

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

MONDAY	APRIL 26
9:00 AM	Robert Ashmore
9:30 AM	Adoration
TUESDAY	APRIL 27
9:00 AM	Antonio Nebres
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 28
9:00 AM	Bill Speicher
THURSDAY	APRIL 29
7:00 PM	Joseph Macaluso
7:30 PM	Adoration
FRIDAY	APRIL 30
9:00 AM	Barbara Moccio
SATURDAY	MAY 1
9:00 AM	First Holy Communion
11:00 AM	First Holy Communion
4:30 PM	Thom & Kathy Hamilton 50 th Anniversary
SUNDAY	MAY 2
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Rev. John V. Egan

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Margaret Bonenberger, Jill Brubaker, Jim Carlisle, Cindy Cooper, Marie DalMaso, Lynn Finelli, Robert Hartzell, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Anna Kaufmann, Mary Fran Kaminiski, Annie Kern, Tina Mellinger, Kathy Mitstifer, Steve O'Connor, Rich Pastorlla, David Perenyi, Jeff Potyhycki, Suzanne Sadusky, 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 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:	Acts 9: 26 - 31
Responsorial Psalm:	22
Second Reading:	1 John 3: 18 - 24
Gospel:	John 15: 1 - 8

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
SS. Peter and Paul parishioners
requested by St. Elizabeth parishioners.



The Church Bells will ring this week for
SS. Peter and Paul parishioners
requested by St. Elizabeth pastoral staff.

GIFT CARD END OF YEAR RESULTS

Congratulations to the twenty – two school families who earned a total of \$3,000 toward tuition credit, which is approximately \$136 each.

And with our new RaiseRight app for purchasing gift cards online another seventeen families earned a total of \$2,056.70 toward tuition credit, which is approximately \$120 each.

Thirty nine families earned approximately \$256 each in tuition credit simply by using their grocery and discretionary income to earn tuition credit at no additional cost to their budget.

Family, friends, neighbors and parishioners can purchase gift cards through the online RaiseRight app with over 750 stores, restaurants, clothing stores and amusement venues to choose from. OR you can purchase grocery store cards at the school /parish office during regular business hours.

Approximately 4% of sales totals can be used toward tuition credit for a school, PREP or Pre-K student.



PASTOR'S CORNER

The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

St. Cyril of Alexander, comments on Jesus the Good Shepherd:

“He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up his life fighting in defense of his sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ. For man has departed from the love of God, and fallen into sin, and because of this was, I say, excluded from the divine abode of paradise, and when he was weakened by that disaster, he yielded to the devil tempting him to sin, and death following that sin he became the prey of fierce and ravenous wolves. But after Christ was announced as the True Shepherd of all men, He laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16), fighting for us against that pack of inhuman beasts.”

“He bore the Cross for us, that by His own death he might destroy death. He was condemned for us, that He might deliver all of us from the sentence of punishment: the tyranny of sin being overthrown by our faith: fastening to the Cross the decree that stood against us, as it is written (Colossians 2:14). Therefore as the father of sin had as it were shut up the sheep in hell, giving them to death to feed on, as it is written in the psalms (Ps. XI viii.16), He died for us as truly Good, and truly our Shepherd, so that the dark shadow of death driven away He might join us to the company of the blessed in heaven; and in exchange for abodes that lie far in the depths of the pit, and in the hidden places of the sea, grant us mansions in His Father's House above. Because of this he says to us in another place: Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom (Luke 12:32).”

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

Joke of the day: Why were the sheep arrested on the freeway? Because they did a ewe-turn!

Fr. Pendzick



PARISH NEWS

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.

MONTHLY DRIVE THRU DINNER SPONSORS NEEDED

Our parish family has been able to enjoy many delicious monthly Drive-Thru meals in the last year. We thank the many helping hands who come out each month to help cook, prepare and provide in the spirit of fun and fellowship.



To help offset the cost of each meal many have donated a little bit extra to each meal for which we are and will continue to be most thankful. However, we are now asking our parishioners if you are able to sponsor a meal during the course of the year, it would help immensely. **To sponsor a meal we ask for \$500. However, we are also looking for 50% (\$250) or 25% (\$125) sponsors for future meals.** If you are able to help in this way, please contact the parish office at 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Our young children from St. Elizabeth Regional School and our Parish Religious Education Program are preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 1st. Please keep them in your prayers. May they always know the peace of Jesus, the Light of His Love and the joy of His Life within their hearts. Thank you for your caring support.



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'

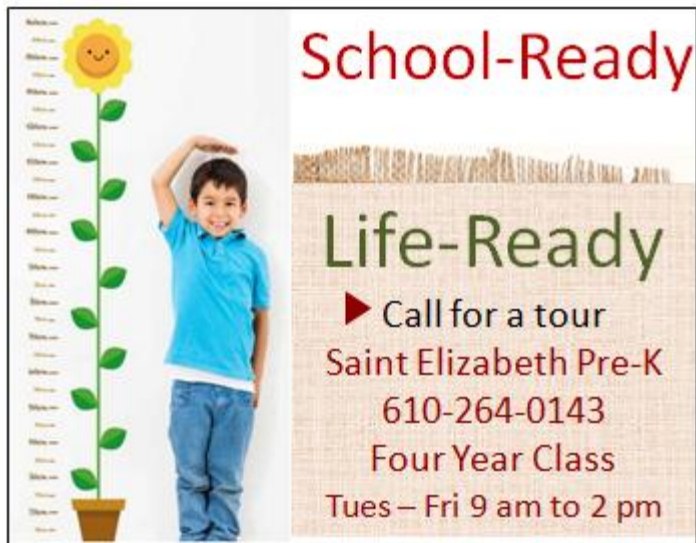
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqMmH4FQ-dGzq7JO6xuNMUw>

St Elizabeth Church website Mass link

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

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

www.sercc.org



OUR COMMUNITY



Turkey Dinner

Drive Thru Pick up ONLY. St. John the Baptist Social Hall 924 N. Front St., Allentown. Saturday May 1st from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Only \$12 per meal. Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, cranberry sauce, salad, roll and dessert! Tickets can be purchased by calling 610 – 432 - 0034 (Monday-Friday 9 am - 2 pm)

The deadline for ticket purchase is Wednesday April 22nd.

NO SALES AT THE DOOR

St. Nicholas Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers, supporters and volunteers, St. Nicholas Parish is holding its annual golf tournament the “Spring Swing” on Friday, May 21st. This year tee off will be at Green Pond Country Club 3604 Farmersville Road Bethlehem. Proceeds from the event will benefit St. John Neumann School and St. Nicholas Church. They are looking forward to your support to make their Spring Swing a success. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Kudla at 610-767-3107.

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 |
| Lt. Col. 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'Connoc | 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 |



Congratulations to **Lieutenant Colonial Julie Glover** on her recent promotion.

St. Elizabeth is proud of our home grown hero!



Saint Elizabeth Parish

Stravino's Hoagie Voucher Sale

Any kind of hoagie just \$10.00 each

May 1 thru May 17, 2021

Redeemable at Stravino's Italian Market

For any kind of hoagie listed on their menu; vouchers sell for \$10.00 each.



295 Fifth Street, Whitehall, PA
610-432-2551

Vouchers sell for \$10.00 each and can be used from May 2021 - August 31, 2021

When the certificate is presented to Stravino's, you will have a choice of ordering from the list of hoagies offered at the deli. There are about 20 different, delicious options!

Buy 2 or 3 or more and savor the delicious taste of an authentic Italian Deli all summer long while supporting St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish.

Questions? Contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org

Please fill out the order form below and return it along with your payment by May 17, 2021. Mark the envelope "Hoagie Voucher Sale" and mail your order or drop it off at the school or parish office or the collection basket at Mass.

You will be notified when your certificates are available for pick-up.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
Hoagie Voucher Sale
618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052

Return by May 17, 2021

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like _____ vouchers at \$10.00 each.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Parish