

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

MONDAY	JANUARY 10
9:00 AM	Dennis Knopf
TUESDAY	JANUARY 11
9:00 AM	John Kulhamer, Jr.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 12
9:00 AM	Richard Rank
THURSDAY	JANUARY 13
6:00 PM	Adoration
7:00 PM	John J. Egan
FRIDAY	JANUARY 14
9:00 AM	Margaret Bonenberger
SATURDAY	JANUARY 15
4:30 PM	Felipe A. Aponte
SUNDAY	JANUARY 16
8:00 AM	Ignatz, Mary & Alfred Keglovits
10:00 AM	Veronica Steranko

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Mike Baran, Millie Breck, Jill Brubaker, Sharon Brubaker, Mary Buesgen Signarovitz, Grace Conti, Cindy Cooper, Deb Csorba, Marie Dal Maso, Rick Fitzgerald, Charles Fonzone, Dorothy Folajtar, Victoria Gaffney, Joshua Gagge, Wayne Glover, Joe Gnall, Robert Hartzell, Laurie Hohl, Ariella Jarrab, Anna Kaufmann, Phyllis Laky, Lucy Lentini, Jade Madden, Deacon Mike Meder, Amalie Meehan, Lucy Mellinger, Steve O'Connor, Rich Pastorella, David Perenyi, Robert Purvis, 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.

READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Isaiah 62: 1 – 5
Responsorial Psalm:	96
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11
Gospel:	John 2: 1 – 11

Parish Calendar of Regular Events (call for updates)

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

Baptism Class – Sunday morning by appointment

Bible Study – Wednesday 10 am in LMR*

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

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*

*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2nd floor.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Joseph Macaluso** requested by wife *Rosemary* and daughters.



The Bells will ring this week in memory of

Catherine Brennan requested by *Maria Sweeney*.

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Please pray for those who have died, especially

Irene Zink and **Lenora Johnson**, sister to

Rosann Wieand, who passed away this month.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



2021 TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners wishing a tax statement

should call or email the parish office

with their e-mail contact information.

Tax statements will be available by

January 31st and will be e-mailed to

those requesting one. Any donations dated after Dec 31st

will be considered a 2022 donation. If you do not **request**

a tax statement none will be provided. 610-266-0695 /

info@sercc.org

If you prefer you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the parish office for your tax statement to be postal mailed.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Today we gather to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a day on which we hear how Jesus came to the Jordan to receive a ritual washing from John and rose from those waters filled with God's Spirit and focused on the mission ahead. In a certain sense, his life changed drastically from the moment of this event. Up to this point he almost certainly was living his life simply as Jesus, the carpenter's son, a man going about the regular day to day activities of life. But after his Baptism he was all about his Father's work in a very unique and particular way, work that would change, well, everything. and yet, in a very real way, this day is not so much about Jesus' Baptism as it is about our own Baptism; yours and mine. You see, when we were washed clean by these sacred waters (either as an infant or as an adult) we weren't just receiving some sort of spiritual 'life insurance policy', but rather were united in a particular and holy way; one in which we share in his death and resurrection and share in his sacred mission, a mission in which we are called to do nothing less than help transform the world.

How can we possibly do that? Jesus is God and we are not. That pretty much says it all. And yet, that is the miracle that took place through the waters of Baptism and which, in a sense, continues to take place every time we renew our baptismal vows, every time we recommit to living our lives in imitation of Jesus. The same Spirit that was revealed to be alive in Jesus that day in the Jordan 2000 years ago is the same Spirit poured out upon us for the same purpose; to empower us and enliven us and strengthen us and guide us in all that God calls us to do.

So how can we do what we are called to do? Love. And why should we do these things, why should we lay down our lives at God's service and in the service of others? Same answer. Love. But don't mistakenly think that faithful discipleship starts with the love we show. It starts with God's love; our incredible God has loved us first. It starts with our God looking down upon each of us and saying some incredible and profound words, words not unlike what came from the heavens that day long ago, 'You are my beloved...'

Everything we do starts with that truth; that God loves us; not a little, or once in a while; but deeply, continually and unconditionally. And nothing we do or don't do can ever change that, from the most serious sin to the greatest act of kindness. God simply loves us, period. And that is what makes all the difference.

And so, as we think about our own baptisms this day, as we reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, let us ask the more important question, 'Why do we even follow him at all?' Hopefully the answer will be, 'Because he loved us first'. Everything else is just a response to that profound, utterly gracious, life-changing truth.

God bless you
Fr. Stan

PARISH NEWS

THINGS TO PONDER

USCCB Dec 16, 2021 - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced today they will eliminate the safety requirement of in-person dispensing in the Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for the chemical abortion drug *mifepristone*. The FDA's action clears a path for the drug to be dispensed by clinics, medical offices, and hospitals through the use of online pharmacies or drug delivery services.

In response, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement:

"Every life is sacred: the lives of mothers and the lives of the unborn. Not only does this decision further the tragic taking of unborn lives but it does little to care for the well-being of women in need. Far from the accompaniment that women in crisis pregnancies deserve, this decision would leave women alone in the midst of trauma, often without any medical attention or follow up care.

"One of the essential tasks of governments is to safeguard the health and well-being of citizens. As such, the FDA ought to act to protect the lives and health of mothers and children, rather than merely succumbing to the abortion industry's pressure to loosen safety standards.

"I call on leaders of every level of government to stand with women in need by promoting policies that recognize the value and human dignity of both mother and child, rather than further promoting the devastating tragedy of abortion."

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023



St. Elizabeth Regional School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year for Pre-K 4 thru 8th Grade. Please note that enrollment in Kindergarten requires that your child be 5 years of age BEFORE October 15, 2022. If you need an application, contact the school office at 610 – 264 - 0143. An enrollment fee due when you return your application to the school office.



FIRST PENANCE



Please keep the young children of our parish in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Saturday, January 22, 2022

God, you know me so well. You created me. You know the number of hairs on my head, and you even know the thoughts in my heart before I ever knew them.

I'm coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins and begin your healing from the inside out.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/a-prayer-for-personal-healing.html>

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 (\$1,850)
- **Uriel Angel:** Donate a Full Year of Tuition (\$3,700)

Send donations to Mrs. Kimberly Kocher, Principal
St. Elizabeth Regional School
431 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA 18052

Thanks for your support!

COOKS WITH COLLARS



Fr. Stan and the St Elizabeth's Women's Group would like to announce the winning theme for this year's video. It is HALUSKI! Thank you to all that submitted suggestions. Look forward to Fr Stan's family recipe. We will also be announcing a way to make your donation for this fundraiser. God Bless.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Save the date! St. Elizabeth Troop 63403 will be selling cookies after Masses the weekend of January 22/23. Cost is \$4 per box; all your favorites will be available!



Carmel Delites, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades, Toast-Yay, and Shortbread. We also have a new cookie to try- Adventureful- a brownie caramel cookie!

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST TODAY!

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, January 9 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/child. Children 3 years and under are free. *Treat your favorite snow shoveler!* **We are very grateful for this month's sponsor, Bernard Polak New Smithville Catholic Foundation.**



SPAGHETTI DINNER SAVE THE DATE!

St. Elizabeth Regional School Spaghetti Dinner
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall
Saturday, January 29, 2022



SYNOD INFORMATION

For more information, please contact St Elizabeth Synod representatives:

Joan Glover – jglover@ptd.net

Jen Samanka – anksam07@ptd.net

Joe Samanka – joesamanka@gmail.com

Mary Spieker – dirreled@sercc.org

Please return your survey to the parish by Feb 1

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE NOTICE

In the next few weeks and months, you may see different color contribution envelopes than you are used to in the quarterly packets mailed to your home. We have been notified that there is a nationwide shortage of paper. Our suppliers have informed us that they will do the best they can to meet the envelope orders; however, weekly envelopes may not have a red border, special collections may also be in different colors than you have been used to or **parishioners may have envelopes different from each other.** You do not need to call the parish office; we are aware that envelopes may not match. We appreciate your patience and understanding.



We have also been notified that we may have paper shortages for the weekly bulletin. We will do our best to minimize the impact of these concerns.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF

With Catholic Schools Week coming St. Elizabeth Regional school is offering a raffle.

Tickets are available now. Call the school office for more information 610-264-0143

1st Prize - \$500

2nd Prize - \$250

3rd Prize - \$100

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TEACHERS DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Jan 31 st Early Grades	Jenn Reightler / Wilma Santiago – Pre-K Sharon Furlong / Deema Jarrah - Kindergarten Becky Crilley – 1 st Grade
Feb 1 st Elem. Grades	Susan Bergan – 2 nd Grade Suzanne Borovies – 3 rd Grade Kim Kocher – 4 th Grade Janine Sponsel – 5 th Grade
Feb 2 nd Middle School	Christine Novak – 6 th Grade James Millets – 7 th Grade Kathleen Ruane – 8 th Grade
Feb 3 rd Specials Teachers	Michael Hillegas – Music & Computer Ivelisse Lopez – Spanish Lisa Capece – Librarian Erika Deutsch – Art
Feb 4 th Support Staff	Kathi Connors - Admin Assist. Jennifer Wininger – Cook Lorraine Kline / Aggie Nyemscek – Ext. Day Tom Shak - Maintenance
Feb 5 th	Kim Kocher – Principal Fr. Stan Moczydlowski - Pastor



A Prayer for Our Teachers

Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

On January 12th at 10:00 am we will be starting a new program for bible study. We will be using Ascension Press Great Adventure Bible Timeline. This is a great tool for viewing salvation history in a sequential flow. So, often we tangle David and Abraham, Moses and Noah, the Judges and the Prophets. This should help to gain perspective. *Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ-St Jerome*



FRIENDLY VISITOR THANK YOU

A big **Thank you** to all of the following who volunteered to organize and deliver Christmas Gifts to our shut-ins:

Rose Balliet	Elaine Richmond
Charlotte Byrk	Dolores Rubino
Eugene Christman	Susan Speicher
Joanny Glover	Rudy Savelli
David Gola	Nancy Svitana
Rita Kline	Carol Vasquez

Mary Ann & Robert Kulhamer

Thank you also to Mary Spieker, St. Elizabeth's office staff, and our St. Elizabeth students including our Prep students for the beautiful cards. A total of **36** gifts were delivered to our shut-ins.

OUR COMMUNITY



Bonanza Bingo 2022!!!

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front St, Allentown. Sunday January 16th

\$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

Winterfest Dance

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N.
Front St Allentown, Saturday February 12th

Oldies Dance Featuring Chasband

\$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open

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

Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

