

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

SUNDAY	January 24
8:00 AM	Angelina Kurtz <i>special intention</i>
10:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. John J. Egan
MONDAY	January 25
9:00 AM	Michael Stockman
9:30 AM	Adoration
TUESDAY	January 26
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	January 27
9:00 AM	John Niemczak
THURSDAY	January 28
7:00 PM	John Brosious
7:30 PM	Adoration
FRIDAY	January 29
9:00 AM	Katherine Bugger
SATURDAY	January 30
4:30 PM	John Wechsler
SUNDAY	January 31
8:00 AM	Agnes Goldsmidt
10:00 AM	Stanislaw Dabrowski

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Marge Boccardi, Rose Brosious, Betty Brown, Jill Brubaker, Jim Carlisle, Cindy Cooper, Miriam Filson, Doris Fudali, Chris Herman, Ellie Herman, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Tina Mellinger, Kathy Mitistifer, Steve O'Connor, Helen Parker, Ann Pendzick, David Perenyi, Cathy Ricciuto, John & Eileen Schedler, Elmer Schuster, Bob Sheehan, Willard Stauffer, Nancy Svitana, Helen Wied, Irene Zink.*

*NOTE: Our usual procedure for hospital information has been shut down due to Covid safety protocol. Please call church to let us know if you are admitted.

TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS

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 and a Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy so the celebrant can prepare.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Chapel on the first Monday of the month after the 9 am Mass and the first Thursday evening after the 7 pm Mass. Please contact Wendy Ohlsen at 610-248-6648.



CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service by calling 800-276-1562.

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S. - Secretary
Youth Prot & CHS, P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 95
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35
Gospel:	Mark 1: 21 - 28

Parish Calendar of Regular Events (call for updates)

Adult Choir – Wed (Sept to May) Bells 6 – 7 pm, Choir 7 – 8:30 pm
Baptism Class – 3rd Thursday every other month 7 pm
Bible Study – Wednesday 10 am in LMR*
Friendly Visitors – 3rd Thursday (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
Golden Agers – 1st Friday (no January, February or July) Hall
Men of St Elizabeth – 3rd Monday 7:30 pm LMR*
Our Lady of Knots Novena – Tuesday & Thursday Chapel
Parish Breakfast – 2nd Sunday (Oct to April) 8:30 – 11 am Hall
Prayer Shawl – 2nd Thursday 2 pm LMR*
PREP – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School
RCIA – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 7 pm LMR*
Toastmasters – 4th Monday 7 pm LMR
Women's Group – 2nd & 4th Sunday 6 pm LMR*

*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2nd floor.

Call parish for info; most meetings are suspended due to CoronaVirus



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Tony Masucci
requested by *Tam Masucci.*

The Church Bells will ring this week for
Joe Macaluso
requested by *St. Elizabeth Regional School.*



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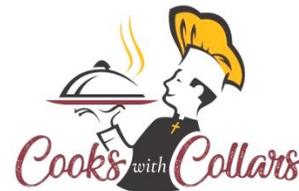
Please pray for those who have died especially **Joe Macaluso, and William Car, father / brother of parishioners Alina Perinotti & Michael Car,** who passed away this week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Fr. Pendzick mentioned on facebook, we have open Mass Intentions in January and February. Anyone who has an intention they would like said for an individual, family or special intention please contact the parish office. 610-266-0695

COOKS WITH COLLARS COMPETITION

Fr. Pendzick will represent St. Elizabeth in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for our parish and Catholic Charities. Visit



www.cookswithcollars.com to see our favorite priest creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (*deadline February 15*) for our parish's top chef! Each vote is \$10. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr. Pendzick and St. Elizabeth a winner! Fr. Pendzick needs your help!

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S CORNER

This joke will crack you up, please read until the end.

We might have heard the saying that money cannot buy happiness. Even if money comes flying to you it doesn't ensure happiness. How many of you actually believe that money cannot buy happiness? It can buy you things, but it can't buy happiness, so if we all believe that, how many of you believe, but still want more money? I am sure all of us raise our hands to say money can't buy happiness but I want more. With our left hand we say money can't buy happiness but with our right hand say actually I want more money.

A doctor couldn't find a job so he decided to start a clinic. His clinic sign read "\$20 to get any problem solved, if it is not solved, you get \$100".

A lawyer passing by thought, 'I can easily fool this guy for charging \$20 and giving \$100 if my problem isn't solved'.

The lawyer went into the clinic and said to the doctor, "**Doctor I have lost my taste, can you bring it back?**"

The doctor told his pharmacist to bring bottle no. 22 and put few drops on the tongue of the lawyer. The lawyer shouted "Hey, what is that? It tastes like gasoline." The doctor said, "You gained your taste back give me \$20."

Annoyed the lawyer thought now I have to do something about this doctor. So next he went and told the doctor "**Doctor, I lost my memory, I can't remember anything. Can you treat me please?**"

The doctor told his pharmacist to bring bottle no. 22 and put few drops on the tongue of the lawyer. The lawyer shouted "Hey that was gasoline." and the doctor said, "You gained your memory back give me \$20."

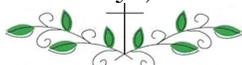
The third time this lawyer thought now I have to crack this guy. He went again to doctor and said "**Doctor I lost my eyesight, I can't see anything. Can you bring my eyesight back?**" The doctor said, "That is the only problem we cannot cure." So he told the pharmacist to give the lawyer \$100; the pharmacist gave him only 20 dollars. The lawyer said, "**Wait, this is only \$20!**" The doctor said "Your eye sight is back, now give me \$20."

Jokes aside stuff has utility value not happiness value. Having a phone, a car, a laptop or even a house only has utility value, so by God's grace if you have these things, do not look for happiness there.

We all have the desire for more money like the lawyer, but having money is the wrong concept for happiness. In our early twenties or thirties we think buying stuff, traveling and having the perfect girlfriend/boyfriend will make us happy.

There is nothing wrong with dreaming, earning and having but to dream that this is what will make you happy, I am sorry to say, is a **mistake. To equate your happiness with something that only has utility value will leave you yearning for real happiness.**

Fr. Joji



PARISH NEWS

GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Complete or partial sponsorship of a student would make a difference in a student's ability to attend Saint Elizabeth Regional School. Sponsorship opportunities combining faith with learning creates a well rounded and prepared student. As an "**Angel of the Lord Sponsor,**" you provide financial support to families who desire the spiritual, moral, and intellectual growth fostered by a Catholic, faith based school.

Choose from any three levels of support:

- **Phanuel Angel:** Donate Any Amount
- **Seraphim Angel:** Donate Half Year Tuition (\$1,705)
- **Uriel Angel:** Donate a Full Year of Tuition (\$3,410)

Send donations to Mrs. Kimberly Kocher, Principal St Elizabeth Regional School, Thanks for your support.

BLESSING OF THROATS SAINT BLAISE

Being mindful of social distancing requirements, a priest this year will give the blessing of the throat by extending hands over all gathered while saying the prayer.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient.

Therefore individual blessings of the throat will be waived due to Co-vid protocol. Blessing will be given after weekend Mass, January 30th - 31st



ASH WEDNESDAY

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

The priest will say the prayer for the blessing of the ashes. He will then address all those present and says the words over the ashes. The priest will then clean his hands put on a face mask and distribute ashes by sprinkling them on the head of the parishioners without saying anything.

Prot. N. 17/21 From the Congregation for Divine Worship & Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

The Distribution of Ashes via sprinkling is a common, traditional practice in many countries, but is not well known in the United States.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. Please note that no water or oil is added to the Ashes utilizing this method.

Therefore ashes in the sign of a cross will not be marked on the parishioner forehead but rather sprinkled on the top of the head. Please bow your head forward as shown in the photo.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Prayer Partners



On **Wednesday, February 3rd** at 4:30 pm Bishop Alfred Schlert will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish confirmandi. **If you have been a prayer partner for one of these young men or women, please consider writing a card or letter telling of your prayers and wishes for them as they become fully initiated into our Catholic faith and family. Please drop it off to the attention of Mary Spieker at the parish office by February 1.** Thank you for your continued prayers.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

St. Elizabeth Regional School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year for Kindergarten thru 8th Grade. This enrollment is also open for Pre-K. Please note that enrollment in Kindergarten requires that your child be 5 years of age BEFORE October 15, 2021. If you need an application, please contact the school office at 610 – 264 - 0143. If you chose to enroll your child, there will be a \$100 enrollment fee due when you return your application to the school office.



JOIN THE RAFFLE!

Saint Elizabeth Regional School is selling Raffle Tickets for your chance to win \$500, \$250 or \$100. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the church and school offices. Winners will be picked on January 31st (you do not need to be present to win). Thank you for your support!

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Save the date! St. Elizabeth Troop 63403 will be selling cookies after Masses the weekend of January 23/24. We will also be doing a drive through cookie booth in the church parking lot on Saturday, January 23 from 12:00-3:00. Cost is \$4 per box; all your favorites will be available! Carmel deLites, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Smore's, Lemonades, Shortbread and Gluten free (\$5). We also have a new cookie to try **Toast-Yay**, a French toast-inspired cookie!



PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPEN



St. Elizabeth Pre-K class registration is open for the 2021-22 school year.

Our four day program runs from 9 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Friday, September to May.

Our instructors are dedicated to St. Elizabeth and their students. Our academic program is geared toward making the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten an easy one, preparing your young student to live, learn and grow during their elementary years at Saint Elizabeth Regional School. Call for a visit 610-264-0143 and register today to save a place for your young learner. Come join the St. Elizabeth family, all are welcome.

CHOCOLATE CANDY BAR SALE

To kick start Catholic Schools Week, students will be selling \$1.00 chocolate bars after the Masses on Sunday morning, January 31st. Stop by for a delicious Sunday morning treat that helps to support our school students.



OLD PALM COLLECTION



The normal "rule of thumb" is that anything that has been blessed should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried. However you may bring your old palms to church the weekend of January 30 & 31 or February 6 & 7 for us

to dispose of properly.

During the 1800s, both the Sacred Congregation for the Rites and the Holy Office issued various determinations concerning this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold, but must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted. Vestments, altar cloths and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned, and the ashes then used for distribution on Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground. A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried. In all, the underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God, in a sense, the same way a person's dead body is committed to the earth. Never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners wishing a tax statement should call the parish office with their contact information. Tax statements will be available January 31st and will be postal mailed to those requesting one. Any donations dated after Dec 31st will be considered a 2021 donation. If you do not request a statement none will be provided.



SPAGHETTI DINNER SAVE THE DATE!

St. Elizabeth Regional School
Spaghetti Dinner

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

When: Saturday, January 30, 2021

Tickets: Adult (13 and older) \$12

Child (ages 5 – 12) \$ 6

Pick up between 4:00 and 6:00 pm, Call 610-264-0143 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Fundraisers

Soup Sale – February 28th

Lenten Fish Dinner – March 26th

Easter Flower & Nut Roll – March 27 & 28

Please pray for the following
military members currently serving.



2Lt. Jared Blockus

US Army

L.Cpl. Alex Bonnell

US Marine Corps

Sgt. Jon Bonnell

US Marine Corps

Sgt. Darrell Bordner

US Air Force

Cmdr. John Cocca

US Navy

STG3 Benjamin Fisher

US Navy

Maj. Julie Glover

US Air Force

1Lt. 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

2Lt. Angela Stella

US Air Force

Pvt. Christopher Sweeney

US Army

January 2021

LatinLamb of God

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi; miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi; miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi; dona nobis pacem.

OUR COMMUNITYRediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins February 12 - 14 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information, or to register, call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Now Open

St Elizabeth donated 135.5 lbs of food in December to the Ecumenical Food Bank! Thank you so much

LINKS

[St Elizabeth Regional School Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/saintelizabethregionalschool)

<https://www.facebook.com/saintelizabethregionalschool>

[St Elizabeth Church Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-Catholic-Church-119061511442084/)

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[You Tube Mass link 'Elizabeth Whitehall'](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqMmH4FQ-dGzq7JO6xuNMUw)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqMmH4FQ-dGzq7JO6xuNMUw>

[St Elizabeth Church website Mass link](http://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/)

<http://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/>

[Diocese of Allentown Parish Online Masses](https://www.allentowndiocese.org/online-mass-services)

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus sabbaoth

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua

Hosanna in excelsis

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini

Hosanna in excelsis