

## MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 23</b>
8:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Elizabeth Roman
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b>
9:00 AM	Mary Ann Good
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>
9:00 AM	Carlen Bordner
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>
6:00 PM	Adoration
7:00 PM	Anna Vasquez
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27</b>
9:00 AM	Lila Bowman
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28</b>
4:30 PM	Ken Snyder
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 29</b>
8:00 AM	Deceased Members of Kedl Family
10:00 AM	Anna Wiggins

## 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, 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 Mitstifer, Steve O'Connor, Patricia Peapos, Kelly Redmond, Rich Pastorella, David Perenyi, Bob Sheehan.*

\*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 **Lynn Finelli** and **Frank T. Amico**, *father of parishioner Tom Amico*, 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 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 8
Responsorial Psalm:	15
Second Reading:	St. James 1: 17 – 18, 21b-27
Gospel:	Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 23

### 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 **Ken Snyder** requested by *the Golden Agers.*



The Church Bells will ring this week in honor of **Frank Amico** requested by *the Breakfast Club.*

## 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.

## MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2022 Mass intention book will open in December. Sanctuary Lamp and Church Bells are available as well. More information will follow in November when the new Intention book opens.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

It's as hard today as it was at the time of the Apostles to be a follower of Christ. For the past few weeks, we have been journeying through the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of St. John which is often called the Bread of Life discourse. To go to the core of the Gospel today we have to truly believe what Jesus teaches us about the bread of life, which is the Eucharist we receive.

What is the bread Jesus is giving us? Do you think it's just a memorial meal for fellowship, or just a symbol of Christ, or just a vague representation of him? The Eucharist is Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity. To be a follower and a believer of Jesus and his presence in the Eucharist requires full, active, and conscious participation in the Catholic Church. When we answer 'Amen' after being presented with the Body and Blood of Christ, we understand that we are taking into ourselves not only Jesus himself, but everything Jesus taught, stood for, lived for and died for. To receive communion means to be in communion with Jesus and his Church and all the saints who have gone before us. When we say 'Amen', we agree that we are prepared to faithfully carry out Jesus' mission in the world, a world that is so desperately hungry for the truth.

What society may see as morally acceptable is not the way to follow. How certain groups can interpret Jesus' teaching as the popular opinion is not the truth, and the government is not the standard to seek the source for eternal life. Only Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

St. Augustine had a beautiful way of expressing how we should relate to Jesus in the Eucharist.

'Believe what you receive,  
receive what you believe,  
and become what you receive.'

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:

**8. Matthew 8:1-4**

Every Sacrament has a specific sacramental grace — that of Confession is *healing!* Jesus came to cure and heal the sick, all the sick that trusted in Him. We must see ourselves in the leper; sin is leprosy and all of us are sinners. As Jesus touched and healed the leper, so He can touch and heal me if I allow Him. "*Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them as white as the snow.*"

Saint Damien who worked with the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii suffered most because he had no priest to heal his own spiritual leprosy of sin. Thank God that you have access to priests who can heal your spiritual leprosy through Confession!

**9. Galatians 5:16-26**

Saint Paul contrasts those who live according to the flesh and those who live according to the spirit. Those who live according to the flesh will have a harvest of corruption and death. Those who live according to the spirit will experience the fruits of the spirit and experience eternal life.

Confession helps us to put to death the works of the flesh and to be led by the Holy Spirit. May we form the habit of frequent confession, conquer the desires of the flesh and live the true freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

<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.

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St. Elizabeth Regional School

431 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA 18052

Thanks for your 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. 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 be downloaded 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 will then 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.*



## CYO 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](mailto:vledolphin@gmail.com). Deadline for registrations is Tuesday, August 24th. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline.

## BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBICS 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](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org) See our parish website: [www.sercc.org](http://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.*



### OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ALMOST HERE!

It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme. Mark your calendar for our **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 8 - 9 - 10! Each basket needs to be worth at least \$25. Father Stan has brainstormed to create an exciting list of Basket Ideas...to inspire you. Thanks for your continuous support!

Brunch	Football party	Cheese & Crackers
Barbecue	Gardening	Italian dinner
S'mores	No Soup for You!	Puppy
Art Supplies	Golf	Beach
Mystery box	Deli fixings	Spices
Clean car	Baking	Dark Chocolate
Hot Sauces	Beer	Crayola
Maintenance	Baseball	White Chocolates
Fun Reading for kids	Readers Corner	Salad bowl & fixings
Bath	Lottery tickets	Lemonade Stand
Date night	School Supplies	Summer Pool Fun
Cash or Money Tree		Adult Drink Mixes
Gift Card for Coffee & Donuts		Games (cards, dice)
Ice cream, scoop & fixings		Cutting board / knife

### OUR COMMUNITY



#### Pierogi 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](mailto:elyt@holyfamily-edu.org). Questions may be directed to (610) 759-0870.

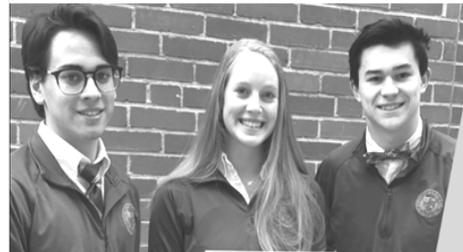
Saint Elizabeth  
Third Annual

## 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](mailto:JKahr2@gmail.com) or (267) 246 - 8660.

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