

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	APRIL 4
9:00 AM	John Kulhamer Jr.
TUESDAY	APRIL 5
9:00 AM	Clare Polanki
6:30 PM	Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 6
9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald Jr.
THURSDAY	APRIL 7
7:00 PM	Lorraine McGee
FRIDAY	APRIL 8
9:00 AM	Charles Skrapits
7:00 PM	Stations
SATURDAY	APRIL 9
4:30 PM	Joseph Hoffman Jr.
SUNDAY	APRIL 10 – Palm Sunday
8:00 AM	Michael Kahr
10:00 AM	James A. Egan

ADORATION will be in the Chapel
one hour before each daily Mass during Lent.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Robert Nedzel	Jennifer Berger
Marie DalMaso	Timothy O'Neill
Phyllis Laky	Jim Susko
Casey Ann Perry	Anne Baran
Carlos DosSantos	Charles Fonzone
David Perenyi	Jill Brubaker
Lucy Mellinger	Melissa Kropf
Robert Purvis	Rita Kline
Dottie Hofelich	Theresa DeNoia
Millie Breck	Amalie Meehan
Victoria Gaffney	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 2 pm and 7 pm.

READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:	Isaiah 43: 16 – 21
Responsorial Psalm:	126
Second Reading:	Philippians 3: 8 – 14
Gospel:	John 8: 1 – 11

Parish Regular Events (call for updates)

Adult Choir – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled
Baptism Class – 3rd Sunday morning by appointment
Bible Study – Wednesday 10 am in LMR*
Friendly Visitors – 3rd Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
Parish Breakfast – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8:30 – 11:30 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.*

INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Ukraine requested by *St. Elizabeth parishioners.*

The Bells will ring this week for
the **Ukrainian people**
requested by *St. Elizabeth parishioners*



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Please pray for those who have died, especially
William Billowitch, who passed away this month. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Holy Week Schedule 2022

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 5th 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Palm Sunday Mass

4:30 pm Saturday, April 9th

8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday, April 10th

Holy Thursday, April 14th

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
(*Adoration until 10:00 pm*)

Good Friday, April 15th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16th

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 12:00 noon

Easter Masses, April 16th and 17th

Saturday, Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am



Holy Week

Parish Office will be closed

Good Friday and Easter Monday.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Gospel for today is a powerful account of God's loving mercy as revealed in the life of Jesus. Among other things the Pharisees and scribes show how they attempt to trap Jesus into speaking against Mosaic Law when they discuss the story of Jesus' meeting with the woman taken in adultery.

Adultery is not a sin a person can commit alone. Why is the woman to be stoned and nothing is said about her partner? This reveals the prejudice that existed then against women and still endures today in some situations. Jesus refuses to support this injustice and masterfully deals with the situation. Jesus ingeniously and compassionately confronts the vicious impulses of the crowd. He doesn't argue or preach, he simply calls attention to their own sinfulness. They are terrified that their sins may be revealed and quickly depart. This is still another 'great' thing the Lord has done for a defenseless and despised person.

Our psalm this weekend is 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'. Throughout the ages, God has guided women and men, helping them to have lives full of meaning and authentic happiness. If we prayerfully reflect on this week's Scripture passages, we should ask ourselves how all of this plays out in our own lives.

We see in the Gospel again, Jesus' compassion for all people. His merciful and tender love reaches all, men and women, young and old, rich and poor. Although his redemptive life and death conquered sin and death forever, he has abiding love for sinners. That includes all of us. Do we have respect for all people; even when we may not agree with their actions or opinions? What are the principles that guide our days? Do we consciously make decisions that reflect our gospel faith? Do we recognize God's providential love in our lives?

The message of God's Word for us today gives us a precious gift. We can truly proclaim 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'.

God bless you,
Fr. Stan

PARISH NEWS

THINGS TO PONDER

Average Catholics asked today how often they read the Bible likely would say that they do not read the Bible regularly. However, if asked how often they read Scripture, the answer would be different. Practicing Catholics know they read and hear Scripture at every Mass. Many also recognize that basic prayers Catholics say, such as the Our Father and the Hail Mary, are scriptural. But for most Catholics, the Scripture they hear and read is not from the Bible. It is from a worship aid in the pew.

Scripture has always played an important role in the prayer life of the Catholic Church and its members. For the ordinary Catholic in earlier centuries, exposure to Scripture was passive. They heard it read aloud or prayed aloud but did not read it themselves. One simple reason: Centuries ago, the average person could not read or afford a book. Popular reading and ownership of books began to flourish only after the invention of the printing press.

Once the printing press was invented, the most commonly printed book was the Bible, but this still did not make Bible-reading a Catholic's common practice. Up until the mid-twentieth Century, the custom of reading the Bible and interpreting it for oneself was a hallmark of the Protestant churches springing up in Europe after the Reformation. Protestants rejected the authority of the Pope and of the Church and showed it by saying people could read and interpret the Bible for themselves. Catholics meanwhile were discouraged from reading Scripture.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver Easter gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living, nursing home facilities, and those who are homebound. Gifts can be picked up on Thursday, April 7th or Friday, April 8, **from 9am to 3pm** at the parish office.



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.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!



We will serve our monthly and final Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 10 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. We are very grateful for this month's sponsor, **Friend of Saint Elizabeth Regional School!**

(Breakfasts will resume in November 2022 – stay tuned!)

WE ARE REMEMBERED 31ST EASTER MASS

The 31st Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated by Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski on Wednesday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

"We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry.

Monday, April 11th is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Today Newspaper.

We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayer."

To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Include: Sponsor(s) name, address, phone number, e-mail, donation amount and Name(s) of the deceased.



BASKET SOCIAL – ONLY SEVEN MONTHS AWAY!

Are you finding those great Winter & Spring-cleaning bargains? DON'T PASS THEM UP! You can start collecting items now for our 13th Annual Basket Social coming in October. The committee is also looking for various basket and item donations to create even "better than ever" baskets. Feel free to drop off bargain Irish, Easter, spring, or just about any non-perishable items at the church office. We'll store them and create wonderful baskets as our social draws near. Thanks for your support!

ST. ELIZABETH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20 – 24 Join us at: "Monumental" this June where we will "CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATNESS!"

Welcome to the event that helps kids discover the vastness of God's love. Sometimes our kids struggle with feelings of sadness and uncertainty, 'Monumental' points kid's eyes up to a loving, powerful God who is bigger than...well, ANYTHING! Discover what it means to be loved by a mighty God! Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM and end at 12 noon each day. **Registration forms will be available in April at the parish & school office or on our parish website or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208.** Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies. Volunteers welcome! 18 and older must have clearances.



SUNG VESPERS

Please join us next week for **Palm Sunday Vespers, April 10th 6:00 - 7:00pm.** We will have a Holy Hour in church, including Sung Vespers led by the Choir of St. Elizabeth. Start Holy Week with a Holy Hour and adore Our Lord's Eucharistic body with us! Musical preludes from the Choir to start at 5:30.

LIVING STATIONS



TEACHER,
IF YOU ARE WILLING,
TAKE THIS CUP AWAY FROM
ME; STILL, NOT MY WILL BUT
YOURS BE DONE"

Our 8th graders will present The Living Stations twice during this Lenten Season. Please join us in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church on: Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, April 13 at 10:00 am. Come and join us as we walk the path to salvation.

CHURCH HOPPING – ALL ARE INVITED!

Consider bringing your family and friends along for our annual "Church Hopping" after the 7 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. It is a quiet time when Catholics are asked to stay awake and wait with Jesus just as the apostles were asked on that night in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will travel to four other parishes and pray a decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries at each church. We will return to St. Elizabeth's at approximately 9:45 to pray (our fifth stop). All you need is a rosary and a prayerful heart! We will meet after Mass in front of the gym doors for all who are interested. Please contact Mary Spieker for more information. 610-266-0695 ext. 208.



GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



St. Elizabeth 4 – 5 - 6 grade students will perform the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday April 15 at 7:00 pm.

This is a beautiful pilgrimage symbolizing Christ's journey to Calvary. It is not a Living Stations program, but an effort to teach us more about the Lord's love than his pain. It teaches us to love and not merely be sympathetic viewers. The version we will use is called: *The Way of the Cross by Graziano Marcheschi* and hopes to deepen our awareness that the Christ who walked to Calvary still walks His way of love among us disguised as friend, neighbor, foe and even as ourselves. Please join us.

2022 PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Only 2 months till the Parish Festival – June 10th & 11th. Mark your calendars!

Food, Food, Food – hot dogs, hamburgers, potato pancakes, steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, turkey BBQ, walking tacos, perogies, French fries, cabbage and noodles, waffles and ice cream, snow cones, funnel cakes! Hungry yet?

OUR COMMUNITY

Cay Galgon Life House Baby Bottle Campaign Returns

Thank you so very much for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember - return them to the vestibule of the church or the parish office. Our campaign will run through April 9-10.

St. John the Baptist Events**Bonanza Bingo 2022!**

Sunday April 10th.

\$15 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7

Doors and Kitchen Open at noon. Bingo begins at 1 pm.

Masks are requested so all feel comfortable.

Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS

Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday April 9th, please join us at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8 am at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Rd., Bethlehem and continues with The Rosary at the Allentown Women's Center located at 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission is that through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy.

Hope Blooms

A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma on April 22-23.

This virtual retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us this Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow and our betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience. Talk topics include Uprooting Shame and Guilt, Understanding Trauma and its impacts on body, mind and spirit, Freedom through Forgiveness and more. Retreat also includes small group healing prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

More info/register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats> or email De: de@youaremadenew.com.

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-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