

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 29 - Chapel
9:00 AM	John Kromer
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 30 - Chapel
9:00 AM	Billy McCarthy
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 1 – Main Church
9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Oswald Family
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 2 - Chapel
6:00 PM	Adoration
7:00 PM	Dolores O'Donnell
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 3 - Chapel
9:00 AM	Enrollees of Memorial Fund
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 4
8:30 AM	Special Intention - Chapel
4:30 PM	People of the Parish – Main Church
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 5 – Main Church
8:00 AM	Carmela Stephenson
10:00 AM	All Members of Cherski & Sosonowsky Families

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially:

Mike Baran, Margaret Bonenberger, Millie Breck, Jill Brubaker, Sharon Brubaker, Mary Buesgen Signarovitz, Grace Conti, Cindy Cooper, Deb Csorba, Marie Dal Maso, Leo Fisher III, Rick Fitzgerald, Charles Fonzone, Victoria Gaffney, Wayne Glover, Joe Gnall, Robert Hartzell, Ariella Jarrab, Gerald Kratzer, Anna Kaufmann, Phyllis Laky, Lucy Lentini, Jade Madden, Mary Anne Maley, Deacon Mike Meder, Amalie Meeban, Kathy Mütstifer, Steve O'Connor, Rich Pastorella, David Perenyi, Ruth Reisinger Bob Sheehan, John Signarovitz, Kathryn Wechsler.

*NOTE: Please call church if you are admitted to the hospital.

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 INTENTION BOOK 2022

The 2022 intention book will open December 6th.

One weekend and two weekday Masses may be scheduled per intention. Schedule your intention at the parish office; from 9 am to 3 pm or postal mail your intentions and donation as soon as possible to: St Elizabeth Church, Attn: Ann Frankl 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall 18052

READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading:	Baruch 5: 1 – 9
Responsorial Psalm:	126
Second Reading:	Philippians 1: 4 – 11
Gospel:	Luke 3: 1 – 6

Parish Calendar of Regular Events (call for updates)

Adult Choir – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled

Baptism Class – contact Deacon Mike Meder

Bible Study – Wednesday 10 am in LMR*

Friendly Visitors – 3rd Thursday (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*

Men of St. Elizabeth – * (pending)

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

PREP – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School

RCIA – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 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 memory of **Valeria Koons** requested by *Nick & Carolyn Pontician.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Helen Ernst** and **Valeria Stalsitz** (mother of Chris Mack) who passed away this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



ANOINTING MASS

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:8

All who are infirmed, anticipating surgery, or suffering from mental or terminal illness are welcome to attend a special Anointing Mass at St. Elizabeth's on Wednesday, December 1, at 9:00 am. This is a school Mass; however, only our 7th grade students will be staying for the anointing after Mass to help pray for you and assist Father. Parishioners and guests are asked to be seated in the middle sections of the church on the right-hand side if possible. *You will be welcomed by our seventh-grade students. Fr. Stan Moczydlowski will be our celebrant.*



APPRECIATION DINNER FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS



We invite all volunteers to attend the appreciation dinner which will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 6 pm after the Advent Evening of Music and Prayer program presented by the Music Ministry. The Appreciation dinner will be held in the parish hall. Please RSVP to the office rectory by Dec 8th at 610-266-0695.

PASTOR'S CORNER

With Advent beginning this weekend, I thought it might be good to explain the symbolism of the Advent Wreath.

The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pinecones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum up the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple, and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also can wear rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath provides us another way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

God bless you and Happy Advent.

Fr. Stan



THINGS TO PONDER...

Saint Andrew

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew. He was among the first apostles called by the Lord to become fishers of men. It is unclear how adept at finding fish he was. On some occasions, he was returning without having caught a thing. Following Jesus' directions, he was able to bring in an abundant catch.

While following Jesus on dry land with a very hungry crowd, he was able to find a boy with a few fish and a few loaves of bread. Although skeptical of the value of that supply, he was not at all dismissive of the offer. Andrew relayed the presence of that resource to Our Lord. Andrew all but discounted the impact that the portion would provide.

What marvels the Lord had worked by making use of such a miniscule quantity of food in feeding such a large crowd!

What remains for us by way of lesson from Saint Andrew is to treasure what is brought to us from the youth whom we encounter. If we are arrogant and condescending, we may miss both resources and opportunities on a fairly regular basis. Further, we should offer to the Lord all that we have and all that we are. We can recognize our deficiencies and inadequacies; but we must see that Jesus is not limited when we offer our all to Him.

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, which combine 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!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgical Ministers who are ready to begin serving again should log into MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro Rotunda Software) and update your availability and preferences.

If you prefer you can contact the parish office and let us know what to update on your behalf.

If you are not able to serve at this time you may e-mail or call to let us know that as well.

info@sercc.org or 610-266-0695 ext. 103

THE NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

Are Here!

We will be selling the “most popular” St. Joseph pocket-size Sunday Missals again this year for \$4 each. The print is easy to see, and the missal comes with complete Masses for all the Sundays and Holydays beginning at Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It also contains prayers and popular Catholic hymns. **They can be purchased at the parish office and may possibly be sold at one of the weekend Masses while supplies last.**



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church
invites you to an

*Advent Evening of
Music & Prayer*

presented by the Choir of St. Elizabeth
under the direction of Music Director
– Patrick Oswald

Sunday, December 12 at 5 pm

Prelude Music begins at 4:30 pm

Admission is free: *a free-will offering will be taken*



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The “Advent Giving Tree” is an opportunity to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by giving gifts of baby items to the babies who will be born this coming year. Please choose a gift tag from the tree in the vestibule, purchase the needed item, and bring the UNWRAPPED gift to Church by Sunday, Dec. 19th. Donations to Cay Galgon Life House and Catholic Charities. Many thanks and blessings for your kind donation to those less fortunate.



SHARE THE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS!



Adopt a family in need and help spread the Christmas Spirit! If you and your family are able, please consider adopting another parish family in need of Christmas Christian charity. We will give you some general information about a family and ask you to purchase a gift for each of the children. Please specify if you would prefer a small family. You can drop off the wrapped gifts at the parish office any time before December 20th. We will make sure the family receives the gifts before Christmas. Contact Mary Spieker at the parish office for more information. 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org

POINSETTIAS – THE PERFECT GIFT!

We will be selling single bloom poinsettias for \$4 each this year. They will arrive just in time for a perfect little gift for a neighbor or co-worker! Order forms can be found on the parish website or call Mary Spieker at the parish office to place an order. We will sell red, white, marble and burgundy; all newly grown at Garden City in Catasauqua. Flowers can be sent home with a school student on Friday, December 10 or picked-up at the parish office from 12 – 3 pm. Orders can also be picked up in the parish hall on Sun, Dec. 12 from 8:30 – 11:15 am. **Order deadline is November 30.** As always, we appreciate your support!



FRIENDLY VISITORS



Shut-in Visitation

Prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver Christmas gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living and nursing home facilities, and those who are homebound. Gifts can be picked up on Wednesday, December 8 or Thursday, December 9 from 9 am to 3 pm. Please contact Pat at 610-393-8107 if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our shut-ins. Thank you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, Dec 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Vigil Mass will be Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Wednesday at 9:00 am and 12:15 pm.



CHRISTMAS BABYSITTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sunday, December 19th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm



To give back to the hardworking parents of the parish, our Youth Ministry is giving Mom and Dad the night off! Youth Ministry will be babysitting children ages 4 and up on Sunday, December 19th from 6 – 8 pm in the

Parish Hall for only \$5.00 per child to help pay for supplies. We will have Christmas crafts, scavenger hunt, coloring, group games, and a pretzel and popcorn snack. Electronic flyers will be sent home via e-mail. Please contact Mary Spieker to sign your child(ren) up for babysitting at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org.

(Service Hours available for Confirmandi!)

Christmas at St. Elizabeth of Hungary

2021 Christmas Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Confession*)

Tuesday, Dec 14th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec 24th, 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec 25th, 8:30 am and 11:00 am

New Year's Masses

New Year's Eve

Friday, Dec 31st, 7:00 pm

New Year's Day *Solemnity of Mary*

Saturday, Jan 1st, 9:00 am



ADVENT WREATH

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (*Rejoice*) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

- The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the “Prophet’s Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming.



Please pray for the following military members currently serving.



2Lt. Jared Blockus	US Army
L.Cpl. Alex Bonnell	US Marine Corps
Sgt. Jon Bonnell	US Marine Corps
Sgt. Darrell Bordner	US Air Force
A1C Mason Burkhardt-Baud	US Air Force
Cmdr. John Cocca	US Navy
2Lt. Ethan Downey	US Air Force
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'Connor	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

“Lord Jesus, You showed compassion to the Roman Centurion who put his trust in You. Have mercy on the men and women who serve in our military today. Protect them from the many threats to their lives, and especially from any dangers that imperil their souls. May Your angels watch over them and bring them safely home to the loving arms of those who await them. We ask this in Your name. Amen”

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

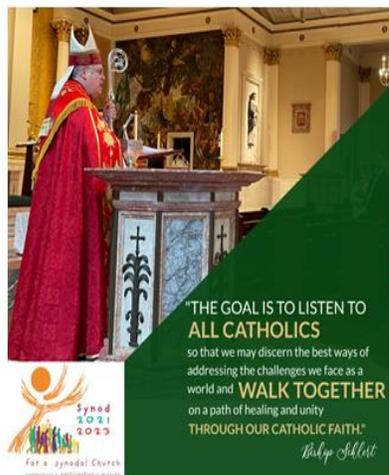
Invite someone home to church this year. Neighbor, friend, child or spouse... make them all feel welcome. Everyone is invited!



OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 28th Christmas Concert (*in Cathedra*): 2:15 pm Organ Preludes ~ 3 pm Choir Concert. After the Concert (Walson Center): Theme Baskets, Baked Goods, Stocking Stuffers & Wine Tasting by Glass or Flights
For more information or questions call – 610 - 433-6461.



Synod: *Communion, Participation, Mission*

Bishop Alfred Schlert was joined by dozens of diocesan priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians, along with hundreds of faithful Catholics, to launch the Synod of Bishops at a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, Sunday (10/17).

Resources can be found on the website at: www.allentowndiocese.org/synod

A letter from our parish Synod representatives has been mailed to your homes. *For more information* please contact:

Joan Glover – jglover@ptd.net

Jen Samanka – anksam07@ptd.net

Joe Samanka – joesamanka@gmail.com

Mary Spieker – dirreled@sercc.org

The first in-person meeting is Dec 5th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. No sign up is needed.

December “Jingle Bells” Dance

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown 18102
Saturday December 4th

We’re Back and Better Than Ever!

Featuring CHASBAND

\$5.00 per person –

BYOB – Kitchen Open

Oldies Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30

Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505



Bonanza Bingo is Back!

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown 18102

Sunday December 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 Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

St. John the Baptist Parish Lottery Calendar Sale

January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022 Make great stocking stuffers!

Only \$20 for six months of chances to win!

Questions? Email stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com

Or call 610-432-0034

Great Family Christmas Experience In Theatres Near YOU!

The Chosen has a special Christmas event in theaters! Come and see: Phil Wickham, For King & Country, Brandon Lake, Maverick City, Cain, Matt Maher, Bryan & Katie Torwalt, Jordan Feliz, We the Kingdom, The Bonner Family, Leanna Crawford, Dawson Hollow, and One Voice Children’s Choir. This extraordinary lineup of artists will perform new and classic Christmas songs from the set of The Chosen. Plus, you’ll hear from your favorite cast members about the message of Christmas. This is the perfect opportunity to bring friends and family – including those who haven’t seen The Chosen – for a unique Christmas experience.

At an AMC Theatre near you. (amctheatres.com)



Christmas Cookie Bake Sale

Featuring: Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Mini Cream Cheese Cupcakes, Ginger Spice Cookies and Dog Treats - "Dusty Approved" (for your special canine friend!)



Please fill out the order form, and return with your payment to:
St. Elizabeth Church 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052
 Checks payable to St. Elizabeth Church

For more information, please call Joan @ 610-349-7791

Orders must be submitted by: Monday, December 13th

Pick up date: Sunday, December 19th from 8:30 - 11:15
in the Parish Hall

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**St. Elizabeth Cookie Sale**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Cookies</u>            | ½<br>dozen<br>\$4.00 | 1<br>dozen<br>\$7.00 | Dusty's<br>Treats<br>\$8.00 | Total<br>\$\$\$ |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Chocolate Chip            | _____                | _____                |                             | _____           |
| Cream Cheese Cupcakes     | _____                | _____                |                             | _____           |
| Ginger Spice Cookies      | _____                | _____                |                             | _____           |
| Oatmeal Raisin            | _____                | _____                |                             | _____           |
| "Dusty's" Favorite Treats |                      |                      |                             | _____           |
| <b>Totals</b>             | _____                | _____                | _____                       | _____           |