

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

January 24

11:30 AM † Wladyslawa Dabrowski
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lippincott

January 31

11:30 AM † Stanislaw Juchniewicz
by Barbara Juchniewicz

READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN OT

First Reading:	Jonah 3: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 25
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 7: 29 – 31
Gospel:	Mark 1: 14 – 20



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for public servants requested by Anonymous.

For Sacraments, Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers, please call 610.266.1548

Mass and Sacraments in Polish celebrated at
Incarnation of Our Lord
617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015
610.866.3391

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.



PARISH INFORMATION

Administrator: Rev. John Pendzick
Rev. Joji Adagata

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Elizabeth P.R.E.P.

Registering children for religious education?

Contact Mrs. Spieker at 610.266.0695 ext 208

Sacraments *Registration is required for parish membership and sacraments*

Church Administrator Rev Pendzick 610.266.1548

Baptisms:

The sacrament of baptism is celebrated after Sunday Mass.

Marriages:

The sacrament of marriage is celebrated by contacting the church Administrator.

Anointing of the Sick:

The sacrament of anointing may be performed for those in need by calling the church Administrator.

Confession/Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation will take place 15 minutes prior to Mass on Sunday or by appointment. Call the church Administrator.

Lost & Found Items

Anyone who misplaces or leaves an item at church after Mass may come a few minutes early the next week to check for their lost item.

SS. Peter & Paul End of Year Summary 2020

Parishioner Donations \$67,656

Fundraisers \$4,541.81

Member Families - 140

Contributor Families - 105

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



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 of the throat will be given out at the Mass on Sunday, January 31st.

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.



DRIVE THRU SPAGHETTI DINNER

Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner

Drive-by to pick-up a delicious Italian Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 30. Meals include: spaghetti – home-made meatballs, salad roll, butter and dessert. Cost is \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children 5-10 years. Pick-up is between 4 – 6 pm at the St Elizabeth Parish Hall - 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. For more information and order forms, call 610-264-0143. Orders need to be received by January 22. Thanks for your support!

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!