

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	MARCH 7
9:00 AM	Gerald Kratzer
TUESDAY	MARCH 8
9:00 AM	Jack & Jim Schuster
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 9
9:00 AM	Robert Yost
THURSDAY	MARCH 10
7:00 PM	Mary Emma Mascari
FRIDAY	MARCH 11
9:00 AM	Ruthann Rittle
7:00 PM	Stations
SATURDAY	MARCH 12
4:30 PM	Rita Pudleiner
SUNDAY	MARCH 13
8:00 AM	Margaret Bonenberger
10:00 AM	Siblings of the Millan Family

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

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Phyllis Laky	Lori Hohl
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 7 pm.

READINGS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 26: 4 – 10
Responsorial Psalm:	91
Second Reading:	Romans 10: 8 – 13
Gospel:	Luke 4: 1 – 13

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
Colette Semler requested by
Cindy and John Keglovits.

MASS INTENTIONS



Please pray for those who have died, especially **Agnes Kohler** 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

Today, we see Jesus alone in the desert being tempted by the devil. The devil poses a few interesting scenarios to Jesus, ones that test him and tempt him at the same time. And in each scenario Jesus is somehow able to resist and stay faithful to his Father in all things. Jesus is not willing to give in to what many of us so often give in to - the need for power or prestige or glory or a chance to 'show off'. Rather, Jesus came simply to serve and to save - and the devil's temptations and 'promises' had absolutely nothing to do with any of that.

You might feel that the Jesus had it 'easier' than we have it, in that He is God, and we are not. 'It couldn't have been the same for him', we might think to ourselves. The truth is, to do that would be, in a sense, to deny the Incarnation, to deny that Jesus did indeed become one of us. He is God - that much is absolutely true - but He also entered this world by humbly taking on a human nature, and therefore was tempted just like you and me. Yet somehow - in ways we cannot fully understand - Jesus was able to stay on the right path - even when taking a different path would seem better for him.

We're just beginning Lent, our own 40 days in the desert. And during this holy time we will take a deep look within, examine the ways we have been faithful and the ways we haven't; examine the ways we have stayed on the path and the ways we have strayed; examine the ways we have met the needs of others and the ways we have placed our own needs above those of others; examine the ways we have loved and the ways we have chosen to do something else. And that's not easy. Looking honestly at our faults and failings can be a very painful thing.

The key word there is 'honestly'. It seems clear that one of the temptations we will face in this desert during these 40 days is the temptation to deflect the blame for our failures, rationalize the bad choices we have made, fail to accept our role and our culpability in the making of a world that is not a true reflection of what God created it to be. After all, the devil made me do it! Right?

I think we know the answer. Now, that doesn't mean that everything we do wrong we are completely guilty of in the eyes of God. Sometimes we are simply not as free as we might assume. There are all sorts of things that can mitigate our responsibility in a particular act. Sometimes we act out of tremendous fear. Sometimes we act under the power of pain or compelling effects of an illness - such as when we find ourselves in the grip of a serious addiction. Sometimes we are just plain ignorant (*for a lack of a better word*) - really not completely sure what is the right thing to do in a given situation.

But my gut feeling tells me that in most cases, the wrong we do, the immoral or harmful choices we make, are on us - on you and on me. And Lent is the perfect time to take a hard look at those very things, take a long, hard, honest look at our sins (*a scarce word in the modern world*) - no matter how difficult that may be. And we do so not as an end in itself - but so that we can be better, so that we can be much more, so that we can be the beautiful, loving, kind, generous people God wants us to be (*and knows that we can be*). That is what Lent is really all about.

God bless you

Fr. Stan

PARISH NEWS

THINGS TO PONDER

Blessed are the peacemakers ... for they will be called children of God. Aggressors, acting like children, will be called ... children. To be a peacemaker is a higher calling. It can be quite a difficult challenge. Capitulation, when one relinquishes all interests and desires, rarely yields true peace, only, for a time, an absence of conflict. Compromise is only slightly more rewarding in that suppression of resentment which may soon revisit or resurface. Cooperation is when a true win-win can arise for mutual benefit and sustainable peace.

True peace is found in Jesus ... being in right relationship with God and one another also with oneself. Peace is far easier to maintain than to initiate. We should turn to the Lord for a true sense of repentance ... to pray for healing for ourselves, our families, our communities, our nation and the world.

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 \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/child, children 3 years and under are free. ***Treat your favorite leprechaun!*** Many thanks to our sponsors: **Mary Martin, Geraldine Strohl & an Anonymous Donor.**



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Children's Donation Boxes

The children of St. Elizabeth Parish will be asked once again to collect donations for Operation Rice Bowl. Our children in Pre-K through 8th grade will be given small donation boxes the first week of March. **Please return all boxes by Monday, April 4.** All donations will be sent directly 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 a family with 2 weeks of food)

<http://www.crsricebowl.org/about/>

We thank you for supporting this important ministry.

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, 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.

EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER



Youth Ministry will once again be selling delicious **Gertrude Hawk** Easter candy. All orders are due by Monday, March 7th, 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 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!**

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.



COOKS WITH COLLARS UPDATE

St. Elizabeth earned \$3,030 toward Fr. Stan’s “Crispy Haluski” recipe. Thank you to all who helped!

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.

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



GIRL SCOUTS

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 5th and March 6th!

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.

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.

OUR COMMUNITY



St. Francis Center for Renewal Programs

- Praying with the Psalms - Tuesday, March 8 from: 10 to 11 am
- Prayer Through Movement - Thursday, March 10: from 6 - 7 pm
- Stations of the Cross (with optional Adoration afterwards) - Friday, March 11 from 3:30 to 4 pm
- The Franciscan Gospel Values for Daily Living weekend retreat - Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13
- 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

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 14th. 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.

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.

Saturday March 12th Helper's Pilgrimage

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants 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 and continues with the Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 S Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: 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.

Grab n' Go Fish Dinners

All Fridays during Lent, 4 – 6 pm. Lenten dinners will be available by pre-order by the Monday prior. Fish dinners are \$12 and include sides. Call 610-867-9382 #3 to order
 March 11th – Breaded Haddock
 March 18th – Tavern Battered Cod
 March 25th – Stuffed Flounder / Eye Round of Beef (\$15)
 Holy Ghost Parish – 417 Carlton Ave, Bethlehem 18015

4th Annual Business Leaders Breakfast



You're Invited to Breakfast!

MAY 6, 2022, 7-9 AM at DeSales University



Join us for our Fourth Annual Business Leaders Breakfast! Each year, leaders in the community gather together to support the mission of the Lehigh Valley's first - AND ONLY - recovery high school, get an update on its progress, hear from one of the outstanding business leaders in our community, network with one another, and learn about ways in which the community can help students on their recovery journey. You'll hear from **Ashley Russo**, president of ASR Media Productions, a three-time Emmy® award-winning executive producer and host of **The PEAK TV** and **St. Luke's HealthNow**. A twenty-year media veteran, Ashley graduated from **New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute**. She is also the creator and host of a weekly podcast, **Unscripted with Russo**.

ADMISSION IS FREE
Register Today!

www.kolbe-academy.org/support/bib

Registration begins March 6

Network, learn, grow and support Kolbe Academy!

Bingo

We are hosting two more Sunday bingos this spring. New location: St. Peter Church, 4 South 5th St, Coplay March 13th and 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.



Easter Flower Sale

All plants are priced at \$4.00 per plant and grown at Garden City in Catasauqua. All pre-ordered plants can be picked up either Friday, April 8, from noon until 3:00 PM at the parish office or on Palm Sunday, April 10 in the parish hall between 8:30 – 11:30. For School families please indicate below if you want the plant sent home with your student.

The size of these plants makes them a perfect gift for shut-ins, office staff and neighbors. Drop off orders at the parish or school office or in the collection basket at Mass. All Proceeds benefit our Youth Ministries!



Deadline for ordering: Monday, March 21, 2022 (include payment)

Name _____

Phone _____

All plants are \$4.00 each

Please indicate the number for each color or kind ordered.

Hyacinth

White _____

Pink _____

Purple _____

Mini Daffodils _____

Tulips

Red _____

Pink _____

Purple _____

Yellow _____

Orange _____

Please indicate the number for each color ordered

Total number of plants ordered: _____

Total cost due: \$ _____

Date you will pick up pre-ordered plants:

Friday, April 8th _____

Parish Office: 12 noon – 3:00 PM

Palm Sunday, April 10th _____

Parish Hall from 8:30 – 11:30 AM

If being sent home with a student on Friday, please write name and grade.

Grade _____

Payment should be included with your order. Make checks payable to Saint Elizabeth Parish.

Order deadline Monday, March 21, 2022

Please return forms to Mary Spieker at St. Elizabeth Rectory.

Payment enclosed Check _____

Cash _____





Friday, April 1, 2022

\$13.00 each

*Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Roll
Macaroni & Cheese available for \$3 per container*

*Dinner served between 4:00 and 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
435 Pershing Blvd. ✧ Whitehall, PA
TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE.*

*Please fill out the information below and return along with your payment to:
Saint Elizabeth Church * 618 Fullerton Avenue * Whitehall, PA 18052
Mark the envelope "Fish Dinner"*

For more information, please call 610-349-7791 or email jglover@ptd.net

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Lenten Fish Dinner - Return by March 28th

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'd like _____ Fish Dinners @ \$13 each \$ _____

_____ Mac & Cheese @ \$3 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____

I'd like to help with costs Here's an additional \$ _____