

February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A special remembrance will be made at Mass for:

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| Monday, February 11 | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> |
| 8:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| Tuesday, February 12 | |
| 8:00 AM | No Mass |
| Wednesday, Feb 13 | |
| Church 9:00 AM | Kathryn McCann |
| Thursday, February 14 | <i>Sts Cyril & Methodius</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Margaret Martin |
| Friday, February 15 | |
| 8:00 AM | Rose Hurban |
| Saturday, February 16 | |
| 4:30 PM | Caroline Honorowski |
| Sunday, February 17 | <i>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Larry Kulhamer |
| 10:00 AM | J. Patrick Keating |

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 & Peggy 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, Erika Shak, 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.

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



St. Elizabeth Parish family congratulates and welcomes **Amelia Smiertelny** and **Yojhansel Rodriguez**, who were baptized on February 3rd.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| First Reading: | Jeremiah 17: 5 – 8 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Psalm 1 |
| Second Reading: | 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16 – 20 |
| Gospel: | Luke 6: 17, 20 – 26 |

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 for **Valeria Koons** requested by *Nick & Carolyn Pontician.*

The Church Bells will ring this week for **Msgr. John Brown**, requested by Gus & Kathy Garcia.



Low Gluten Communion 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 on Moral Issues on Feb 12th; 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. If yours is not there please call the parish office and request one. 610-266-0695

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

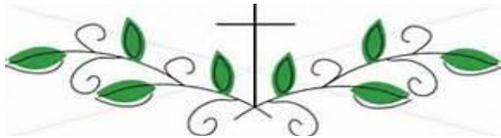
PASTOR'S CORNER

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: *At your word I will let down the nets.* When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "Jesus has so incomprehensible a love for us that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls. He wills to do nothing without us. The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of all his Blood."

When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made a new creation in Jesus Christ.

God Bless You! - Fr. Pendzick



Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Many thanks to those who have pledged to the BAA. Every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries. You can make your gift online faithhopecharitygives.org St. Elizabeth goal amount is \$69, 835.38

To date we have raised \$69,618

Average per family is \$218.21

Number of donors is 296 of 1040 families

This is a 28.4% participation rate



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And now a word from Dusty...

Come pray with me at the parish retreat on March 9th!
More info will follow soon...

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 the 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.



Beginner Low Impact Aerobic Sign-Ups

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 the 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 this Sunday from 8:30 – 11:30 am! Fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, cheezy tots, Danish, juice & coffee – all for only \$7/adult and \$4/child, kids 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

Youth Ministry is selling delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. Extra Easter candy brochures can be found in the vestibule of the church or parish office. All orders are due by Mon, March 4th to the parish office. Conveniently make your Easter candy purchase and pick-up your orders during the parish breakfast on April 14th. *Please make checks payable to: St. Elizabeth.* On-line orders go to: www.GertrudeHawkFundraising.com, click "place an order" and use participant #727867 and "GO", click on the group member's name (M. Spieker) and pick your favorite candy! Thank you for your participation in this yummy fund raiser!



Girl Scout Cookie Sale

St. Elizabeth Brownie Troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies after Masses on the following dates. The cost is \$4 per box: Feb. 16th after 4:30 Mass & Feb. 17th after 10 am Mass; March 2nd after 4:30 Mass & March 3rd after 10 am Mass.

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 9 am. 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!!

Youth Ministry Event – FUDGE WITH FATHER!



Come and join Tina and our Youth Ministry this: **Sunday** 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!! Direct any questions to Mrs. Spieker dirreled@sercc.org or 610-266-0695 ext 208. Come and BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!



Friendly Visitors

Meeting Date for Friendly Visitors is Thursday, February 21th at 2 pm in the large meeting room. Please come and join us.

Our Growing Families



Focusing on our theme of Evangelization, Youth Ministry will be meeting on **Sun, Feb. 17th** in the Youth Ministry Room from 6 - 8 pm to learn how to grow in faith within our families. All 6th -10th graders are welcome! "Bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ."

Faith Sharing Group Questionnaire Results

The parish council would like to share the results of the faith sharing groups are listed below. Of 91 surveys returned: More information will follow on group formation.

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| Bible Study = 62 | Women's Group = 36 |
| Men's Group = 7 | Other = Mixed Group |
| Bi-Monthly = 40 | Monthly = 35 |
| Weekly = 25 | Other = Bi-Weekly |
| 1 Hour = 57 | 1 1/2 Hours = 31 |
| 2 Hours = 5 | |
| Early Evening = 40 | After 7 pm = 39 |
| Lunch = 21 | Morning = 20 |
| Interest: | |
| Faith / Prayer = 51 | Catholic Traditions = 50 |
| Christianity Today = 49 | Books of Bible = 43 |
| Scripture = 40 | Salvation & Afterlife = 38 |
| Church History = 35 | |
| Suggestions: | |
| RCIA join | Weekly Adoration |
| Husband & Wife together | Talks on different subjects |
| Cooking w/ Jesus | Evening Grief group |
| Faith Group w/ other churches | Matthew Kelly books |
| Sunday Readings | Group w/ service |

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

Available Now! School Registration Packets



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REGIONAL SCHOOL

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, February 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.

"God's Not Dead" February Movie

Movie Club will present all three "God's Not Dead Films" for the month of February. Each film is "stand alone" and you don't need to see 1 to enjoy 2 or 3. They are all excellent on their own. These movies are appropriate for teen and adult audiences. Doors open at 6 pm in St Francis' parish hall, on February 11th, 18th and 26th, Washington & 11th Sts., Allentown. Admission is free.

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. 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.

Winter Soup Sale

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St, Catasauqua is holding a take-out Winter Soup Sale. They have been blessed with a wonderful group of women who just want to "keep on cookin' ". Each quart is \$8. Choose from: Winter Garden (a creamy soup with cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots), Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Ham & Navy Been or a just good ole' container of Cabbage and Noodles. Orders and payment can be mailed and are due no later than Sunday, February 17th. Pick up will be in our Parish Kitchen (the school building across from the Church), on Friday, March 1st from 4 to 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or call 610-264-0332.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Notre Dame Theatre Company will host a bingo featuring Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Dooney & Burke, and Lucky Brand handbags. Tricky trays, 50/50 raffle and refreshments will be available. Cost \$20 for 20 game boards / \$25 at the door. Date is Sunday Feb 24th at 3417 Church Rd, Easton. Doors open at 11, games start at 12:30. For info e-mail notredametheatrecompany@ndcrusaders.com

Spelling "BEE" Contest

Event: Catholic War Veterans Post # 454 'Spelling Bee'
Place: Basement Meeting Room at Queenship of Mary
1324 Newport Ave., Northampton
Date & Time: February 24th at 2 pm
The event is open to ALL 7th & 8th grade students
PRIZES: 1st Place - \$75 / 2nd Place - \$50 / 3rd Place - \$25
For info contact Larry Weiss @ 484-357-6342

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.

World Marriage Day February 10th

Today, we celebrate World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week February 7-14. The theme is *Marriage: Made for a Reason*. It is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with promoting and defending marriage and the family. Resources and more information for couples can be found at www.ForYourMarriage.org

Spiritual Training: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, March 9th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 8:30 am in the Parish Activity Center. Presentations by Bishop Schlert and Rev. Ezaki will begin in the Cathedral at 9:15 am, ending by 11:30 am. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered as well. There is no cost for the program. To register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality

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/>



Ecumenical Food Bank

As a reminder to all, we collect food for the food bank on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Thank you to St Elizabeth for the 22 lbs of food and 20 bags of grocery that was recently collected.



Whitehall - Coplay Community Meal

The next community meal will be served at *Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church Feb 19th*. Thank you to our volunteers who take your donations to the food bank. www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/