

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

MONDAY	March 29
9:00 AM	Vietnam Veterans
9:30 AM	Adoration
TUESDAY	March 30
9:00 AM	John Schedler
WEDNESDAY	March 31
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	APRIL 1
7:00 PM	Leona Garrity
7:30 PM	Adoration
FRIDAY	APRIL 2
3:00 PM	Elaine Hoff
SATURDAY	April 3 - Vigil
8:00 PM	Easter Flower Memorials
SUNDAY	April 4
8:00 AM	Easter Flower Memorials
10:00 AM	Easter Flower Memorials

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Margaret Bonenberger, Rose Brosious, Betty Brown, Jill Brubaker, Jim Carlisle, Cindy Cooper, Marie DalMaso, Lynn Finelli, Robert Hartzell, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Anna Kaufmann, Tina Mellinger, Kathy Mitstifer, Steve O'Connor, Rich Pastorlla, Ann Pendzick, Nancy Pennea, David Perenyi, Jeff Potyhycki, Suzanne Sadusky, Eileen Schedler, Elmer Schuster, Bob Sheehan, Jim Susko.*

*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 Church on Monday after the 9 am Mass and Thursday evening after the 7 pm Mass. Please contact Wendy Ohlsen at 610-248-6648.

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/>

My Online Donation

✓ No Registration Required

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READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: www.usccb.org
Responsorial Psalm:
Second Reading: For Easter readings
Gospel:

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*
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

Joseph Kucharik

requested by *Nancy Kucharik*

The Church Bells will ring this week for

Joseph Kucharik

requested by *Nancy Kucharik*



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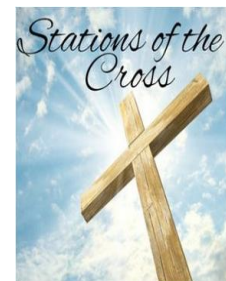
Please pray for those who have passed away this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parish Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening in the main church at 7 pm. All are welcome! Come walk the way of the Lord.

Good Friday, April 2nd



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Happy Easter!



Church Offices Closed

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S CORNER

Why Do We Have to Carry our Crosses?

A dying father called his three sons in order to give each one of them their inheritance. To the elder son he said: **“My son, I will give you our house as your inheritance.”** So the elder son was so happy. The father said to the second son: **“My son, I will give you our land as your inheritance from me.”** So the second son also was so happy. The father said to the younger son: **“My son, because I love you so much and you are my favorite, I find pleasure in you and so I will give you my cross as your inheritance.”** The younger son was so sad because he neither received the house nor the land. He was angry with his father. In the evening, he threw the cross and it hit the wall of their house and so the cross was broken. To his surprise, inside the cross there were diamonds, gold and other precious stones. He said to himself: **“My father is right, he really loves me.”**

Friends, like the younger son in the story, we also get disappointed when we have to carry crosses or when we have to face some crosses in our lives. In those situations we fail to realize that there is joy behind every cross and we raise many questions such as why this pain and suffering in my life? Why do I need to carry this cross? What have we done to deserve these crosses or difficulties or pains in our lives? Jesus is reminding us that crosses, trials and difficulties are all part of our Christian lives. We cannot be the children of God if we are not ready to carry our crosses and face the challenges of life. St. Teresa of Avila once complained to the Lord why she always had the cross, trials and difficulties in her life. You know what Jesus answered? Jesus answered her: **“That is how I treat my friends.”**

Sometimes we misunderstand Jesus offers the false promise of **“all crown, all glory, all joy and no cross.”** We also hear people say **“Only believe and it will all go well with you.”** How many of you agree with that? It didn't all go well for Jesus; he still had to endure the cross. It didn't all go well with Mary; a sword of sorrow still pierced her soul. It didn't all go well with the countless men and women saints who have gone before us. **Why then should it all go well with you and me?**

Therefore, friends, what I would like to say is that the **Cross is the part of our Christian life.** There is no Resurrection and Glory without the Cross. As Christians we have no choice other than accepting our daily crosses and move forward in life. **But remember that we are not alone in carrying our daily crosses; our God is always with us.** Like the younger son in the above story **we need to believe that Our Father is always right and He really loves us.** When the time comes He will definitely help us to move to the other side of the Cross. Until then let us be faithful to God and keep moving forward. God Bless!!

Fr. Joji



PARISH NEWS

FLOWER CERTIFICATES

Spring has sprung! Our spring flower certificate sale is in full swing. Order certificates now thru April 5th and use them to purchase items at Garden City Greenhouse in North Catasauqua. Cost is \$15 each and can be used for bedding plants, vegetables, hanging baskets and perennials, etc. Just to name a few – Questions? Please call Joan Glover 610-349-7791

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The children of St. Elizabeth Parish are being asked to collect donations for Operation Rice Bowl again this year. With the arrival of Lent our children in Pre-K through 8th grade will be given small donation boxes, one per family. Please return all boxes by March 29th. All donations will be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services to help fund their efforts of bringing food and drink to our hungry world. We thank you for supporting this important ministry.



EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER

Thank you for the candy orders! Candy orders can be picked up during the Lenten Fish Dinner (4-6 pm) on Friday, March 26 or after the Masses on Palm Sunday, March 28. Enjoy!

NO CHURCH HOPPING

We will not be Church Hopping on Holy Thursday this year out of respect for other churches safety protocols. St. Elizabeth's will be open for prayer until 10 pm. All you need is a rosary and a prayerful heart!



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - 2021



This is an easy fund-raiser that the whole family can get involved with. Baby bottles will be at the exits of the church. Please take a bottle and fill it with your loose change. It's as simple as that! Once your bottle(s) are filled, return it to the vestibule of the church or the parish office. Our campaign will run through Palm Sunday, March 28th. *Thank you for your kind generosity and participation for this Lenten outreach.*

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.

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.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM REMINDER

The St. E Shoppe E program for the 2020 – 2021 school year will end on March 31st. All sales entered and paid by March 31st will be applied toward tuition credit. The new program will begin April 1st for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Please contact the school or parish office for more details.

EOM ARE BACK STARTING IN APRIL

Beginning in April Extra Ordinary Ministers will begin serving on the altar distributing communion.

At this time EOM will only distribute communion in your hand. *If you prefer receiving on the tongue/mouth please go to the center aisle to receive communion.*

There will be one EOM on the Mary side altar and one EOM on the Joseph side altar; the celebrant(s) or Deacon will be in the center aisle distributing communion.

Social distancing and face masks are required; EOM will sanitize their hands prior to the start of distributing communion and again after they are finished.



Holy Week Schedule 2021

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

(Adoration until 10:00 pm)

Good Friday, April 2nd

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at noon

Easter Masses, April 3rd and 4th

Saturday, Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm and

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

All Masses and services are subject to change, please read the bulletin and website for updates.

LINKS

St Elizabeth Regional School Facebook

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

St Elizabeth Church Facebook

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

You Tube Mass link 'Elizabeth Whitehall'

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

St Elizabeth Church website Mass link

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

Order forms for St. Elizabeth current fundraisers maybe found on the church website if you missed the insert.

www.sercc.org

OUR COMMUNITY



Easter Dessert Sale

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua is holding a Pellman's Easter Dessert Sale. All desserts will arrive frozen in time for Easter with delivery being on Wednesday, March 31st from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in St. Mary's Parish Center. Apple Crumb Cake \$12; Peanut Butter Pie, or Pecan Pie \$16; Carrot Cake, Banana Cake or Coconut Cake \$18; Peanut Butter Triple Chocolate Cake, Plain Cheese Cake or Strawberry & Cream Cheesecake \$20; Cheese Cake Sampler or Raspberry Cheese Cake \$22. For a copy of the order form, kim.stmarys122@gmail.com Orders and payment are due by March 21st. Please call 610-264-0332 with any questions.

The Soup Kitchen



Is having a much needed food drive on Saturday, April 17 from 9 – 11 am. Our mission is to serve the community, especially families with low income facing economic disadvantages. These families will otherwise go hungry. We are working for the community with respect and compassion in an effort to bring hope, love and relief to all our guests.

For more information contact Edith: eburga@allentowndiocese.org or 484-784-8109. Please consider volunteering for this most noble cause!

St. Mary Basket Social

Will be held March 26th – 28th at their parish center, 122 Union St. Tickets can be purchased at the door and in advance. You do not need to be present to win. Call 610-264-0332 for more information.

Proceeds will benefit St Mary PREP (CCD) program.

Kolbe Academy

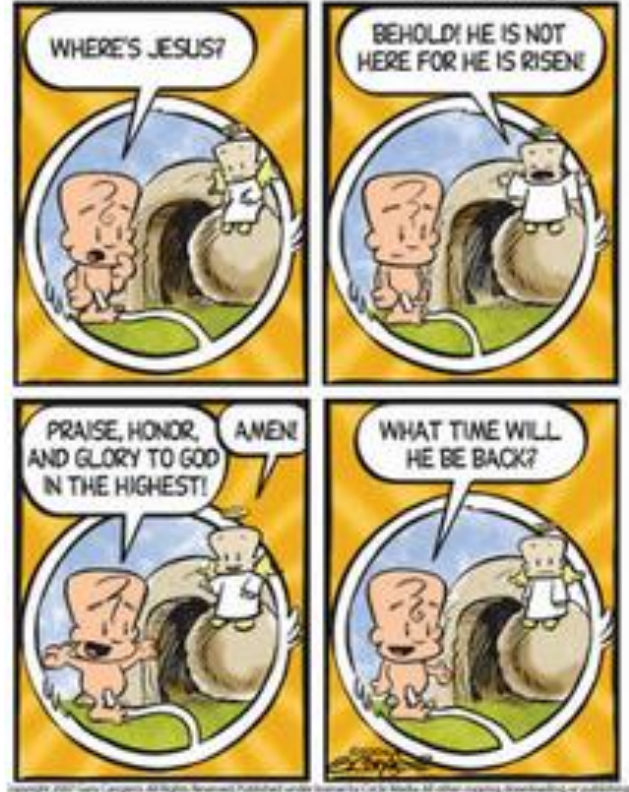
An Allentown Diocese high school serving teens in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions will host Open Houses March 24 & April 21 from 5 – 7 pm. All are welcome to visit during this time. Come and see what Kolbe Academy offers its students. The staff and students look forward to meeting you! 395 Bridle Path Road Bethlehem, 610-419-3333 www.kolbe-academy.com

RETROUVAILLE

REDISCOVER 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 the weekend of April 16 - 18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

<p>HOLY FAMILY HELPING HANDS KID'S CLOTHING CLOSET</p> <p>GRAND OPENING SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD 10AM-NOON IN THE WORTMANN CENTER (421 W. CENTER ST., NAZARETH)</p>  <p>Clothing Closet will be open every 1st Saturday of the month from 10AM-Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes sizes infant to teen.</p> <p>DONATIONS NEEDED: Infant to teen sized clothing may be brought to the Wortmann Center on the 1st Sat. of each month when the clothing closet is open or on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30PM or call/text Kathi for porch pick up if needed. (484) 542-9637 Monetary donations are accepted.</p>	<p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY BABY CLOTHES & GEAR SALE</p> <p>Saturday, May 1st from 10AM-Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes and baby gear.</p>  <p>DONATIONS NEEDED: Gently used baby clothes, blankets, packs of diapers & wipes, highchairs, strollers, baby toys. Monetary donations are accepted. *Cannot accept cribs or car seats.</p> <p>How to donate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At our Grand Opening on April 3rd or on April 13th from 6:00-7:30PM. * Call/text Kathi for porch pick up if needed. (484) 542-9637 
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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH MERGER



SS. Peter and Paul church will merge with St. Elizabeth beginning in May 2021. Please do your utmost to assist new parishioners as they join our St. Elizabeth family. Welcome them as you do new parishioners to our church. This is a painful time for the long term parishioners of a church dedicated to the Polish community since 1911. Be understanding and pray for the parishioners of SS Peter and Paul to ease the transition. There is a link for the letter from Bishop Schlert on the parish website. sercc.org; At this time there will be no changes to the Mass schedule.



Please pray for the following military members currently serving.



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| 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 |



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son....

JOHN 3:16, NIV

