

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 6 - Chapel</b>      |
| 9:00 AM          | Dolores (Dolly) O'Donnell       |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 7 - Chapel</b>      |
| 9:00 AM          | Margaret Baranek                |
| 7:00 PM          | Ellen Eardley                   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 8 – Main Church</b> |
| 9:00 AM          | Raymond Breck                   |
| 12:15 PM         | Victoria Sagun                  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 9 - Chapel</b>      |
| 6:00 PM          | Adoration                       |
| 7:00 PM          | Felix Raymond                   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 10 - Chapel</b>     |
| 9:00 AM          | Mary Jane Kochanasz             |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 11</b>              |
| 4:30 PM          | Roberta Christman               |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 12</b>              |
| 8:00 AM          | People of the Parish            |
| 10:00 AM         | Howard Sweeney                  |

## 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, Joshua Gagge, 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 Meehan, Kathy Mitstifer, 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 Chapel 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| First Reading:      | Zephaniah 3: 14 – 18a |
| Responsorial Psalm: | 12                    |
| Second Reading:     | Philippians 4: 4 – 7  |
| Gospel:             | Luke 3: 10 – 18       |

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

**Men of St. Elizabeth** – \* (*pending*)

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

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

**Prayer Shawl** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** – 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 memory of **Ray & Shirley Casari** requested by *Tracy Casari*.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **John Elnitsky, Gerald Kratzer** and **Scott Shenyo** (*father of Casey, Ethan, Luke & Mackenzie*) 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 610-266-0695.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

We all want things. Yet I don't have to tell you that we don't always get what we want. Sometimes, if we're being honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we don't always get what we want simply because we don't want it bad enough.

How many of us want to lose weight, but don't want to exercise and eat right. How many of us want the 'A', but don't want to do the homework? Wanting something is one thing. Doing what it takes to get what we want is something different altogether.

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths'. So says John the Baptist, his voice crying out in the desert, trying to get people to be ready for the imminent coming of God. He tells them to 'make straight their paths', in other words, 'make sure that you are making it easy for God to get to you, make sure that there are no obstacles in his way. Put another way, it's as if John is telling them that God will do his part, but they need to do theirs.

God is coming. That much is true. And you know, that's what Advent is all about. Yet, we are not simply preparing to remember what God did 2000 years ago. Rather, we are getting ready for Jesus to be born once again, in our hearts, in our lives, in our world. God is coming.

How badly do we want him? That seems like a silly question. Who wouldn't want God? Yet maybe the answer is not as simple as we think.

Do we still want God - if it means that we have to forgive those who have hurt us the most? Do we still want God - if it means that we need to be incredibly generous with the poor and those in need, and not simply once in a while, but as a way of life? Do we still want God - if it means we need to be a people of peace and not violence, mercy and not revenge? Do we still want God - if it means we have to be faithful to our responsibilities, honest and diligent at work, patient with those who annoy us, understanding to those who are different from us, and compassionate to those who are hurting?

That beautiful babe born in Bethlehem, wants something as well. He wants to be reborn in us. God wants to come into our lives to change us, transform us, re-fashion us in the way he created us to be and died for us to be. That means that God has certain wants and expectations of us (if I can be so bold to use that kind of language about God). God wants us to forgive more. God wants us to love more. And so, in saying yes we truly want God; we are saying yes to so many other things; to a whole new way of seeing, acting and being.

God bless you  
Fr. Stan

## THINGS TO PONDER...

## Saint Nicholas

We celebrate the memorial of Saint Nicholas on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>. He was bishop of Myra in the fourth century. He was a devout and holy man with a great hunger for the faith. His parents were wealthy, but they died while he was young during an epidemic. He was raised by his uncle, who was the Bishop of Patara.

Nicholas used some of his inheritance to supply a dowry for three daughters of a man who had really come into hard times. Anonymously, he threw a bag of coins through an open window on three different occasions, preventing these ladies from falling into prostitution.

Nicholas, by virtue of his generous gift giving, has become in legend this image of Santa Claus. He is patron of children, the unmarried women, brides, prostitutes, sailors, pawnbrokers, prisoners, perfumers, travelers, fishermen, poets, dock workers, brewers and bankers.

Instead of mailing him a list of all of our wants and desires for this holiday season, may we join with him in intercessory prayer for all of those groups of people. May we stand in solidarity with all of the suffering and marginalized and especially with all those in risk and in need ... and raise a glass of a cola soft drink in his honor.

## 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.

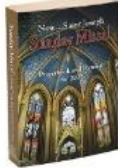
If you are not able to serve at this time you may e-mail or call to let us know that as well.

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. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

### Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve**

Friday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm

**Christmas Day**

Saturday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am and 11:00 am

### New Year's Masses

**New Year's Eve**

Friday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm

**New Year's Day** *Solemnity of Mary*

Saturday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUND-RAISER

Order forms for delicious Christmas Cookies can be found on the parish website and at the parish office!

The Saint Elizabeth Bakery Elves will be in full-swing by mid-December making and baking delicious "Grandma's recipe" Christmas Cookies for our parish and school families. Prices will be \$4.00 for 1/2 dozen and \$7.00 for a dozen. "Dusty Approved" Treats are \$8.00 per dozen. This year we are offering Chocolate Chip, Cream Cheese Cupcakes, Ginger-Spice Cookies & Oatmeal Raisin. All orders are due by December 13.



Helping Hands are welcome for mixing, dipping, baking and packaging. Please join us to make cookies on the evenings of December 16 & 17 starting at 6 pm. Pick-up will be on Sunday, December 19 from 8:30 – 11:15 am.. Come and join the festive cookie fun! Thanks for your support!

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### WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

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



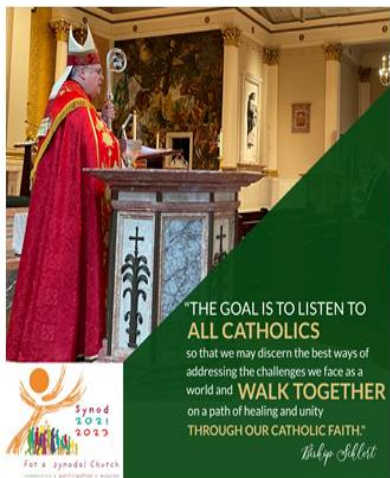
### A GREAT BIG "TURKEY" THANK YOU!

Many thanks for the magnificent response to our turkey donation request. 24 turkeys and monetary donations were donated and 15 were given out to our school and PREP families. The rest were donated to the Chew Street Soup Kitchen. We also thank our school and PREP families for their annual Thanksgiving food item collection. Many benefited from your generosity! God bless all who helped make a big difference on many a Thanksgiving table this year!



*"May God fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:19-20*

## OUR COMMUNITY

**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](http://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](mailto:jglover@ptd.net)

Jen Samanka – [anksam07@ptd.net](mailto:anksam07@ptd.net)

Joe Samanka – [joesamanka@gmail.com](mailto:joesamanka@gmail.com)

Mary Spieker – [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org)

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

**Bonanza Bingo is Back!**

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall

924 N. Front Street Allentown 18102

Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>

\$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](mailto: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](http://amctheatres.com))

**Support the Allentown Diocese Chew Street Soup Kitchen**

Donations for children's Christmas gifts are begin accepted and are greatly appreciated. Please send monetary donations to Catholic Charities and state on the memo line for "Chew St. Children's Christmas Gifts" *Catholic Charities, Attention: Robert Nicoletta 900 S. Woodward Street Allentown, PA 18103.* Or contact Edith Burga at the Kitchen at: [eburga@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:eburga@allentowndiocese.org) or 484-784-8109 God bless you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall

924 N. Front St Allentown 18102

Friday December 31, 2021



6:30 pm dinner 9:30 -12:30 am Music!

Tickets are \$30/person for dinner, music, BYOB

Seating is limited – Advanced Tickets ONLY

Deadline is December 15

Reservations Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

## AMAZON SMILE GIVE BACK



Do you like ordering from Amazon? Here is a quick and easy way to make money for the church by making your purchase through Amazon Smile. 'AMAZON SMILE' is the same Amazon you are used to, but by ordering through "Smile" the Company will donate .5% to our parish, costing you NOTHING extra. If you shop at Amazon you can painlessly support our parish: [Saint Elizabeth Amazon Smile](#)

You can also access AMAZON SMILE from our parish web site at [sercc.org](http://sercc.org) and click on "Ways to Give" tab, and

Make a Difference!  
**DONATE**

then just click on the "Amazon Smile" for the hyperlink. Thank you for your continued support!

## OPLATKI – CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers are now available at the parish office. Wafers are \$5 per pack for five wafers in each package. Oplatki is a long-standing Christmas Eve tradition. It is a beautiful way to enhance your family's spiritual Christmas experience. The Christmas Eve devotion, including prayers and history, are on the back of each envelope.



## SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!



Our monthly Breakfast Buffet will be on Sunday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$8 adult and \$5 child, children 3 years and under are free. *Treat your favorite Advent Angel!*

This month's breakfast has been sponsored in honor of the Holy Family.

Take out will be available. Face masks are recommended.

## PARISH BREAKFAST CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month Sunday, December 12

We want to thank our Breakfast Club from November, but they need volunteers! Our parish family has enjoyed a hearty breakfast, fun and fellowship one Sunday a month for many years thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers who gave their time doing the prepping, cooking and serving. With the pandemic, we need to rebuild our team of volunteers so that we can continue this wonderful tradition of food and fellowship. Please consider joining our monthly breakfast club. We could use a helping hand in a variety of areas including in the kitchen, on the serving line, collecting at the door and assisting with cleanup. Don't hesitate! Please call the parish office if you are willing to join the Breakfast Club – 610-266 - 0695 ext. 208!



## MONTHLY BREAKFAST SPONSORS NEEDED



To help offset the cost of the breakfast, we ask for a monthly sponsor. Are you able to sponsor one of our upcoming monthly breakfasts? **To sponsor a full breakfast, we ask for \$500. If you cannot give the full amount 50% (\$250) or even 25% (\$125) would be helpful.** If you can help in any way, please contact the parish office at 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

## Appreciation Dinner for all Parish and School Volunteers!

Please come!

All volunteers are invited to attend the Appreciation dinner, hosted by Fr. Moczydlowski, on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Please RSVP to the parish or school office by Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

Parish 610-266-0695

School 610-264-0143

