

## MASS INTENTIONS

|                  | <b>FEBRUARY 28</b>                 |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 8:00 AM Adoration                  |
|                  | 9:00 AM Fred Stankavish            |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 9:00 AM Anna Wescoe                |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 9:00 AM Regina Kukol               |
|                  | 12:15 PM Alice Meder               |
|                  | 6:30 PM Barbara Knerr              |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 6:00 PM Adoration                  |
|                  | 7:00 PM Jean Kukol                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 9:00 AM Enrollees of Memorial Fund |
|                  | Divine Mercy                       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>MARCH 5</b>                     |
|                  | 8:30 AM Theresa Mizenko            |
|                  | 4:30 PM John Szilezy               |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 6</b>                     |
|                  | 8:00 AM Frank Gorz                 |
|                  | 10:00 AM Margaret Bonenberger      |
|                  | People of the Parish               |

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Casey Ann Perry  
 Carlos DosSantos  
 Mike Baran  
 David Perenyi  
 Lucy Mellinger  
 Rich Robbins  
 Robert Purvis  
 Dottie Hofelich  
 Millie Breck  
 Victoria Gaffney  
 Jim Susko  
 Anne Baran  
 Charles Fonzone  
 Jill Brubaker  
 Deacon Mike Meder  
 Rita Kline  
 Theresa DeNoia  
 Amalie Meehan  
 Dorothy Folajtar

\*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.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The main church is open for stations of the cross each Friday during Lent. Stations will be held at 7 pm.



## READINGS FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY OT

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| First Reading:      | Sirach 27: 4 - 7          |
| Responsorial Psalm: | 92                        |
| Second Reading:     | 1 Corinthians 15: 54 – 58 |
| Gospel:             | Luke 6: 39 – 45           |

### 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.*



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**The Meder Family** requested by  
*The Parishioners of St. Elizabeth.*

The Bells will ring this week in  
 memory of **Alice Meder** requested by  
*St. Elizabeth School.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Alice Meder** who passed away this month. Mrs. Meder is Deacon Meder's mother. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## OLD PALM COLLECTION

You may bring your old palms to church the weekend of February 26 - 27 for us to dispose of properly.



The Sacred Congregation for the Rites and the Holy Office issued a determination on blessed items, such as: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted. Vestments, altar cloths, and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned for ashes. A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried. *In all, the underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God, in a sense, the same way a person's dead body is committed to the earth. Never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.* Therefore, the normal "rule of thumb" is that anything that has been blessed should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

As a Church, we have honored countless learned holy men and women - teachers of all generations and cultures who have dedicated their lives the advancement not only of holy wisdom but of early knowledge. From the writer of Sirach in our 1<sup>st</sup> reading to St. Paul the great evangelist and preacher, to modern theologians and catechists, they have shared their knowledge and wisdom and laid before us insights and learning. There may even be those among us who have less formal education but lead lives and speak truths that advance the gospel, they are all teachers of the faith who have helped us understand how God is present in our world and in those great moments of life and death.

Knowledge, integrity and responsibility are necessary qualities for anyone who wishes to teach or share the faith. When these are absent, Jesus points them out as we hear in the gospel like ignoring serious matters and insisting on adhering to minor things. Also, if we all concentrated on removing the splinters in our own lives, we would have no time to judge and gossip about the faults and struggles of others. The true teacher would produce good fruit. The uninformed, self-centered, misguided teacher will produce rotten fruit. The status of the fruit reveals the true nature of the tree.

The blind cannot lead the blind. Good produces good, and evil produces evil. As we heard in our first reading, 'so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind'. So let us always, as St. Paul says, 'be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord.' For the ways of the Lord are always and only good, and thus shall be what we teach, preach, and live as a result.

Let us nourish our hearts and bodies with the perfect gift from God in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. May it give us the grace to be firm and steadfast as St. Paul encourages, and to bear good fruit for the world.

God bless you  
Fr. Stan

## PARISH NEWS

## THINGS TO PONDER

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting is required for those who are 18 until age 59. Clearly pregnancy, diabetes and some other health conditions may preclude the observance under certain circumstances. Please seek guidance and not presume exemption. In fasting, one is permitted one full meal as well as two smaller meals which together do not equal a full meal.

Abstinence requirement begins on the 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Abstinence involves refraining from eating meat specifically the flesh of warm-blooded animals. Eggs, while they come from warm blooded animals are not themselves warm blooded and so are acceptable. Chicken is warm blooded. Fish are not warm blooded.

Some parishes host fish bakes or fish fries on Fridays during Lent. This may be a special Lenten treat. Many fast food restaurants modify their product lineup during Lent. Check out stories on the internet how the fish sandwich wound up on McDonald's menu. It is an interesting example of living one's faith in the marketplace.

Some enjoy bayou food during Lent. Be sure to avoid andouille sausage however because pork products are involved as well as the chicken. Crawdads and shrimp are excellent ... and fried alligator ... CAJUNally.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Ashes will be distributed at the Masses 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm. There is **no Vigil Mass on Tuesday**, as it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. It is, however, a day of fasting and abstinence

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Are you bored? Looking for something to do in the afternoon now that football season is over? **Come check out St. E's first ever HYMN SING, on Sunday Feb 27 at 2:00.** 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



**ST. ELIZABETH MUSIC MINISTRY NUTROLL SALE**

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry will sell Apple, Apricot, Coconut Cream, Lekvar, Nut, Poppyseed, Pumpkin Cheese, and Seedless Raspberry Rolls for Easter. There is a price increase this year – each roll will now cost \$17 each. Look for the order form in the bulletin and on the web page in a couple of weeks.

**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!

**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) 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!

**EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER**

Youth Ministry will once again be selling delicious **Gertrude Hawk** Easter candy. All orders are due by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, to the parish office or Sunday collection basket or on-line. Conveniently make your Easter candy purchase and **pick-up your orders on Sunday, April 10** at the parish breakfast unless you rather make other arrangements. **Please make checks payable to: St. Elizabeth Church.**

*On-Line orders you can go directly to this website:*

<https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/find-your-group> 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 shipped to St. Elizabeth’s for FREE or you will need to pay a charge to get shipped to your home address.** Thanks for your support!

**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 **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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES GALA 2022**

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown and the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities invite you to share in the mission of Catholic Charities at the 2022 Gala. The Gala will be held at De Sales University Center on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cocktails begin at five o’clock with dinner to follow.

Fr. Stan would like to fill a table to represent St. Elizabeth. Table seating is \$175 per person. If you are interested in attending and having dinner with Father, please let him know.

This year’s honorees are Msgr. Robert J. Wargo and Mr. Frank Ford.



Honoring Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wargo and Mr. Frank Ford

**EASTER FLOWER SALE**

We will be having an Easter flower sale again to benefit our Youth Ministry Programs. All plants are priced at \$4.00 per plant. All pre-ordered plants can be picked up either Friday, April 8, from 12 noon – 3 pm at the parish office or on Palm Sunday, April 10, in the parish hall after the Masses from 8:30 – 11:15. The size of these plants makes them a perfect gift for shut-ins, office staff and neighbors. Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Order forms will be in the church bulletin March 5-6 or can be found on the parish website or at the parish office. As always, thanks for your support!



## GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop #63403 would like to thank the parishioners for the generous donations for "Souper Bowl" weekend.  They collected \$727.16! Half will be given to the Diocesan Chew Street Soup Kitchen. The other half will go towards the girls' scouting expenses. Thank you once again for your kind generosity!

Last call for cookies! Stock up your freezer! \$4 per box, all your favorites will be available!  Carmel Delites, Thin Mints, PB Patties, PB Sandwiches, Lemonades, Toast-Yay, Shortbread, and a new cookie Adventureful- a brownie caramel cookie! Cookies will be available after all masses on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>!

## OUR COMMUNITY



### 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>

### St. Francis Center for Renewal Programs

- Thursday, March 1: 10 am to 11:30 am:  
Simply Prayer (online or in person)
- Wednesday, March 2: 9 am to 4 pm:  
Ash Wednesday day of personal prayer and silent reflection; mass is at 11:15 am.
- Thursday, March 3: 10 am to 11:30 am:  
Growing in Wisdom, Age & Grace (online only)
- Friday, March 4: 3:30 to 4 pm:  
Stations of the Cross (optional Adoration afterwards)

### Mini-Retreat

"Why '*Laudato Si'*? Why Should We Care?" is the topic for the Mini-Retreat at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Marie North, *Laudato Si* animator, and Fr. Kevin Nadolski, vice-president for mission at DeSales University, will explore the significance of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. Through the lens of love, they will discuss practical ways that parishes, homes, and communities can become more sustainable. The evening begins with a full meal at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Donation requested is \$35 in-person and \$20 virtual participation. Please register for in-person participation by March 7 or for virtual participation by March 11 - call 610-258-3053 x34.

Please pray for the following military members currently serving.



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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2Lt. Jared Blockus         | US Army         |
| Sgt. Alex Bonnell          | US Marine Corps |
| Sgt. Jon Bonnell           | US Marine Corps |
| A1C Mason Burkhardt-Bauder | 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"*



**LENTEN RETREAT**  
**MARCH 5, 2022**

<https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/events/>