

## MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 16</b>
8:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Carlo Fragnito
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 17</b>
9:00 AM	Jonathan Lotti
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 18</b>
9:00 AM	Joseph Macaluso
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 19</b>
6:00 PM	Adoration
7:00 PM	Kenneth Mertz – 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 20</b>
9:00 AM	Anna Wiggins
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 21</b>
4:30 PM	Steve Kratzer
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 22</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Judith Schwentner

## 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, Joe Gnall, Skip Graham, Robert Hartzell, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Anna Kaufmann, Jade Madden, Deacon Michael Meder, Amalie Meehan, Kathy Mistsifer, Steve O'Connor, Patricia Peapos, Kelly Redmond, Rich Pastorlla, David Perenyi, Bob Sbeehan.*

\*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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died especially **Ken Snyder** and **William Neison**, *father of Jen Reifinger*, who passed away this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## READINGS FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Joshua 24: 1 – 2a, 15 - 18b
Responsorial Psalm:	34
Second Reading:	Ephesians 5: 21 – 32
Gospel:	John 6: 60 - 69

### 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every other month 7 pm

**Bible Study** – Wednesday 10 am in LMR\*

**Friendly Visitors** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR\*

**Men of St.Elizabeth** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30 pm LMR\*

**Our Lady of Knots Novena** – Tuesday & Thursday

**Parish Breakfast** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Oct to April) 8:30 – 11 am Hall

**Prayer Shawl** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 2 pm LMR\*

**PREP** – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School

**RCIA** – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 7 pm LMR\*

**Toastmasters** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7 pm LMR

**Women's Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6 pm LMR\*

\*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of the Health & Safety of parishioners requested by *the Parish Family*.



The Church Bells will ring this week in honor of **Dispensation to attend Mass ending** requested by *the Parish Family*

## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS



The school office will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 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

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day on which we celebrate our Blessed Mother being assumed into heaven, body and soul, a great favor given to Mary by God for her steadfast faithfulness during her life, and for the unique role she played in salvation history. We, as a faith community, and in a spirit of deep gratitude, give thanks to our loving God for her fidelity and for her example. And as always, we ask for her prayers, that we too may follow her example and say yes to God in all things.

And yet, while this was a favor for Mary, it is a great sign for each of us. You see, one of the things Mary shows us on this day, one of the things she sets her sights on, one of the things she reminds us of, is our home, our true home, the home that matters above all others, our home in and with God. Of course, we sort of know this in our minds, at least intellectually. And we know in faith that Jesus ascended to the Father in the presence of his disciples. Scripture tells us that very clearly. Yet, we also know (in the case of Jesus), it was God returning from whence he came. But Mary.... that is something altogether different.

Mary, as you well know, is a creature, just like you and I and in need of grace and in need of God in all things. And so, our belief that Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul... that is, all of her.... assures us that this is our ultimate destination too, this is our home too. This is where we belong.

The funny thing is, in a certain respect, Mary had been dwelling in God her whole life. She had already made him her home. That's just how faithful she was. And so, I guess you could say it is no surprise that her entire self... body and soul... is at rest in the eternal dwelling place that is beyond anything we can even imagine. And the amazing thing is... living with Mary in that same home in God, is our calling and hope too.

Today we pause to thank you Mary for showing us the way and leading us to 'The Way', to your Son. We ask for your prayers today, that we may live a life of faithfulness and trust, and that each of us, body and soul may someday join you in the presence of perfect peace, perfect joy, perfect love.

God bless you,

Fr. Stan

## THINGS TO PONDER...

Biblical Meditations for Making a Good Confession

One of the greatest blessings and gifts that flow out of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord is a mercy that is expressed most deeply through the Sacrament of Confession. This Sacrament is also sometimes called the Sacrament of Pardon, Reconciliation and Penance as well as the Sacrament of God's Mercy.

Words that produce inexplicable peace, joy, consolation and hope are the words that the Catholic priest expresses in the words of absolution at the end of the Sacrament of God's Mercy: "*And I absolve you of your sins: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. My son, your sins are forgiven; go in peace!*" The interior knowledge that all of our sins have been totally and completely erased, obliterated, wiped out and forgiven by the Blood that Jesus shed for us on Calvary produces a joy and peace that goes beyond the ability that human words can express!

Offering on readings to use prior to the sacrament of reconciliation:

**6. John 10**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd that goes after the lost sheep. However, once you have experienced the loving embrace of Jesus the Good Shepherd then it is up to you to be a Good Shepherd for the sheep that Jesus has put in your charge.

The key for us to be a Good Shepherd is that we must first be a good sheep of the Good Shepherd, to hear His voice and follow Him. After we have experienced and we *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord* in Confession, then let us bring others to the loving embrace of the Good Shepherd!

**7. Luke 23:39-43**

Jesus and the Good Thief. In this passage firmly believe that the worst of all sinners can actually become the greatest of all saints if we simply trust.

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU...

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Venerable Fulton J. Sheen poignantly asserts: "And the good thief died a thief because he stole heaven." Proclaim from the rooftops the infinite mercy of God, even to those who believe that their sin goes beyond His mercy! A truly inspiring experience is to read the *Diary of Mercy in My Soul*, by Saint Maria Faustina.

<https://catholicexchange.com/ten-biblical-meditations-for-making-a-good-confession>



## PARISH NEWS

## 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 a Half Year of Tuition (\$1,775)
- **Uriel Angel:** Donate a Full Year of Tuition (\$3,550)

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 put 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/>

## LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS

Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering **10 weeks of "distancing" aerobics on Tuesday nights** (6:15 – 7:00 PM) from **September 7 to November 17** in St. Elizabeth's parish hall. (Note: No classes on 9/28, 11/2 & 11/16. Two Wednesday make-up classes on November 3 & 17) The cost is only \$25 per person **for the entire 10 weeks.** *This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.* Registration deadline is September 6 or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 ext 208 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). See our website at: [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org) Consider wearing a mask at the door, but no mask is required while exercising. **Bring a friend!**



## RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation



*I have called you by name: you are Mine.* Isaiah 43:1

We are inviting all persons who are not fully Catholic to join us in our Faith. We wish to invite you to learn more about what can lead you to a life of peace, faith and hope.

- If you have never been baptized, but wish to be, you are welcome.
- If you have been baptized, but into a different faith, you are welcome.
- If you have been baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, you are welcome.

Even if you only wish to learn more, you are welcome.

Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or e-mail interest to Mary Spieker at [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). This invitation is for you or anyone you may know. Sometimes an invitation from a family member or friend can change someone's life! Classes start September 14.

## SAINT ELIZABETH PREP (CCD)

Registration forms for our Parish Religious Education Program for children have been e-mailed out. Extra forms can be picked up at the parish office or you can download a form from the parish website under "Church - Parish Life - Religious Education – PREP". Please return as soon



as possible. *If registration forms are received by August 30 the registration fee is \$80 per child or \$140 for a family (two or more children). All registrations received after that date will be \$90 per child with no family discount.*

Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 13 at 6:00 pm. Students should first come to the parish hall for attendance and then they we will proceed to church together. Parents are asked to go directly to church. After Mass, all students and parents should report to the parish hall for a short orientation meeting, meet the catechist and receive your Religion book. *You will be given pertinent information including our yearly class schedule that evening. Please make every effort to attend.*

## PARISH HALL UPDATE

The parish hall kitchen now has a new floor, equipment is being re-installed, cleaning and re-stocking of supplies is being finished up. To go along with the new kitchen we would like to purchase a few new items such as garbage cans \$90 each, new serving carts \$200 each and vinyl lining for the shelves. Anyone who can contribute toward these items would help make our project complete. Call the parish office for info and THANK YOU to all!

**BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS**

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

**EIGHT WEEKS ON TUESDAYS –**

**September 7 – November 3**

from 5:30-6:00 pm



(No class on 9/28 & 11/2. One Wednesday make-up class on Nov. 3.) At Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall –

**Registration is required. Only \$15 for all 8 weeks.**

Call or e-mail for more information: Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext 208 - dirreled@sercc.org See our parish website: www.sercc.org

This ½ hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility, moves and balance. Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! Bring a friend!

*Consider wearing a mask at the door, but no mask is required while exercising.*

**CROSS COUNTRY SIGNUPS ARE OPEN**

Come join us for a fun sporting event to start off the school year! Cost is \$45 per child and is open for grades kindergarten through 8. Please reach out to Victoria Mankos with any questions at vledolphin@gmail.com. Deadline for registrations is Tuesday, August 24th. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline.

**OUR COMMUNITY**



**Welcome Home! - A Community Reunion**



**TWO BIG TENTS!**  
Rain or Shine  
We'll keep you dry!

at St. Ann's Church,  
415 S. 6th St., Emmaus

**Friday & Saturday Evening**  
**August 20 - 21, 2021**  
5:00 to 11:00 pm

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE MUSIC EVERY NIGHT**  
Friday – Starting Tomorrow  
Saturday – Common Bond

**LOTS OF GREAT FOOD**

Sausage, Kielbasa, and Meatball Sandwiches  
Clam Chowder – Potato Pancakes  
Ice Cream – Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Fries  
Homemade Desserts – Funnel Cakes  
Tiki Bar  
Beer Garden featuring local and craft beers

**PLENTY OF FUN**

KIDS ACTIVITIES both nights:  
Dave Frey Singalong at 5:00,  
Wildlands Conservancy Animal Show at 6:00,  
K of C Toy Bingo at 7:00,  
Rufflez the Clown balloon animal artist

**PLUS** CASH BINGO – BASKET RAFFLE – 50/50 DRAWING each night AND BIG TICKET DRAWING SATURDAY with \$10,000 in cash prizes!

Pierogie Sale

St. John the Baptist Church – September 13<sup>th</sup>. Pick up from 3 pm to 6 pm. To order call Wanda at 610-336-9518 before September 1. Cost \$7 dozen.

*(SS. Peter & Paul recipe)*

Organist & Choir Director

Holy Family Church – Nazareth - The individual will plan and coordinate the parish music ministry. Primary responsibilities: Planning/providing for choral and instrumental music for weekend worship, funerals and school services, recruiting/directing choir members and vocalists, and coordinating weekly choir rehearsals. Responsibilities also include playing for Sacraments and services during Lent, Advent, Christmas and Holy Week. Individuals collaborate to coordinate various liturgical celebrations. They should be able to work well with others (particularly volunteers) and children. Qualified individuals should forward their resume to elyt@holyfamily-edu.org. Questions may be directed to (610) 759-0870

History of Diocese of Allentown the Past Sixty Years

A new documentary which includes a compelling interview with Bishop Schlert, who reflects on leading the Diocese where he was born and raised, and on his call to the priesthood while in 10th grade. He also tells the heartwarming story of the unexpected phone call in which he learned he was to become the Diocese's Fifth Bishop. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM\\_NSFgf\\_zg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM_NSFgf_zg)

Saint Elizabeth  
Third Annual

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Our 3rd Annual St. Elizabeth Regional School golf outing is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at Whitetail Golf Club. Shotgun start is at 1:00 pm.

We hosted 74 golfers and raised nearly \$5,000 at our inaugural event in 2019. Last year we hosted 124 golfers and raised over \$8,000. Building on our past accomplishments, we hope to increase attendance and raise \$10,000 this year. We intend to use the funds for necessary repairs and maintenance of our school and parish hall, as well as additional technological upgrades and scholarships. Join us in a friendly afternoon of golf with old pals or new friends. We also ask that you consider sponsoring this year's event. Monetary donations of any denomination are also accepted towards raffle and prizes. Contact Jason Kahr with questions at JKahr2@gmail.com or (267) 246 - 8660.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine – October 7, 2021

On Thursday, October 7, our parish and diocese will embark on a holy pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D. C to celebrate our 50 years as the Allentown Diocese. We whole-heartedly invite our parishioners to be a part of this great opportunity.



We will be leaving early in the morning and will not be returning until later in the evening. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office if you wish to reserve seating. We are most grateful to Bernard Polak for sponsoring the bus so that the cost is very affordable. Students are free passage except for meals and spending money. Adults are asked to pay \$20.00 per seat that will help cover parking fees and gratuity.

Seats will be reserved in a first come, first serve basis until the bus is filled.



Besides joining our Bishop and the people of the Allentown Diocese on this special pilgrimage, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America and is among the ten largest churches in the world. With its unique blend of Romanesque-Byzantine architecture and sacred art, it is neither imitative nor duplicative of any other sanctuary on earth. It holds more than 80 side chapels dedicated for the many immigrant populations that make up our great nation.

You don't want to miss this opportunity! [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org)

ENROLL TODAY FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!



**Service, leadership, and success in a faith-filled, family atmosphere.**

*Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour of our campus!*

Love what you see? Call or email to schedule an in-person visit!  
Contact Cara Meskill, Director of Admissions at 610-437-4601 x148  
or [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info). Financial aid and scholarships are available.



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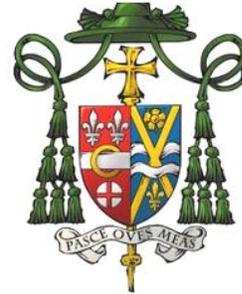


**COVID UPDATE**

The Bishop has requested that ushers/greeters, EOM and celebrants wear face masks while at Mass. Parishioners in the congregation are not required to wear face masks unless they are more comfortable doing so.

This is merely a precaution.

While the dispensation from Mass attendance has been lifted any person with health issues may still in an abundance of caution watch Mass from home.



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