

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
8:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kochanasz
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>
9:00 AM	Helen Cullihan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>
9:00 AM	Angelina Pecelli
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
6:00 PM	Adoration
7:00 PM	Helen Ernst
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
9:00 AM	James R. Lynch
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
4:30 PM	Catherine & Joseph Kucharik People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>
8:00 AM	Joseph Krobath
10:00 AM	Marie A. Robbins

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Lucy Mellinger	Jill Brubaker
Rich Robbins	Deacon Mike Meder
Robert Purvis	Rita Kline
Dottie Hofelich	Theresa DeNoia
Millie Breck	Amalie Meehan
Victoria Gaffney	Dorothy Folajtar
Kathryn Wechsler	Mary Buesgen Signarovitz
Charles Fonzone	John Signarovitz
David Perenyi	Jade Madden
Joshua Gagge	Ariella Jarrah

\*NOTE: Please call church if you are admitted to the hospital. Names will be removed after three months and may be resubmitted at that time.

## 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.

## PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The main church is open from 10 am to 3 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for prayer and meditation. Access is from the Pershing Blvd entrance and public restrooms are available. Daily Mass (M, Tu, W, F) at 9 am is held in the chapel, except for the school Mass on Wednesday held in the main church. Thursday Mass is in the evening at 7 pm.

## READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Jeremiah 17: 5 – 8
Responsorial Psalm:	1
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20
Gospel:	Luke 6: 17 – 26

## Parish Regular Events (call for updates)

**Adult Choir** – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled  
**Baptism Class** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning by appointment  
**Bible Study** – Wednesday 10 am in LMR\*  
**Friendly Visitors** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR\*  
**Parish Breakfast** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Nov to Apr) 8:30 – 11:30 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\*  
*\*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.*

## INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**Ignatz Keglovits** requested by  
*John and Cindy Keglovits*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially  
**Charles Skrapits**, who passed away this month.  
 Charles is the father of parishioner Judit Garger.  
 May his soul and the souls of all the faithful  
 departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## SACRAMENTS

St. Elizabeth will offer sacraments to active registered parishioners who have been a member for a minimum of six months.

Anyone wishing to join the parish may contact the parish office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm by calling 610 – 266 - 0695 or stopping by.

Registration paperwork is a short one page form listing your current contact information and date of birth, as well as your sacramental records.

Once we receive your paperwork we will arrange a meeting with the pastor so he may get to know you.

## LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

A letter of good standing shows that you are an active member of your church. Parishioners must have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; be over the age of sixteen; if married, celebrated by Roman Catholic tradition. Please contact the parish office for more detail.

Letters are required for Godparents and Sponsors. Requests for a Letter of Good Standing will be processed within one week, provided parishioner sacramental information is on file with the parish office.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

There are plenty of experts who will tell us how to live our lives in order to be comfortable, stress-free and successful. Jeremiah in our 1st reading tells us clearly that trusting in human wisdom is disaster waiting to happen. The only true trustworthy guide is God, who teaches us how to live. The contrast between trusting in human wisdom and following divine guidance is described as the difference between a barren bush and a stalwart tree. Like a bush dying in the desert heat, human wisdom is fruitless. Trusting in God endures like a majestic tree with deep roots and abundant fruit. The contrast is clear and profound. We need to choose.

The gospel from Luke also draws clear contrasts. Not only does Jesus articulate blessings to his followers, but he also warns about the woes that come to those who live according to the materialistic values of the world. The contrast is clear.

Considering Luke's beatitudes about the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the hated, it's hard to see these folks as blessed. However, although they are suffering now, their beatitude will come later, and it will last. The reason for the final triumph is that they are suffering for their faith in Christ. In contrast, those who live lives focused on worldly affluence and success will end up lost. The world's values are short-lived and deceitful living with Christ lasts for all eternity.

Paul reminds the early Christians and us that through the salvation brought about by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will enjoy eternal life. Because of it, the life of the human family has changed forever. In the midst of our daily lives, we need to remember and live in joy and hope.

At our baptism, we became members of the Body of Christ, and our Christian faith is the foundation of our lives. There is much in our world that can lead us astray from our commitment to Christ. We need each other and we need to come together to worship and to re-dedicate ourselves to the gospel. We need each other's good examples of fidelity. We need each other to keep our faith alive.

God bless you  
Fr. Stan

## PARISH NEWS

## THINGS TO PONDER

## Valentine

Monday is Saint Valentine's Day ... well, yes, also Saints Cyril and Methodius. It is the last day of National Marriage Week in the USA. The NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org website has an interesting one-page information sheet to outline the benefits of marriage for children and to reduce poverty. A commentary in Time Magazine from March of 2012 observed "We have launched highly effective public education campaigns on much less momentous issues, from smoking to recycling ... For now, the decline in marriage is our most ignored national crisis."

In 1970 married adults numbered 79%. In 2013 it was 57%. Boys without fathers are twice as likely to end up in prison. If the marriage rates today were those in 1970, we would have 25% less poverty. In the United States, marriage drops the probability of child poverty by 82%. In 1970, never married Americans numbered 21 million ... in 2012, the number was 77 million.

What can we do? Pray for the vocation of marriage. Promote and advocate for marriage within our circles of family and friends and within our community. Prosper within our own marriages ... seek ways to make them more dynamic and fruitful.

## SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

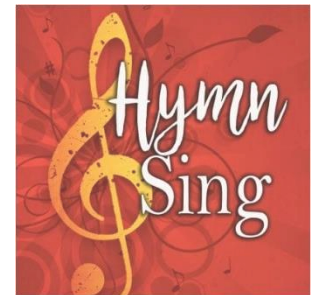


We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet today Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 am! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes,

Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/child, children 3 years and under are free. *Treat your favorite Valentine!* **We are very grateful for this month's sponsors, Mary Martin and Geraldine Strohl.**

## MUSIC MINISTRY SAVE THE DATE!

Like singing hymns? Like listening to hymns? **Come check out St. E's first ever HYMN SING, on Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.** What's a 'Hymn Sing' you ask? Basically, it's a sing-along concert where YOU get to pick songs out of the hymnal for the choir and the congregation to sing. Just come on the 27<sup>th</sup>, tell us a page number, and we'll sing it – it's that simple! Questions? Song requests? Email music director Patrick Oswald: [patoswald96@yahoo.com](mailto:patoswald96@yahoo.com)



## ST. ELIZABETH PRAYER CHAIN



To request prayers from or to be a member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 610 – 266 - 0695 ext. 208. All that is required

to become a member is for you to pray when you receive a phone or e-mail request. Names can be kept confidential if the person requesting prayers wishes. This is a simple, but powerful parish ministry and an important way to help each other with healing graces. Please consider joining us!

## YOUTH OR ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping with any of the following.

**SNOW Team** – assist with snow removal of the parish sidewalks. Service hours are available for on call shovelers when needed during the colder weather.

**GROUNDS Team** – assist with lawn maintenance and shrub trimming during the warmer months. Service hours are available for youth volunteers.

**CHURCH Sacristan** – weekday help replacing intention candles as needed, change altar cloths as needed, turn lights on / off.

**LUNCHROOM Volunteers** – help weekdays serving lunch to the school students.

**SERVERS** for Mass – weekend Altar servers for 4:30 pm, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.

610 – 266 - 0695      Thanks for your support!

## COOKS WITH COLLARS



Fr. Stan needs your help! Fr. Stan will represent St. Elizabeth in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline March 1, 2022) for our Diocesan top chef! Each vote is just \$10. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr. Stan and St. Elizabeth a winner!

## SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 12 &amp; 13



Girl Scout Troop #63403 will collect at the exits of the church after all the Masses this weekend. Any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go to the **Allentown Diocese Chew Street Soup Kitchen** to help feed the hungry and to the troop to help pay for scout expenses, activities and trips. Thank you for your kind generosity!

## MONTHLY BREAKFAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Our parish family has been able to enjoy a hearty breakfast, fun and fellowship one Sunday a month for many years thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers who give their time doing the prepping, cooking and serving. To help offset the cost of the breakfast, we need **March** and **April** sponsors. Are you able to sponsor a parish breakfast? We would be most grateful! **To sponsor a full breakfast, we ask for \$500. However, we are also looking for 50% (\$250) or 25% (\$125) sponsors.** Please contact the parish office at 610 – 266 - 0695 ext. 208.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Do we have your most current mailing address or e-mail? Have you gotten rid of your land line phone? Do we have your cell phone number?

Do you have children who have moved up to high school or college? Please let us know for our records.

Do you have adult children over the age of 30 years living at home? They are now eligible as adult parishioners.

Have them contact the parish office.

610 – 266 - 0695

## EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER

Youth Ministry will once again be selling delicious **Gertrude Hawk** Easter candy. Easter candy brochures will be in the bulletin the weekend of February 12 - 13 or pick one up at the parish office or order on-line. All orders are due by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and may be brought to the

parish office or placed in the Sunday collection basket. Conveniently make your Easter candy purchase and **pick-up your orders on Sunday, April 10** at the parish breakfast unless you would rather

make other arrangements. **Please make checks payable to: St. Elizabeth Church.**

Thank you for your participation in this yummy fund raiser!

*For on-line orders use this website:*

[https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organization\\_id/727867/seller\\_id/3](https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organization_id/727867/seller_id/3)

OR go to: [fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com](http://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com)

Next click on green “I am a Buyer” Then on “Find a Fundraiser”

Choose Organization – type in code: 727867 and choose drop down “St. Elizabeth Church, Whitehall (Next) Choose a Seller - Type in “Youth” and St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry pops up. Click on it and “Get Started”. **You can have orders sent to St. Elizabeth’s for FREE or have them sent to your home address for a small shipping fee. Thanks for your support!**



## ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

Congratulations to our regional school for this diocesan award for a significant increase in enrollment.

Our teachers, staff, students, and principal, Mrs. Kocher, deserve a well-earned round of applause. St. Elizabeth exhibits true Catholic values in education and in life.



Keep up the shining example.

Registration is now open for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

Pre-K and Kindergarten have openings, as well as a few select elementary and middle school classes.

## OUR COMMUNITY



### St John the Baptist Pierogie Sale

Homemade Pierogie orders will be taken until February 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 6 pm. Pierogies are \$7.50 per dozen and may be ordered by calling Wanda Lesko at 610-336-9518.

### Bingo is Back

Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center St., Nazareth. Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at noon; first game at 12:45 pm. 15 games with 4 specials and 2 EXTRA rounds. 50/50 and lunch for sale. Fun for all ages! \$20 per person. Call (610)759-0870 for more information.

### Medical Office Administrator / Social Worker

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Center Valley is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers. We are looking for a part-time support person to help our community. This person will be responsible for human resource tasks, implementing and maintaining health insurances for our community members, and other miscellaneous tasks. Some medical and insurance knowledge is helpful but not imperative. Please call Sacred Heart Villa at 610 – 282 - 1415 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.



**REGISTER ON FEBRUARY 20 AND SAVE \$200 OFF THE APPLICATION FEE!**

Meet our Principal and Administrators, tour the campus with our Student Ambassadors, and learn about our clubs and activities.

Please contact Mrs. Meskill, our Admissions Director, at [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info) with any questions.

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**ENROLL TODAY FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!**

### St John the Baptist Lenten Fish Dinner

Pre-Order Drive Thru Pick up only. The Social Hall is located at 924 N. Front St. Allentown. Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. \$13 Baked Haddock Fillet, roasted potatoes, green beans, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce, dessert. Tickets can be purchased by calling 610-432-0034 during business hours. Deadline for ticket purchase February 27<sup>th</sup>

