT Classes

Adult RCIA's topic this week will be the Sin on Feb 5th; class time is 7 pm. For information, please call Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext 208. Teen RCIT's class will be held on Tuesday from 6 – 7 pm.



Diocesan Services

For information on healing services offered by the Allentown Diocese visit <https://sp.allentowndiocese.org> or call 1-800-791-9209 or email victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

2018 Tax Statements

Parishioners who requested a tax statement can find their statement in the church foyer beginning Feb 2nd & 3rd. If yours is not there please call and request one.

Area Mass Times *(times are subject to change)*

St. John the Baptist – Sat 4 pm, Sun 9:15 am – Daily 8 am
St. Peter & Paul – Sun 8 am, 10:30 am
Immaculate Conception – Sat 4:15 pm, Sun 8 am, 10:30 am
St. Mary – Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am, 10:30 am
St. John Fisher – Sat 4 pm, 7 pm, Sun 8:30 am, 10:30 am

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Daily Quote from the early church fathers: Could anyone refuse to love our God?

by Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.

“These words having been read to the assembled people, all eyes focused on Jesus, wondering perhaps how he could read without having been taught.” The Israelites used to say that the prophecies concerning Christ were fulfilled, either in the persons of some of their more glorious kings or at least in the holy prophets. They did not correctly understand what was written about him, so they missed the true direction and traveled down another path. He carefully guards against error by saying, 'This day is this prophecy fulfilled in your ears,' that they might not again misinterpret the present prophecy. He expressly set himself before them in these words, as the person spoken of in the prophecy. It was he who preached the kingdom of heaven to the heathen. They were poor, having nothing - not God, not law, not prophets. Rather, he preached it to all who were without spiritual riches. He set the captives free; having overthrown the apostate tyrant Satan, he shed the divine and spiritual light on those whose heart was darkened. This is why he said, 'I come as a light in this world' (*John 12:46*). It was he who took the chains of sin off of those whose heart was crushed by them. He clearly showed that there is a life to come, and sinners denounced in just judgment. Finally, it was he who preached the acceptable year of the Lord, the year in which the Savior's proclamation was made. By the acceptable year I think is meant his first coming, and by the day of restitution the day of judgment.

(excerpt from COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 12)

God Bless You! - Fr. Pendzick



And now a word from Dusty...

Come pray with me at the parish retreat on March 9th!

PARISH NEWS

Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering 10 weeks of aerobics on Tuesday nights (and one Thursday night switch from March 19 to March 21) 6:00 - 6:45 pm from Feb 26th to April 30th in St. Elizabeth's parish hall. The cost is \$25 per person for the entire 10 weeks which includes 45 minutes of aerobic exercises followed by 15 additional minutes of toning and floor work exercises for all who wish to stay. (All



that is needed is a towel or mat for the floor work exercises. Feel free to bring light weights, as well.) Registration deadline is February 22nd or until the maximum number of participants is reached.

NEW BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you? Try our 8 week class on Wednesdays March 6th – April 24th from 5:30 - 6:00 pm at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall. Registration is required. The cost is \$15 for all 8 weeks. This ½ hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility and move at a slower pace than our other class. Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! Bring a friend!

Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register for either class 610-266-0695 ext 208 or dirreled@sercc.org.

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sun, Feb 10th from 8:30 – 11:30 am! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, cheezy tots, Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$7/adult and \$4/child, children 3 yrs & under are free. We will also have Lourdes' delicious rice pudding to enjoy this month! Treat *your favorite Valentine!* We are very grateful for this month's sponsor, the St. Elizabeth Athletic Association.



Easter Candy Fundraiser Gertrude Hawk

Our Youth Ministry, led by Christina Tran, will be selling delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy. Candy brochures will be in the church bulletin the weekend of February 9 & 10. Orders can be dropped off at the parish office, dropped in the collection basket or made on-line. All orders are due by March 1st. Candy pick-up will be on April 14th at the parish breakfast, unless you wish to make other arrangements. Many thanks for your support!



Music Ministry Update

A very big thank you to Mascari's Carpet & Rugs for donating the new flooring for the choir loft. Joe and Diane Mascari donated the flooring and music ministry fundraising covered the installation. Our choir will sing joyfully!



Year End Financial Stats*

- Registered Families = 1,061
- Registered Parishioners = 2,569
- Oldest Parishioner = 103 years
- Baptisms = 20
- Marriages = 14
- Deaths = 24
- Envelopes received per week = 371
- Average weekly envelope donation = \$22.78
- Average weekly collection = \$10,700
- Parish Breakfast = \$1,165 per month
- Basket Social Fundraiser = \$9,400
- Parish Festival = \$23,500
- Capital Campaign collection = \$27,350
- Liturgical Supplies = \$15,400 per year
- Diocesan Obligations = \$168,000 per year
- School Subsidy = \$169,000 per year
- Highest paid church employee earns less than \$34,500 per year

*Figures are calculated on most recent information and maybe subject to change

GOLDEN AGERS

Next meeting is March 1st at 12:30 pm in the parish hall. The next trip is to **Mohegan Sun Casino** on Feb. 20th cost is \$30, please call Irene at 610-264-3721 for more info.

The following are the Golden Agers planned excursions:
March 13th Silver Birches "Irish Festival": \$82; call Barbara for more information and to reserve a seat for this show 610-266-2874. The bus leaves at 9 am from the church parking lot. We will arrive at 11:30 approximately for coffee and apple streusel cake. Followed by a family style Irish meal consisting of Irish soda bread, shamrock cucumber salad, turkey Reuben soup, traditional corned beef and cabbage, carrots, bangers and mash, lamb stew and whiskey cake. There is an open bar with draft beer, wine and soda. Entertainment includes music and dancing with Joe Bannigan and the Blarney Boys. We will leave approximately 3:30 and arrive at church around 5:30 pm.

Casino Trips

Cost is \$30; call Irene at 610-264-3721 for more information.

- March 20th Hollywood Casino
- April 17th Mohegan Sun
- May 15th Hollywood Casino
- June 19th Mohegan Sun

Baseball and Softball sign ups are open!!

Join us in the Parish Hall/Gym Saturday, February 9th as we host the 5 / 6 Grade Girls Winter Basketball Tournament. First game is 9am. Let's cheer our 5/6 girls on to victory. Come join us at February 10th Parish Breakfast and bring your child's sign up for baseball or softball if you haven't signed up! It's getting late - teams are forming so don't miss out. Sign ups are closed after breakfast is done. Mark your calendars!!! We will be in the Berk's Picnic Patio again this year for Night with the Iron Pigs. The date is Friday, July 5th. Watch for ticket purchase forms sent home with students in April!!



St Elizabeth Athletic Association Hoagies and Sandwiches Order Form

Hoagies - \$4.50 / Sandwiches - \$3.50

Orders due: Friday, February 15, 2019
In an envelope, checks payable to SEAA attention Tom Shak. Pick up will be Feb 20th in the parish hall between 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

| Hoogie Color Code | How Many | Cost | Total Owed |
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| Red (Everything) | | x 4.50 | |
| Blue (Onions/ No Peppers) | | x 4.50 | |
| Yellow (No Peppers/No Onions) | | x 4.50 | |
| White (Peppers/No Onions) | | x 4.50 | |
| Green (Tuna) | | x 4.50 | |
| Sandwiches | | | |
| Ham & Cheese | | x 3.50 | |
| Tuna | | x 3.50 | |
| TOTALS | | | |

Youth Ministry Event – FUDGE WITH FATHER!



Come and join Tina and our Youth Ministry on: **Sunday, February 10th** in the parish hall, **Time: 6 – 8 pm** We will pray together and then make some delicious fund-raising fudge with Father Pendzick to sell at the next parish breakfast in March! Join us for some fun, food and fellowship! Parent helpers are requested!! RSVP to Tina via REMIND or to parish office by Feb. 8th. Direct any questions to Mrs. Spieker dirreled@sercc.org or 610-266-0695 ext 208. Come and BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

Available Now! School Registration Packets

Registration packets are now available at the school office for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 respectively for Pre-K and they must turn 5 years old for Kindergarten by Oct 15th.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Marian Prayer Service

Knights of Columbus Council #528 will host a Marian Prayer Service, with the traveling icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, on Sunday, Feb 10th following the 10 am Mass at St Elizabeth. Please join us to pray for our suffering brothers and sisters in the Middle East. All are welcome to attend.

St John the Baptist (Stiles) Tricky Trays

St John will sponsor their 13th Annual Tricky Trays on Sat, Feb 16th, from 9 am to 7 pm, 3120 Chestnut St, Whitehall. You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. There is plenty of parking behind the social hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners can pick up baskets Sunday, February 17th, between 2 and 4 pm at the hall.

Ecumenical Food Bank

As a reminder to all, we collect food for the food bank on the **3rd Sunday of the month.**



Whitehall - Coplay Community Meal

The next community meal will be served at *Muslim Assoc of LV on Feb 3rd*. Thank you to our volunteers who take your donations to the food bank twice a month. www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/

DE SALES TAX PREP ASSISTANCE

De Sales University students will provide tax preparation free of charge to senior & low income citizens until Friday, March 29th. This is the 18th year that students have participated in the (VITA) program. To schedule a VITA appointment, individuals can call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868.

Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



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A Holy Riddle...

Last week's bulletin we had a riddle...the answer "Nothing"

- 1) The word has 7 letters
- 2) Preceded God
- 3) Greater than God
- 4) More evil than the devil
- 5) All poor people have it
- 6) Wealthy people need it
- 7) If you eat it, you will die

Healing Our Church Discussion Groups Coming in Lent

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

Forgot Your Envelope?

St Elizabeth has an online giving option for parishioner's convenience or for visitors who would like to donate. <http://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/our-parish/>

