

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

A special remembrance will be made at Mass for:

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| Monday, January 21 8:00 AM | <i>St. Agnes</i> Margaret Smith |
| Tuesday, January 22 8:00 AM 8:30 AM | Larry Kulhamer Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots |
| Wednesday, January 23 Church 9:00 AM | <i>Sts. Vincent and Marianne Cope</i> William E. Kaufmann Jr. |
| Thursday, January 24 7:00 PM | NO MASS Children's First Penance |
| Friday, January 25 8:00 AM | <i>Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</i> Oswald Family |
| Saturday, January 26 4:30 PM | <i>Sts. Timothy and Titus</i> Michael DiFalco |
| Sunday, January 27 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | <i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish Thomas Gal |

Prayer Intentions

Personal intentions may be recorded in the Intention binder in the church foyer. These intentions will be prayed for at each Mass.

Pray For Our Intentions

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Bill Anderson, Edith Garcia-Ascencio, Mike & Ann Baran, Marge Boccardi, John & Rose Brosious, Robert Brubacker, Millie Buchman, Hailey Diefenbach, David Faust, Dorothy Folajtar, Dona Hahn, Carl Kilhefner, Catherine Kozlusky, Skye Kremsner, Marie LoCicero, Rozanne Lota, Joe Macaluso, Carmen Martucci, Helen Marzano, Alice Meder, Lucy Mellinger, Phyllis Mizgerd, Stephen O'Connor, Cathy Pappalardo, David Perenyi, Sue Podlesny, Tim, Pollock, Rick Stoudt*

If you are admitted to a hospital, please remember to inform the parish office. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of St Elizabeth, Whitehall at the time of your admission.

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.



Please pray for those who have died especially ***Teresa Galm***, who passed away this week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| First Reading: | Nehemiah 8: 2 – 10 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Psalm 19 |
| Second Reading: | 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 30 |
| Gospel: | Luke 1: 1 – 4, 4: 14 - 21 |

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 in memory of ***Margaret "Peggy" Deutsch***, requested by *Agnes Graf*.



The Church Bells will ring this week for ***St. Elizabeth's Ushers***, requested by Fr. Pendzick.

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 Mary on Jan 22nd; 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 victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

Thursday Mass Intentions

Please note that the Mass intentions previously assigned to Thursday morning have been changed to the 7 pm Thursday evening Mass.

2018 Tax Statements

Parishioners wishing a tax statement should call the parish office with their contact information. Tax statements will be ready for Feb 2nd & 3rd. Any donations dated after Dec 31st will be considered a 2019 donation.

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Jesus manifested his glory at Cana”

Surprisingly, Cana was one of my favorite places to visit in the Holy Land. It is a beautiful little town. We pilgrims had mass in the chapel and 7 couples renewed their marriage vows. For one of the couples it was actually the day of their anniversary. What a special thing to renew their love for each other in the place of this unusual miracle.

God often reveals his glory to us in the unlikely of places - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgatha, or on the road to Emmaus. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The Lord Jesus brought great blessings and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First, by his presence, and second, by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but saving the best for last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God. That Jesus would miraculously produce 120 gallons of the **best** wine (many times more than needed) shows the superabundance of the blessings which he came to offer.

This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when he comes again in his glory. The miracles of Jesus show the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. The ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose that we, too, might be raised up and glorified with him.

"Heavenly Father, you have revealed your glory in our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may bring you glory in all that I do and say."

God Bless You! - Fr. Pendzick



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And now a word from Dusty...

Join me for yummy spaghetti and meatballs on January 26th. If you don't want your meatballs I'll eat them for you!

PARISH NEWS

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Save the date! St. Elizabeth Troop #63403 will be selling Girl Scout cookies after all Masses the weekend of January 19th & 20th. The cost is only \$4 per box and all your favorites will be available.



SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND

Brownie/Junior Troop #63403 will be collecting at the exits of the church on February 2nd & 3rd after all the Masses - Super Bowl Weekend. Any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated. Half of the proceeds will go to the *Ecumenical Kitchen in Allentown* to help feed the hungry and half to the troop to help pay for scout expenses, activities and trips.



Thank you for your kind generosity!

Pray for our Confirmation Candidates

On January 6th, our Confirmandi attended a special Mass of Enrollment and participated by serving as lectors, greeters and gift bearers. They came to give an outward sign of their willingness to take this journey and grow in faith. Please continue to pray for them daily as their Confirmation day approaches on **Wednesday, February 20th** at St. Mary's in Catasauqua.



GOLDEN AGERS

Next meeting is February 1st at 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

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

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

PREP CORNER

Meet Our Teachers



PREP – 6th Grade Catechist:

Mrs. Davian Emery

Davian Emery is our 6th grade PREP Catechist. This is her 8th year volunteering at St. Elizabeth. Davian spent most of her 20+ year working career in real estate particularly, new construction and job site management.

She has two children, Brogan in 2nd grade and Meagan in 11th grade at Whitehall – Coplay High School. Davian's motto is to help guide and enrich the next generation of students as a worthy and much needed endeavor! "Somebody should.... so, I volunteer weekly at Zephyr, periodically for Tri - Boro Soccer, dedicate a week to being a Den Leader for summer camp through Minsi - Trail Council and teach weekly PREP classes at St. Elizabeth's while working for Boutique One Properties and at the Steckel Elementary School. My goal is to bring the students education, faith, and understanding in a fun, relatable and interesting way that will create a love for Jesus and a means to carry them through all of life's travails."



PREP – 7th Grade Catechist:

Mr. Scott Hamilton

Our 7th Grade PREP Catechist is Scott Hamilton. Scott has been a member at St. Elizabeth's since 1988 and this is his 8th year teaching PREP. He is married to Kelly for 16 years and they have three children: Megan, Gregory, and Abigail. Megan, a

Northampton Area Middle School 8th grader, also attends PREP at St. Elizabeth. Gregory attends 1st grade PREP and Abigail is just two years old. All three children have been baptized at St. Elizabeth's. In addition, Scott also happily volunteers as a cook and kitchen cleaner at many of the parish breakfasts. He has his master catechist certificate from the Allentown Diocese's *Institute for Catechesis and Formation*. Scott states, "As I continue to teach our Catholic faith to the youth of our parish, I continue to learn more about the Catholic faith myself. Through my teaching, I hope to bring our youth closer to Jesus Christ and achieve a greater and deeper understanding of the Holy Eucharist as well as the rest of the sacraments of the Catholic Church."

Baseball and Softball sign ups are open!!

All School and PREP classes had letters/forms sent home. Sign up forms are also in the church lobby. Practices may begin in late February. We will be hosting a 5/6 grade girls basketball tournament on Sat, Feb 9th at St. Elizabeth Gym. Games are 9am to 12:30 pm. Let's cheer our girls to victory. The SEAA is sponsoring the parish breakfast in February. Our first SEAA hoagie sale of 2019 is Wed, Feb 20th. For more details contact Tom Shak 484-632-9790.



First Penance

Please keep the children of our parish in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Thursday, Jan 24th.

God, you know me so well. You created me.

You know the number of hairs on my head, and you even know the thoughts in my heart before I ever knew them. I'm coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins and begin your healing from the inside out.

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

When: Saturday, January 26th

Seating Times: 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 7:00 pm

Cost: Advance Tickets: Adult (12 and older) \$9.00

Child (ages 5-12) \$7.00

Children under five are free

Tickets at the Door: Adult (12 and older) \$10.00

Child (ages 5-12) \$8.00

Children under five are free



ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week Activities

Come join us!

Sat, Jan 26th – Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Sun, Jan 27th – Open House 11:00 – 1:00

Mon, Jan 28th - Wear your favorite team jersey
Copperhead Grille 'Dine to Donate'

Tues, Jan 29th – Crazy Sock Day & Family Feud

Wed, Jan 30th – Celebrate Our Nation

Thurs, Jan 31st – Gym Show

Fri, Feb 1st – Dress Down 70's, 80's or 90's throwback
Family Bingo at 7 pm

Youth Ministry "New Year, Renewed Faith"

Youth Ministry will have their first meeting of the new year in the Youth Ministry Room from 6 - 8 pm Sunday, Jan. 27th. We will reflect on the new year and discuss new year resolutions to strengthen our relationship with Christ. God invites us to be part of the Body of Christ—how do we continue accepting that invitation? Come join us for faith, fellowship, and fun! All 6th- 10th graders welcome! Bring a friend!



"Bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ."

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Allentown Central Catholic Tuition Raffle!



Allentown Central Catholic is excited to announce our Class of 2023 Tuition Raffle. The final drawing is February 24th. Simply go to www.acchs.info/apply, fill out your class of 2023 application, and drop it off or mail it to Allentown Central Catholic. ALL

students who have submitted an application by the dates above will be entered in that month's drawing. Contact Mrs. Cara Meskill at cmeskill@acchs.info or (610) 437-4601 ext. 148 if you have any questions.

Direct Service Workers Needed

Mercy is seeking to employ both full and part-time Direct Service workers for our TLC/Over 21 adult program. These persons will assist with the day-to-day operation of the Adult Habilitation Program in an efficient manner that supports the mission of Mercy School for Special Learning. There are 2 full time positions with a maximum of 32.5 hours per week year-round with benefits as well as a part time position offering 20 - 25 hours per week year-round.

The following clearances are required: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance and Mandated Reporter Certificate

Interested candidates should contact Beth Grys, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or bgrys@mercyschool.org. You may also mail your resume to:

Mercy School for Special Learning
830 S. Woodward St., Allentown, PA 18103

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 *St. Peter's, Coplay*. Thank you to our volunteers who take your donations to the food bank twice a month.

www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungeringinitiative/

Vera / Coach Purse BINGO

Mercy School is holding a Vera / Coach Purse bingo on Sunday, January 20th. The cost is \$25 for 20 games. The kitchen opens at noon and games start at 1 pm. The bingo will be held at 830 S Woodward St, Allentown. For more information call 610-797-8242.

Martin Luther King Day

Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. grew to become one of the greatest Social Activists the world has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. Observed Monday, January 21st.

MEAT BINGO



St. John the Baptist will hold a Meat Bingo on Sunday, Jan 20th. Doors will open at noon, Bingo begins at 1 pm. First come, first serve seating and refreshments will be available. Call 610-432-3505 Bill Drost for more information. 15 games for \$11 Great Meat Prizes!

Coaches Needed for ACCHS

Allentown Central Catholic HS Athletic Department is looking for assistant coaches in both girls lacrosse and boys/girls track & field for Spring 2019. Anyone interested should contact the Athletic Director, Dennis Csensits at dcsensits@acch.info or 610-437-4601 Ext 119

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend Feb 2nd and 3rd. Please pray for those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer for Consecrated Person

God our Father, we thank you from calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers St Elizabeth's consecrated members:

Rev. John Rother
Sr. Dorothy Fabritze

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