

## MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 31</b>
8:00 AM	Agnes Goldschmidt
10:00 AM	Joseph Macaluso
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 1</b>
9:00 AM	Marie T. Robbins
9:30 AM	Adoration
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 2</b>
9:00 AM	Barry Lagler
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 3</b>
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 4</b>
7:00 PM	Mary Keglovits
7:30 PM	Adoration
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 5</b>
9:00 AM	Enrollees of the Memorial Fund
9:30 AM	Divine Mercy
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 6</b>
8:30 AM	Frank Mayernick
4:30 PM	John Brosious
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 7</b>
8:00 AM	John Brosious
10:00 AM	Tony Masucci

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Marge Boccardi, Margaret Bonenberger, Rose Brosious, Betty Brown, Jill Brubaker, Jim Carlisle, Cindy Cooper, Margaret Coringrato, Marie DalMaso, Miriam Filson, Doris Fundali, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Tina Mellinger, Kathy Mitistifer, Ann Pendzick, David Perenyi, Cathy Ricciuto, Eileen Schedler, Elmer Schuster, Bob Sheehan.*

\*NOTE: Our usual procedure for hospital information is unavailable. Please call church 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 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Job 7: 1 - 7
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 147
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 23
Gospel:	Mark 1: 29 - 39

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

\*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**John Schedler**  
requested by *St. Elizabeth.*

The Church Bells will ring this week for  
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requested by *St. Elizabeth.*



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Please pray for those who have died especially **Ronald Dannenhower**, brother of parishioner *Marilyn Bair*, who passed away this week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## 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](http://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

**When problems are beyond your control**

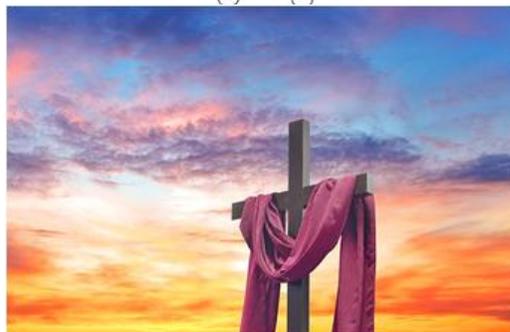
It was a hot summer day in Hyderabad, South India; one of those days when the humidity is so high that we sweat like crazy. I decided to make fresh cool lemonade for myself and as I began, a friend of mine called and in the process of speaking to him I realized that I made a big blunder. I ended up adding about five times the amount of lemon to the water than was actually needed. It tasted so sour that one sip poured into the mouth of an unconscious man would probably bring him back to consciousness.

Somehow or other I had to correct this, as much as I wanted to remove some lemon juice out of the water to make taste perfect again, it was impossible. Some things in life can never be undone. There was no way to remove the extra lemon from the water but there was still a way to fix the problem. The way to correct the situation was to add four more glasses of water and dilute it. Now, instead of one, I had five glasses of fresh lemonade ready to be served out to four more people.

I think life is exactly the same. **Sometimes we cannot undo some things that may have gone wrong in our life. Wrong decisions, wrong choices, wrong investments, wrong words that we may have spoken that can never be undone;** not that we shouldn't try. We should definitely give our very best effort but after having done what we can, we need to move on.

When we cannot reverse things, to still keep trying is like attempting to remove lemon from water and I think that would be such a sheer waste of time. Instead, we should try to work on adding so many right things in our life that the wrong things seem smaller. **When problems seem to be beyond our control rather than simply trying to remove them, let us add positivity in our lives and change the experience.**

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 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPEN



Pre-K  
Registration

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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## SAINT ELIZABETH SOUP SALE!

Warm your tummies with delicious homemade soup sold in quarts to start off the New Year! You can choose from these soup favorites: Chicken Corn Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley & Vegetable Soup! Each quart of soup is \$10 and holds only the freshest ingredients. Payment is due with orders by Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up will be after the weekend Masses on February 27 & 28 at the parish hall. Orders can be dropped off at the parish or school offices, in the collection basket or mailed to SOUP St. Elizabeth's, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. Questions call Joan at: 610-349-7791. Thank you for your support!



## SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Fundraisers

Lenten Fish Dinner – March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Flower & Nut Roll – March 27 & 28

## 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/)  
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-Catholic-Church-119061511442084/>

[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](https://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/)  
<https://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/>

## OUR COMMUNITY

St John the Baptist (Stiles) Tricky Tray

Saint John the Baptist, Whitehall, will sponsor their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Trays on Sat, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 7 pm. at 3120 Chestnut St. Seniors & expectant mothers only will be admitted from 9 to 10 am. Due to Covid regulations, temperatures will be taken upon arrival and everyone must wear a mask to gain entrance. Entry tickets are for one day only! You can purchase tickets at the door.

