

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

MONDAY	JULY 19
8:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Millan Family
TUESDAY	JULY 20
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	JULY 21
9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald
THURSDAY	JULY 22
6:00 PM	Adoration
7:00 PM	Carl Kilhefner
FRIDAY	JULY 23
9:00 AM	Jean Gilbert
SATURDAY	JULY 24
4:30 PM	Pia Biondi
SUNDAY	JULY 25
8:00 AM	Bob & Marianna Dolan
10:00 AM	Anna Fedak

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, Grace Conti, Cindy Cooper, Marie DalMaso, Lynn Finelli, Rick Fitzgerald, Charles Fonzone, Wayne Glover, Skip Graham, Robert Hartzell, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Anna Kaufmann, Jade Madden, Deacon Michael Meder, Kathy Mitsifer, Steve O'Connor, Kelly Redmond, Dolores Oswald, Rich Pastorlla, David Perenyi, Elizabeth Roman, Bob Sheehan, Anna Wiggins, George Wirth.*

*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 an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy so the celebrant will know to prepare the host.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Church on Monday before the 9 am Mass and Thursday evening before the 7 pm Mass. Please contact Wendy Ohlsen at 610-248-6648 if you have questions.

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Please pray for those who have died especially **Rev. Msgr. Edward J. O'Connor**, who passed away this month. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



READINGS FOR 17TH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	2 Kings 4: 42 – 44
Responsorial Psalm:	145
Second Reading:	Ephesians 4:1 – 6
Gospel:	John 6: 1 - 15

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* *with Deacon*

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

Parish Breakfast – 2nd Sunday (Oct to April) 8:30 – 11 am Hall

Prayer Shawl – 2nd Wednesday 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 in honor of our **Pope Francis** requested by *the parishioners of St. Elizabeth*

The Church Bells will ring this week in honor of **Bishop Schlert** requested by *St. Elizabeth Parish.*



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS



The school office will be open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm weekdays throughout most of the summer. Please call ahead if you would like a tour or need to drop off or pick up student records or registration material.

If you do not call ahead please be aware the school secretary may or may not be at the desk. If you are expected she will know to be available.

Phone messages will be returned promptly.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH SUMMER HOURS

The parish office will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday throughout the summer. We will be closed Fridays.

Phone messages will be returned promptly.



PASTOR'S CORNER

The image we have in today's gospel is a very human one. Jesus and the apostles have become like celebrities. People are starting to hear about what they are teaching and doing. Crowds begin to follow them everywhere. And when they try to get away for a little break, the crowds manage to find them. Before long, another large crowd has formed. And to Jesus they seem as though they are like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus seems to recognize a certain restlessness in those gathered. He can sense that they are searching for something or someone. They are looking for some kind of positive difference in their lives. The men and women gathered seem to be longing for more than what they have so far experienced in the ups and downs of their day-to-day existence. They appear to be spiritually thirsty, hungry and yearning; these restless souls seem to be looking for someone to lead, something or someone to help give their lives meaning and direction. And something inside of them is making them wonder if this Jesus might be that someone. And so they follow him wherever he goes.

It should come as no surprise that our lives can be a little like that. I often wonder if Jesus looks at us today and feels the same way. I know that I often go from one thing to another, one distraction to another, as I strive to find as much happiness, joy and peace that I can. And this life (especially in this country) provides us with so many opportunities, so many things to do, see and experience.

There is so much to experience in this life. And so much of it is good and worthwhile, and can cause us little, if any, harm. And we needn't stay clear of or be fearful of all the wonderful opportunities that come our way. However, if we are in deep-seated need for happiness and meaning, if we continually try everything or bounce quickly from relationship to relationship, or latch on to every latest, greatest, best thing, we may be looking in the wrong place. Actually, there is no 'may' about it. We are certainly looking in the wrong place. It is as if we are sheep who have somehow forgotten the need to stay close to the shepherd.

There is a longing in each of us that can be filled only by God. That's just how we were made. Oh, we can try to fill it a thousand different ways, but we will always come up short. We won't be able to experience the peace of joy we desire so deeply. Life simply won't live up to all the hype. Jesus knew that the men and women following him all over the place needed him more than they knew. And he knows the same about us, knows that all our wanderings will get us nowhere unless we wander into earshot of him, and ultimately, into his arms.

That's what Jesus wants for us, for him to lead us where we need to go; protecting us, caring for us, sustaining us and guiding us every step of the way. That's the sort of God we have, a God who never gives up on us and who never wants anything but the best for us. And so let's stop bouncing from one thing to another in this life in the hopes that it will bring us more happiness than is possible. Rather, let's let Jesus take our restlessness and transform it into the peaceful, joyful rest each of us desperately needs. Only he can do that.

God bless you,

Fr. Stan

THINGS TO PONDER...

Some quotations from Bishop Fulton Sheen which may be taken out of context (though not necessarily).

"Physical idleness deteriorates the mind; spiritual idleness deteriorates the heart."

"Politeness is a way of showing externally the internal regard we have for others. Good manners are the shadows cast by virtues."

"A smile is laughter's whisper and has its roots in the soul."

"Humility is not self-contempt but the truth about ourselves coupled with a reverence for others; it is self-surrender to the highest goal."

"This is the choice before us: either try to revolutionize the world and break under it or revolutionize ourselves and remake the world."

"We become like that which we love. If we love what is base, we become base; but if we love what is noble, we become noble."

"Broadmindedness, when it means indifference to right and wrong, eventually ends in a hatred of what is right."

"Love burdens itself with the wants and woes and losses and even the wrongs of others."

"You are infinitely precious because you are loved by God."

PARISH NEWS

IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 4 THIS YEAR?

If your child will be four before October 15, 2021 now is the time to enroll them in Pre-K. We have four openings left for the 2021-22 school year.

Enrollment ends August 1st.

Pre-K Now Enrolling

Eligible Four Year Olds!



Great Beginnings
Start Here
Call for a tour
TODAY!
Saint Elizabeth
Pre-K
610-264-0143
Four Year Class

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. Enrollment is also open for Pre-K. Please note that enrollment in Kindergarten requires that your child be 5 years of age BEFORE October 15th. If you need an application, please contact the school office at 610 - 264 - 0143. There is a \$100 enrollment fee due when you return your application to the school office.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of two more volunteers to help clean the church once a month. Each week a different group of Altar Guild volunteers will take a turn cleaning the church after morning Mass. You would only need to give time once a month to this ministry. Light housekeeping of dusting, vaccuming and sweeping is the primary duty. Please call the parish office at 610-266-0695.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Complete or partial sponsorship of a student can make a difference in a student's ability to attend Saint Elizabeth Regional School. Sponsorship opportunities, combining faith with learning, create 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
431 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA 18052

Thanks for your support.

OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AWAY!

It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket ideas! Mark your calendar for our **Twelfth Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 8-9-10! Bargains are EVERYWHERE! Start collecting your items now. Each basket needs to be worth at least \$25. Feel free to drop off any non-perishable items at the parish office for our spectacular committee to create a basket for you. Please be sure to have your name on your donations. Thanks for your continuous support!



VACATIONING – WANT TO FIND A MASS?



If you would like to attend Mass while on vacation but don't know where to go, use this website for Mass Times near you.

<https://masstimes.org/>

ST. E'S DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER

Wednesday, August 25th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Too hot to cook? We have the perfect dinner for you! Meal includes: 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw, roll/butter & dessert. *This meal is fully prepared by Fairview House Catering.*



Ticket cost is \$13.00 per meal. *If you would like an order form, please e-mail dirreled@sercc.org or call 610-349-7791 or check our parish website at: <http://www.sercc.org/> Pick up is in St. Elizabeth parking lot at 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. We will hand your dinner directly to you! Only 200 meals will be sold. Drop-off or mail orders to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall. Please mark envelope: "**Chicken Dinner**". All orders due by August 16th.*

OUR COMMUNITY



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Center Valley

Nurse's Aide/Housekeeper Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers. We are looking for a part time Nurse's Aide / Housekeeper to work 8 am – 2 pm every other weekend and Thursday nights from 2 pm – 8 pm. No experience necessary. Competitive pay. Please call Maribeth at 610 – 282 - 1415.

Music/Choir Director Needed!

Queenship of Mary Church in Northampton is seeking a Music Director, with proficiency in organ and piano, as well as choral directing of Adult Choir, Contemporary Group and Children's Choir.

Compensation commensurate with education and experience, please submit resumes to Fr. Lamb (plamb@allentowndiocese.org). Any questions please call 610 – 262 - 2227.

Summer Moonlight Dance

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front St, Allentown 18102
Saturday July 24th



WE'RE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!!!

Oldies Dance

Featuring CHASBAND

\$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open
Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30
Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505
Masks are requested so everyone is comfortable.

CASH BINGO

Food and fun for the whole family!



Sunday July 25th, 2021

Holy Family Parish Center

508 W. Center Street, Nazareth

\$20 per person for all entrants

15 games with plenty of specials

50/50 Raffle

Doors open at 12:00PM

First Game at 12:45PM

All Profits go to Knights of Columbus Charities

Director of Religious Education

St. Theresa currently needs a DRE/CRE to assist with the Religious Education of our parish members. This opening will be a full-time position with benefits and salary. It will be necessary to submit clearance documentation, a resume and participate in an interview. 610-838-7045

St. Theresa Preschool Secretary

We are looking for someone to join our preschool family! This part time position is Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 1:00 pm during the school year. Summer hours are flexible. Full job description is available at the school. Please call the preschool 610-838-8161 for more information or secretary@sttheresaotcj.org

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Wreaths Across America Cedar Hill Memorial Park on Sunday, August 1st from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Fullerton Memorial Playground, 901 Jefferson St. Whitehall. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors; children age 5 and under are free. Contact Joan at 610-349-7791.

Music/Choir Director Needed

Assumption BVM Church is seeking a Music Director. This is a part-time position. Primary responsibilities: Planning and providing music (organ/piano) for weekend Masses, weddings and funerals. Choral directing of our Adult and Youth Choir. Send resume and letter of interest to Assumption BVM Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Attention: Monsignor Klinger.

ACCCHS Football Program Advertising

Allentown Central Catholic is looking for advertisers for the upcoming season football program. A full page is \$200; a half page is \$175 and a quarter page is \$125. For more information or to place an advertisement please call 610-437-4601 ext #118.

Queenship of Mary parish Festival IS BACK!

All Ages Welcome **Sunday, August 8th** Food Fun Fellowship
11:30am - 7:00pm

Dave Betz Polka Band
11:30am - 2:45pm
Flirtin' With The Mob 3:30pm - 6:45pm



Ride The OLH Express



Kandi's Karicatures 2 - 6 pm

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MARIO'S PIZZA
CABBAGE & NOODLES
AND MUCH MORE



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Gift Card/Basket Raffle

Donations and Info: 610-262-2227
1324 Newport Avenue
Northampton, PA 18067