

# January 27, 2019

## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 28	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
8:00 AM	Dick Linnon
Tuesday, January 29	
8:00 AM	Patricia Dougherty Vollmer
8:30 AM	Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
Wednesday, Jan 30	
<b>Church</b> 9:00 AM	Helen Bushpies
Thursday, January 31	<i>St. John Basco</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Kathleen Oswald
Friday, February 1	
8:00 AM	Enrollees of the Memorial Fund
8:30 AM	<i>Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday, February 2	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>
8:30 AM	Frank Mayernik
4:30 PM	Doris Mae Yerbeten
Sunday, February 3	<i>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Frank Gober
10:00 AM	People of the Parish

### Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4 – 5, 17 - 19  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13  
 Gospel: Luke 4: 21 – 30

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 **Theresa Kutos**, requested by **Agnes Graf**.

The Church Bells will ring this week for **Howard Sweeney**, requested by Maria Sweeney.



### 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.

### 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, Mike & Ann Baran, Marge Boccardi, John & Rose Brosious, Robert Brubacker, Millie Buchman, Larry Buss, Dorothy Folajtar, Edith Garcia-Ascencio, Carl Kilhefner, Skye Kremesner, Marie LoCicero, Joe Macaluso, Helen Marzano, Phyllis Mizgerd, Stephen O'Connor, David Perenyi, Tim Pollock, Rick Stoudt, Irene Zink*

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 **Madeline Kurtz**, who passed away this week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Blessing of the Throat in memory of St. Blaise will be on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 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 Saints on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>; 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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

### 2018 Tax Statements

Parishioners wishing a tax statement must call the parish office with their contact information. Requested tax statements will be available beginning Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

*St. John the Baptist* – Sat 4 pm, Sun 9:15 am  
*St. Peter & Paul* – Sun 8 am, 10:30 am  
*Immaculate Conception* – Sat 4:15 pm, Sun 8 am, 10:30 am  
*St Mary (BVM)* – 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

This past week was the March for Life in Washington D.C. where 10's of thousands of people gathered to support each other and peacefully protest legalized abortion. Most protest by simply walking and praying. I have attended the March for Life about 10 times and met the nicest people. They want to stand up for the unborn child and give them a voice. According to the center for disease control 45,789,558 abortions have been reported in the United States since it started collecting facts in 1970. Take a look at that number again. You may have read it quickly. These are the reported facts from the abortion centers themselves. It is a staggering number of lives ended. Certainly we must pray for the change of hearts as well as the change of laws.

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person. Yes, we must pray for and work toward ending poverty, homelessness, drug abuse, war, etc., however, a person cannot be poor or rich, homeless or sheltered, if they do not have the basic right to life.

Many hearts need to be changed. People need to know of how merciful and loving our Lord is to all! He wants nothing more than for us to repent of our sin and come back to his loving arms, no matter what we have done! Pray for the change of hearts and ask the Lord to help you and your loved ones to respect the gift of life even more.

God Bless You! - Fr. Pendzick



### And now a word from Dusty...

Catholic School week - Crazy Sock day, Tuesday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>.  
If they are really crazy I might try to eat them.



## PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to the children who have received their First Penance the evening of Thursday, January 24, 2019


Julianna Alcantara	Johnny Dinh
Gionni Flores	Mateo Flores
Eric Frankl	Justin George
Cole Griffin	Dominic Guedes
Reina Haddad	Penelope Hausmann
Mia Hawkes	Alexander Hong
Joshua Kahr	River Kocher
Madison Korup	Bella Le
Mahalia Marcajoux	Clifford Murray
Jessica Nguyen	Kristen Nguyen
Kyle Nguyen	Monica Nguyen
Theresa Nguyen	Mary Perinotti
Oscar Quintero	Dylan Reed
Jesse Reed	Olivia Roesler
Alaina Sciortino	Daniela Skvaski
Jordyn Singhas	Odette Younes



### SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND

 Brownie/Junior Troop #63403 will be collecting at the exits of the church on February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's in Catasauqua.

## GOLDEN AGERS

Next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm in the parish hall.  
Next Casino trip is February 20<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$30, contact Irene at 610 - 264 - 3721 for information or to reserve a seat.

**The following are the Golden Agers planned excursions:**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> 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 and an open bar, entertainment includes music and dancing. We will leave approximately 3:30 and arrive at church around 5:30 pm.

## PREP CORNER

### Meet Our Teachers



**PREP – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist:  
Mrs. Marilyn Bair**

Marilyn Bair is teaching 8th grade PREP. This is her 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching PREP at St Elizabeth. She has been a member of St. Elizabeth's since 1967. Marilyn retired from Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 after 27 years as an Instructional

Assistant and Job Coach. She and her husband, Ronald are the proud parents of daughters, Renee & Suzanne, as well as their 7 grandchildren. She looks forward to helping her students grow in their faith and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in February.

**PREP Teacher Substitute:**

**Mrs. Pamela Silverthorn**

Pamela Silverthorn joins St. Elizabeth's Prep team after 3 years of teaching first grade for St Elizabeth Regional School. She has been a pseudo member of the parish since 2015, and she and her family plan on joining the parish by Thanksgiving. As a reading specialist and elementary certified teacher since 1999, Pam is a "seasoned" teacher and brings a lot of experience and passion to teaching. Pam is currently working as a substitute teacher in the Lehigh Valley. Pam has been married to Joel since 2006, and they have two beautiful and wonderful children named Roberta, (age 11) and Gabriel, (age 8). Overall Pam's PREP goal is to teach our faith and have each student see PETER within themselves.... they are the rock and upon them we will build our 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 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Gym. Games are 9 am 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 20<sup>th</sup>. For more details contact Tom Shak 484-632-9790.

## ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

### Catholic Schools Week Activities

Come join us!

- Sun, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Open House 11:00 – 1:00
- Mon, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> - Wear your favorite team jersey  
Copperhead Grille 'Dine to Donate'
- Tues, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Sock Day & Family Feud
- Wed, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Our Nation
- Thurs, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Gym Show
- Fri, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – 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. 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> graders welcome! Bring a friend!

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"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 24<sup>th</sup>. Simply go to [www.acchs.info/apply](http://www.acchs.info/apply), fill out your class of 2023 application, and drop it off or mail it to ACCHS. ALL students who have submitted an application by the dates above will be entered in that month's drawing. Contact Mrs. Meskill at [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info) or (610) 437-4601 ext. 148 for info.

### Ecumenical Food Bank

As a reminder to all, we collect food for the food bank on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.



### Whitehall - Coplay Community Meal

The next community meal will be served at Muslim Assoc of LV on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to our volunteers who take your donations to the food bank twice a month. [www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/](http://www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/)



All proceeds to benefit  
**Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative**

## Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 1 pm • Calling starts at 2 pm  
COMMITMENT TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY  
165 Cherry Street, Coplay

**CASH  
DRAWING**  
50-25-25

Tickets \$15  
includes 2 boards  
& corn is available  
**15 board GAMES**  
BYO bingo chips & dabbers  
5 paper  
SPECIALS  
\$5

**FOOD  
& baked  
goods**  
available  
for purchase

Please bring an item for Snack Pack Pals!  
Visit "Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative" on Facebook  
for a list of items needed.

Mark your calendar for our next Bingo... March 10

For more info, call Lana Snyder 610-533-1357

## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians St Brigid Mass

To commemorate the feast day of St. Brigid, patron saint of Ireland, the LAOH welcomes all to celebrate 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church, 501 Ridge Ave Allentown. We will be accepting food donations for the Allentown Food Bank in the generous spirit of St. Brigid.



Membership in the AOH/LAOH is open to all practicing Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). For more information contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk (LAOH) maurar1117@msn.com or Ed Barry (AOH) Edbarryaoh@aol.com.

## Pysanky Eggs



Join us for a delightful afternoon of instruction on how to create Pysanky eggs. Instructor Lane Rundle will combine two cultures, Hungarian and Celtic, in a fun class to help brighten the winter by creating a Pysanky egg with a Celtic design.

Pysanky stems from the Ukrainian verb "pysaty" which means "to write." Originally only practiced at Easter, the art is now one to create and cherish all year long.

**Date:** February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 1 pm. **Cost:** \$25 includes supplies. **Where:** Life in Christ Church 51 E. Hillmond St., Bethlehem 18018 [www.lifeinchristchurch.com](http://www.lifeinchristchurch.com)

## St. Anthony of Padua - France Tour (land only)

St Anthony's is offering a tour of France and possibly Belgium for \$2,817.50 per person / double occupancy \$790.00 single supplement. Travel Dates Sept 29 through Oct 13. A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of booking or before Feb 15<sup>th</sup> (check only) with the balance due 60 days prior to travel. Package includes:

9 nights' accommodations including taxes

English speaking tour guide director from the time of arrival to time of departure

Private motor coach as outlined in itinerary

4 dinners / 1 lunch / breakfast daily

Entrance tickets to Tapestry Museum, Memorial WW2, Abbey St. Michel, Versailles Palace, Whispers (headsets)

Please contact Springhouse Travel - 215 643 7074

## DE SALES TAX PREP ASSISTANCE

Accounting students from De Sales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes until Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The program is part of the United States Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Students are required to pass a test, given by the IRS, in order to receive certification to do your taxes. This marks the eighteenth consecutive year that students have participated in the (VITA) program. De Sales students have done more than 4,600 tax returns for LV taxpayers. To schedule a VITA appointment, individuals can call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868.

## A Holy Riddle...

A pastor passed this riddle along, saying that only 5% of undergraduate students will figure it out.

Answer all the questions, with the same word as the answer:

- 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

See next week's bulletin for the answer.

*Please pray for our military:*



Capt Christopher Bailey, US Navy  
2Lt Jared Blockus, US Army  
LCpl Alex Bonnell, US Marine Corps  
Cpl Jon Bonnell, US Marine Corps  
Sgt Darrell Bordner, US Air Force  
Pvt Alex Boty, US Army  
Cmdr John Cocca, US Navy  
SR Benjamin Fisher, US Navy  
Maj Julie Glover, US Air Force  
2Lt Ryan Gutshall, US Army  
PO2 Eric Knapp, US Navy  
Sgt Michael Merryman, US Army  
1Lt Luke Millan, US Army  
DCC (SW) Dan O'Connor, US Navy  
IT3 Daniel J. Peterson, US Navy  
SSgt Jim Peterson, US Army  
MN3 Cameron Rockwell, US Navy  
ABF3 Jonathon Russell, US Navy  
TSgt Ann Seng, US Air Force  
MGySgt Theresa Seng, US Marine Corps  
Pvt Christopher Sweeney, US Army

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## 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 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.