

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

February 7

11:30 AM † Henry Weslowski
by *Alfreda Weslowski*

February 14

11:30 AM † Barry Lagler
by *Our Lady of Fatima Sodality*

READINGS FOR 5TH SUNDAY IN OT

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

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

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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.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus Healed Many Who Were Sick

Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator (c. 347-420), reflects on this passage:

"Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (Cf. John 1:26) 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (Mark 1:15). Faith beholds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears. Our repentance is the perfume of the Savior. See how costly is the compassion of the Savior."

Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in your personal life, family and community? Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you?

Fr. Pendzick



PIEROGIE SALE MARCH 1ST

We will be making Pierogie again. Cost is \$7 per dozen. Orders will be due February 15th.

To order call Wanda at 610-336-9518.

Help is needed on Sunday, February 28th starting at 7 am and Monday, March 1st starting at 8 am in St. John's Social hall.

Cash donations are always greatly appreciated!

A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

We are only making 500 dozen so order early.

Pick up will be March 1st from 3 – 6 pm at St. John's.



Pierogie Pinchers of SS. Peter + Paul

St John the Baptist (Stiles) Tricky Tray

St John the Baptist, Whitehall, will sponsor their 15th Annual Tricky Trays on Sat, Feb 13th, 10 am to 7 pm. at 3120 Chestnut St. Seniors & expectant mothers will be admitted early from 9 to 10 am. Due to Covid temperatures will be taken upon entry; wear a mandatory face mask. Entry tickets are for one day only! You can purchase tickets at the door.

Easter Candy Fundraiser



St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry is selling delicious **Gertrude Hawk** Easter candy. Easter candy brochures will be in the vestibule of the church February 14th. All orders are due by Monday, March 1st to the parish office or Sunday collection basket. Conveniently make your Easter candy purchase and pick-up your orders after the Mass on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Please make checks payable to: **St. Elizabeth.**

For On-Line orders go to:

fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com

Instructions for online orders: click on: PLACE A FUNDRAISING ORDER Chocolate button. You will then be prompted to "Choose an Organization". Type: **ST ELIZ** (click on *St. Elizabeth, Whitehall*) then click Next "Choose a Seller" block will then become active and you can type **Youth**. Click on the cart icon to check out. Choose deliver to organization to avoid delivery charges. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!**