

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	MARCH 14
9:00 AM	Oskar Pohl
TUESDAY	MARCH 15
9:00 AM	Gerald Kratzer
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16
9:00 AM	Rose & Harry Parker
THURSDAY	MARCH 17
7:00 PM	John Kulhamer Jr.
FRIDAY	MARCH 18
9:00 AM	Ruth Ann Rittle
7:00 PM	Stations
SATURDAY	MARCH 19
4:30 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	MARCH 20
8:00 AM	Anna Wescoe
10:00 AM	Catherine M. Egan

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

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Phyllis Laky	Jennifer Berger
Casey Ann Perry	Timothy O'Neill
Carlos DosSantos	Jim Susko
Mike Baran	Anne Baran
David Perenyi	Charles Fonzone
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

*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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:	Genesis 15: 5 – 18
Responsorial Psalm:	27
Second Reading:	Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1
Gospel:	Luke 9: 28b – 36

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 Thursday (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
Parish Breakfast – 2nd Sunday (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 the
Ukrainian People requested by
St. Elizabeth Parishioners.

The Bells will ring this week in
memory of **Howard Sweeney** requested
by *Maria Sweeney.*



MASS INTENTIONS



Please pray for those who have died, especially
Laurie Hohl who passed away this month.
May her 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



PASTOR'S CORNER

In the Gospel we hear how Peter, James and John are on the mountain with Jesus. They witness the Lord's physical transformation, his transfiguration. Jesus' new appearance mesmerizes the apostles. The story of the Transfiguration tells us what happened to Jesus, but a more important question is: What happened to those three apostles? We know they were amazed, but were they changed in some permanent way by a vision? Certainly, the experience changes their vision of Jesus forever: He would always be seen in another light. Not only did they see the Lord's transfigured body, but they heard a voice from heaven say, 'This is my chosen Son, listen to him.' Jesus was transfigured, but his temporary physical transformation produced a permanent change of heart for the Apostles.

In a similar way our encounters with God must transform our lives. By keeping our perspective of who we are and where we want to go, our encounters with God can be transformative. In our busy world that demands more and more of our time and energy on a daily basis, we are tempted to cast aside our faith to place God somewhere further down the priority list. If God is not always first in one's priorities, we will probably miss that call or encounter and the opportunity it brings.

Since Lent is our time to focus on transformation, now is a good time to ask: What transformation do I need? Some of our opinions and attitudes, even though we know them to be wrong, are difficult to change; they need the transformative power of the Lord. Most of us have some common faults into which we often fall. We need to work diligently to transform our actions and words into something more Christlike. Others still need a transformation in faith - to a complete and utter trust in God and not the things of the world.

The transformation that we need in our life is more than mere external ones that last for a period of time. Let us seek to be permanently transformed on the inside to a new and deeper understanding of our role in God's loving plan of salvation. May all the opportunities that we have to encounter God, through people and events, be transformative for us so that we may live more rightly today and be brought to eternal life tomorrow.

God bless you
Fr. Stan

PARISH NEWS

THINGS TO PONDER

Giving alms to the poor is a witness to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God. There are so many opportunities to address human need and to help relieve suffering in our own neighborhood and throughout the world. The food pantry and soup kitchen could certainly make prudent use of product and of funding.

The global initiatives of Catholic Relief Services are responsive to particular needs of many around the world. Most recently, we have participated in a relief drive for the Ukrainian people. That acute need is not likely to conclude quickly. An ongoing focus is for relief for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Always, at this time of the year, participation in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl is an important participation in feeding our brothers and sisters all over. It is with particular pride we recall that this program had its origin in our diocese in one of our parishes.

Jesus says "you will always have the poor among you." Should we despair? Rather, be reminded "I will be with you always" "when I was hungry, you fed me, naked you clothed me" When we respond to need, we respond to the Lord.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!



2nd Last one for this Season! Don't miss out!

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 13 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 adult and \$5 child, children under 3 yrs are free. **Treat your favorite leprechaun!** Thanks to our sponsors: Mary Martin, Geraldine Strohl & an Anonymous Donor.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The children of St. Elizabeth Parish, Pre-K through 8th grade, will be collecting donations for Operation Rice Bowl in small donation boxes. **Return boxes by Mon,**

April 4. Donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help fund their efforts of bringing food and drink to our hungry world. **When you give to Rice Bowl: 25%** of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in your own community. **75%** of your donations support CRS's humanitarian relief programs in 100 countries worldwide.

(\$10 provides 2 weeks of food) www.crsricebowl.org/about/



Sunday March 13: Lent and Pretzels & Mini-Lenten Reflection/Retreat @ YM room, 6 – 8 p.m.

Lent is a time to reflect and let go of worldly attachments that keep us from growing closer to God. What's the connection between Lent and pretzels? We will make pretzels and have our usual small group discussions.



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.

ST. ELIZABETH MUSIC MINISTRY NUTROLL SALE

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry will sell Apple, Apricot, Coconut Cream, Lekvar, Nut, Poppysseed, 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY – IRISH FLOWERS

Our Youth Ministry will be selling lovely daffodils and shamrocks at the March 13 breakfast. We are certain you will be delighted with these brilliant flowers in time for St. Patty's Day! Thank you for supporting our Parish Youth Ministry.



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 3rd. 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. 610-266-0695 ext. 100

YOUTH MINISTRY – MARCH MADNESS

Come and join our ministers: Tina and Alissa at our next Youth Ministry event on **Sunday, March 27, in the parish hall. Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Direct any questions to
dirreled@sercc.org

or 610-266-0695 ext. 208, Mrs. Spieker.

We are geared-up for our own
March Madness Competitions

along with prayer, drinks and prizes!

Join us for some fun, food and fellowship!

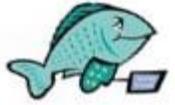
Come and BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!



LENTEN FISH DINNER

Friday, April 1, 2022

Our annual Lenten Fish Dinner is right around the corner! Order forms are available on-line at the parish web site or at the parish office. Return forms and payment to St. Elizabeth Parish office by March 28. The menu includes Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Coleslaw & Roll. Macaroni & Cheese is available for \$3 per container. Cost is \$13 per meal. Dinners are served between 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm. Take out is available. For more information, contact Joanny at jglover@ptd.net or 610-349-7791.



EASTER FLOWER SALE

We will be having an Easter flower sale again to benefit our Youth Ministry Programs. All plants are priced at \$4 per plant. Pre-ordered plants can be picked up 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. *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!*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On Sunday, March 6 we formally sent our catechumen's Patrick & Josephine Savagaji to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral to



have their names written in the Book of the Elect. This weekend we invite our candidates: Rebecca Mann, Robert Mwangi and Trizzah Savagaji to the Call to Continuing Conversion to the Catholic Faith. We ask the people of our parish to continue to pray for them as they journey to the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to our Catechumen and Candidates!

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Free Community Meals

The next scheduled meal will be:

Tuesday, March 15 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth

Open to the public; a free meal will be served.

SAINT ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

At the close of Catholic Schools Week last month, our school and parish community together raised \$9,430.00 with our Money Raffle, Spaghetti Dinner, and Student Dress Down Tickets Sale. Our school and PREP students also donated boxes and boxes of cans to the local soup kitchen.

Staff and students paid to dress down last month and donated \$200 to Mary's Shelter.

Save the Dates for our Night at the Races, Saturday, April 23rd. We are excited to be planning the reprise of this super fun night out! Get your family and friends together! Thank you to our Annual Appeal Donors for your generosity and support. Please consider a monetary donation to this appeal if you can.

\$200+

Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly Jr.

\$100+

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Kocher	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kocher
Mrs. Marianne Hoffman	Herschman & Associates
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Frankl	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dolin
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Potylycki	Dr. Alan Stangl

\$50+

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Evans	Mr. & Mrs. David Gola
FaulknerCiocca Holding Co	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Fogel

A special thank you to our Angel of the Lord Sponsors for this year: Mr. & Mrs. William Krause and Mrs. Marie DalMaso. You have made tuition possible for several of our school families. Thank you

BASKET SOCIAL – ONLY SEVEN MONTHS AWAY!



Are you finding those great Winter & St. Patty's Day 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!

VOICES WANTED

St. E's Music Ministry is looking for additional voices this Holy Week and Easter. If you or someone you know likes to sing and is curious about choir, come join us for a few weeks and sing with us for a season! If you're interested, email music director Patrick Oswald at patoswald96@yahoo.com or visit us in the choir loft after any weekend mass.

OUR COMMUNITY



St. Francis Center for Renewal Programs

- Prayer Through Movement - Thursday, March 17: from 6 - 7 pm
- Stations of the Cross (with optional Adoration afterwards) - Friday, March 18 from 3:30 – 4 pm

Cay Galgon Life House

Baby Bottle Campaign - 2022

St. Elizabeth's will be joining other parishes in our Diocese once again by participating in the Cay Galgon - Life House (Mary's Shelter) Baby Bottle Campaign during Lent. This is an easy fund-raiser that the whole family can get involved with. Starting the weekend of March 5 - 6, baby bottles will be at the exits of the church. Please take a bottle or two home with you, place it somewhere visible in your home, then fill it with your spare, loose change. It's as simple as that! Once your bottle or bottles are filled, return them to the vestibule of the church or the parish office. **Our parish campaign will run through Palm Sunday, April 10.** Thank you for your kind generosity and participation during this important Lenten outreach.



Bingo

Hosting one more Sunday bingos this spring. New location: St. Peter Church, 4 South 5th St, Coplay April 10th. Doors open at 1 pm. Calling starts at 2 pm. \$15 entry fee buys you 2 bingo boards with four games. Each additional board is \$1 and a pack of 5 specials are \$5. Bingo chips and dabbers are available for purchase. Masks are optional. Food is also available for purchase. Questions Contact Liz Rodgers 484-274-6687.

Lenten Fish Dinner

Drive Thru Pick up only

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall

924 N. Front St, Allentown on Friday March 18th,

4:00 – 6:30 pm. Only \$13 per meal. Baked Haddock Fillet, roasted potatoes, green beans, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce, dessert. Tickets can be purchased by calling 610-432-0034 during business hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am - 2 pm, Friday 9-Noon). Deadline for ticket purchase March 13. **NO SALES AT THE DOOR.**



Saint Elizabeth Music Ministry

Easter Nut Roll Sale Order Form



\$17 each

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry is selling

Apple, Apricot, Coconut Cream, Lekvar, Nut,
Poppyseed, Pumpkin Cheese and Raspberry Rolls from
Country Cottage Bake Shop Tamaqua, PA

Easter Nut Roll Sale

Cost: \$17 each

All freeze very well!

Orders due: Monday, March 28

Payment must accompany your order; checks payable
to "St. Elizabeth Music Ministry".

Just clip the entire order form on the right side of
this sheet, put it in an envelope with your payment
and place it in the collection basket at church,
(please mark the envelope "Nutroll Order");
you can also turn the orders in at the rectory
or mail them to:

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry
Attn: Joan Glover
618 Fullerton Avenue
Whitehall PA 18052

Keep this side as a reminder of your
pick-up date and time.

Saturday April 9
9 - 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

435 Pershing Boulevard * Whitehall, PA 18052

If you have any questions,
please call 610-349-7791

Thank you!

Saint Elizabeth Music Ministry



Orders due: March 28th

Pick up Date:

Saturday April 9th

from 9 - 11:30 am - Parish Hall

Name _____

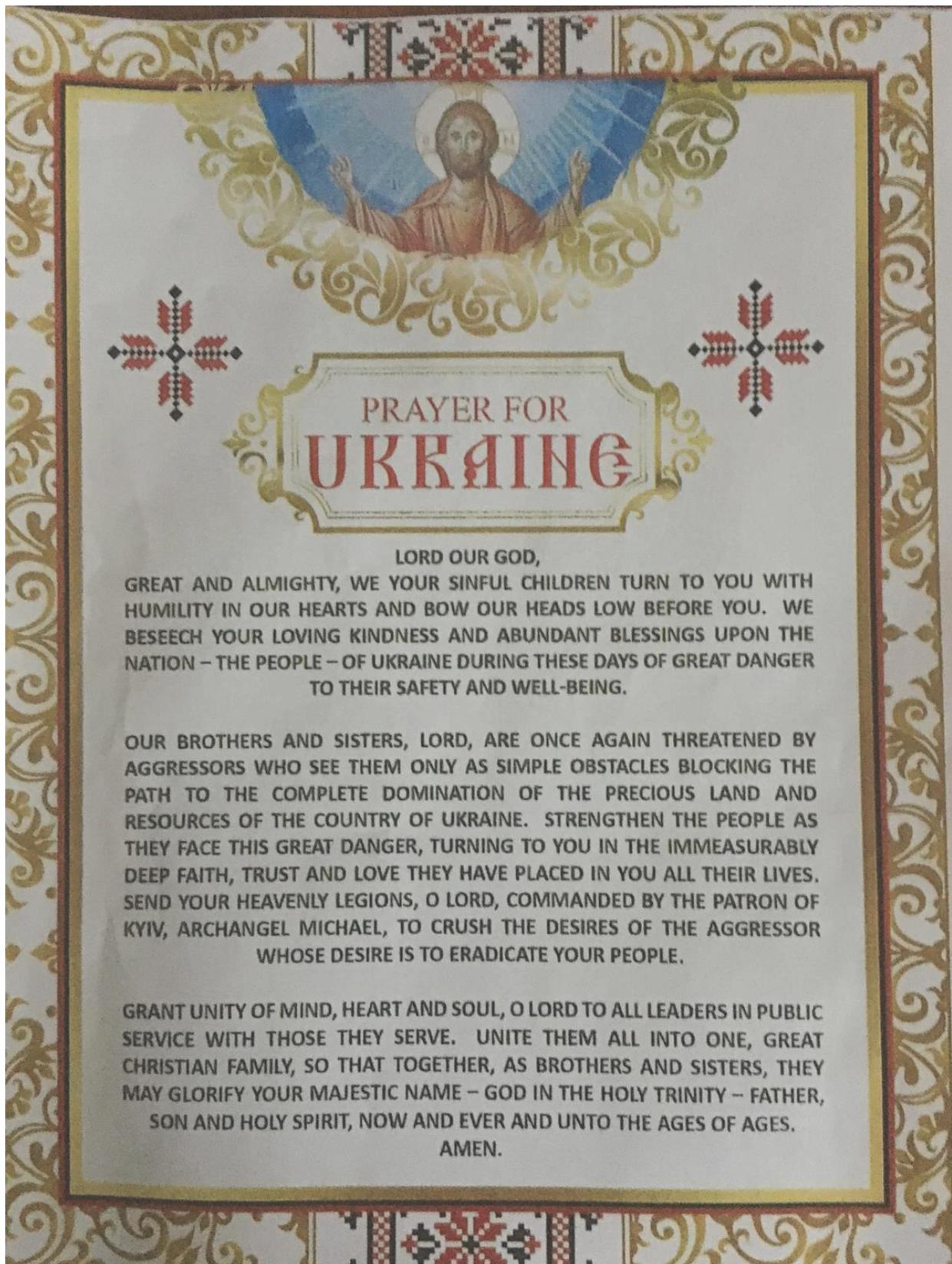
Phone _____

Email _____

<u>Flavor</u>	<u>How Many</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apple	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Apricot	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Coconut Cream	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Lekvar (Prune)	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Nut	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Poppyseed	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Pumpkin Cheese	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Seedless Raspberry	_____ x \$17 =	_____
Total # of Rolls	_____ x \$17	_____

Thank You!

Payment must accompany your order
Checks made payable to St. Elizabeth Music Ministry



The Diocese of Allentown has requested a second collection to aid the people of the Ukraine be taken this weekend. All proceeds will be sent through Catholic Charities to meet the humanitarian needs of the Ukrainian people.