

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 13 |
| 8:00 AM | Adoration |
| 9:00 AM | Vincent Fornieri |
| TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 |
| 9:00 AM | Elizabeth Roman |
| WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 15 |
| 9:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 16 |
| 6:00 PM | Adoration |
| 7:00 PM | Ken Snyder |
| FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 17 |
| 9:00 AM | Linda Holland |
| SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 18 |
| 4:30 PM | Margaret Marakovits |
| SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 19 |
| 8:00 AM | Dick & Mary Tracy |
| 10:00 AM | William R. Drauch Sr. |

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Margaret Bonenberger, Raymond Breck, Jill Brubaker, Sharon Brubaker, Grace Conti, Cindy Cooper, Marie DalMaso, Rick Fitzgerald, Charles Fonzzone, Victoria Gaffney, Wayne Glover, Joe Gnall, Skip Graham, Robert Hartzell, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Anna Kaufmann, Theresa Kelly, Jade Madden, Deacon Michael Meder, Amalie Meehan, Kathy Mitstifer, Steve O'Connor, Kelly Redmond, Rich Pastorella, David Perenyi, Bob Sheehan, John, Signarovitz, Barbara Stangl, Carmela Stephenson.*

*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 **those affected by recent floods and hurricanes**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



READINGS FOR 25TH SUNDAY OT

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| First Reading: | Wisdom 2: 12 – 20 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | 54 |
| Second Reading: | St. James 3: 16 – 4:3 |
| Gospel: | Mark 9: 30 – 37 |

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
Parish Breakfast – 2nd Sunday (Nov to April) 8:30 – 11 am Hall
Prayer Shawl – 2nd Wednesday 2 pm LMR* *call Carolyn for details*
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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in support of the **Parish**.

The Church Bells will ring this week in remembrance of Eveligh Smith and family, requested by *Mary Smith*.



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 2022 Intention book opens.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Last week the flowers on the altar were for Mary Boyle from the Gnall Family.



This week the flowers on the altar are for the return of the Music Ministry.

FR. STAN E-MAIL SCAM

The scammers have started targeting Fr Stan. If you receive an e-mail from a person posing as Fr. Stan, please ignore or delete them. Father will not contact you for help via e-mail.

PASTOR'S CORNER

As Catholics, we think of Peter as the saint, the first Pope, the one with the Keys to the Kingdom, the rock on whom the Church was built. The basilica that bears his name sits in the center of Rome. Yet Scripture passages such as today's Gospel show us a more headstrong and human side of Peter, one who was far from a perfect disciple. In today's Gospel passage, Peter could not accept the fate Jesus foretold of himself. In fact, Peter rebuked Jesus when he predicted he would suffer and die. Peter's words - as faith-filled as they might be - still demonstrated a lack of understanding of what was happening around him. He seems to want to stop the plan of salvation that was in motion, thinking that he knew better.

Luckily for Peter - and for all of us - perfection is not a qualification for discipleship. What are the necessary qualifications? The answer is to have faith and to follow Jesus' commands. This entails denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and losing one's life for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel. These are the works without which faith is dead.

Like Peter, we are not perfect disciples. Though we have faith sometimes we think first of what we want - what feels good and safe - rather than thinking what God wants. But if we go our own way rather than God's, we risk becoming a mouthpiece for the things of the world and its earthly values, and the self-serving life we tried to save we will lose. Even if we are unsure of exactly what God is asking of us, or if it seems risky and uncertain, God invites us to trust. If we just get behind Jesus, he will guide us. Jesus will teach us what to do and how to follow him.

God is near, upholding us. He is our help, present to us in His Word and in the Eucharist. Nourished by these, we can set our faces like flint and not turn back, even as we confront opposition, The Lord will save us as we follow him in faith.

God bless you,

Fr. Stan



THINGS TO PONDER...



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.

STEAK SANDWICH DINNER



Drive Thru Steak Sandwich Meal on Saturday, September 25th. Steaks are \$11 each and Cheese Steaks are \$12 each. This includes sauce, onions, pickles, and hot peppers - all on the side. **Orders are due by September 20.** Pick up is at the Parish Hall from 4 – 5:30 pm. For more information or to place an order, see our parish web site for the order form or, contact Joan at 610-349-7791 or email dirreled@sercc.org. Orders can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the weekend collection baskets or mailed to: *Steak Sandwiches, St. Elizabeth Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, 18052.*

PARISH PRIZE RAFFLE BASKET SOCIAL WEEKEND



We thank our parish family for always responding so well to our fundraisers. This year we are once again adding a prize raffle to the Basket Social event. *A pack of five tickets were mailed out along with Steak Sandwich and Basket Social information. If you have not received a mailing, you can pick up the information from the parish website and tickets from the parish office. We have more tickets!* Please consider selling or purchasing them at the price of \$5 a ticket or all five tickets for \$20. The cash prizes are listed below; winners will be picked on Sunday afternoon, October 10th. Winners do not need to be present and will be contacted promptly after the Social. Sold and unsold tickets can be dropped in the collection basket (in an envelope) or at the parish office or at the Basket Social event weekend. Tickets will also be on sale during the Basket Social. *We thank **Joe Mascari's Carpets and Rugs International** for sponsoring the ticket printing.*

1st Prize - \$500 • 2nd Prize - \$200

3rd Prize - \$100 • 4th Prize - \$100 • 5th Prize - \$100

RCIA



Have you or someone you know ever considered the Catholic Church as a means of continuing your journey of faith? Did you know that four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives, or neighbors extended a personal invitation?

On Tuesday, September 14, a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) class will be forming. We will meet at 7 pm in the "Upper Room". The initial phase requires no commitment and is designed specifically for general information as well as discernment. For information, please call Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695.

HAITI SECOND COLLECTION

The USCCB has authorized a special collection for the relief of the Haitian people. It will be collected on September 11 & 12. Please be as generous as possible.

SAINT ELIZABETH PREP (CCD)

Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 13 at 6 pm. Students should first come to the parish hall for attendance; they 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.*

Saint Elizabeth Third Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

Is scheduled for September 25th at Whitetail Golf Club. Shotgun start is at 1:00 pm.

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.

OUR COMMUNITY



BONANZA BINGO IS BACK!!!

And better than ever! St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall 924 N. Front Street Allentown 18102. Sunday September 19th \$15 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7 Doors and Kitchen Open at noon. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm First come – first served seating. Masks are requested so all feel comfortable. Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

September to Remember Dance

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall Saturday September 18th Oldies Dance *Featuring* CHASBAND \$5 per person – BYOB — Doors open 6:30 Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505 Face masks are requested.



**All proceeds to benefit
Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative**

Sunday, September 12th
Doors open at 1 pm - Calling starts at 2 pm
COMMITMENT TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY
165 Cherry Street, Coplay

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| CASH DRAWING 50-25-25 | Tickets \$15 Includes 2 Boards 2 corn 15 available 15 board GAMES BYO bingo chips & dabbers 5 paper SPECIALS \$5 | FOOD & baked goods available for purchase |
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Please bring an item for Snack Pack Pals or our Food Pantry!
https://tinyurl.com/SnackPackPals https://tinyurl.com/WCHIPantryList

For more info, call/text Shari Noctor 484-225-0358

Missing Monstrance Returned. Was it the One Stolen from Ciszek Chapel in Shenandoah? It's a Mystery.

For St. Elizabeth Parish a little bit of irony.....



Call it the mystery of the missing monstrance. Nearly 15 years ago, a monstrance and tabernacle were stolen from the Adoration Chapel of the Fr Walter Ciszek Center in Shenandoah.

The tabernacle, the locked repository for storing Holy Communion hosts was found a few months later in the nearby woods. The ciborium, a covered vessel in the tabernacle that holds the Holy Eucharist, also was recovered. But the monstrance was not found. Now, in the Year of the Real Presence, a monstrance has been returned to the Church.

Is it the same monstrance stolen in Shenandoah those many years ago? Some people think it is, and others are not sure. Where has it been all these years? That's a bit of a mystery. It was found in a dumpster in New Jersey.

What is known for sure is that the monstrance was returned recently to St. Elizabeth Parish in Whitehall. Fr John Pendzick, who was Pastor at the time, called around to see if any other priests knew about a stolen monstrance.

"We're just thankful that it was returned, even though the details of its long journey, and even whether it is in fact the monstrance from Shenandoah, are a bit sketchy," said Msgr David James, diocesan Vicar General.

After a good cleaning and some needed refinishing, the monstrance will be blessed and then used for Adoration at Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah, the home of the Fr Walter Ciszek Center.

Irony – Msgr Muntone started and supported Fr Ciszek's canonization. A monstrance, possibly the missing one from Shenandoah, was returned to St. Elizabeth by Mary Mongolitz, the woman who cared for Msgr. Muntone's mother, while she resided at St. Elizabeth. - *Edited from AD Today Aug 6th.*



ST. ELIZABETH
REGIONAL SCHOOL

Back to School Pancake Breakfast



Hosted by the School Board

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:30am- 11:30am

\$5.00/ Adults, \$3.00/Children, Children 2 and Under Free

Tickets sold at the door!