

## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 25</b>
9:00 AM	Michael Kahr
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 26</b>
9:00 AM	Helen Ernst
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 27</b>
9:00 AM	Oskar Pohl
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b>
7:00 PM	Bill Speicher
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b>
9:00 AM	Joseph Macaluso
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b>
4:30 PM	Angelina Pecelli
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>
8:00 AM	Dolores Hafner
10:00 AM	John Potylycki Sr. People of the Parish

ADORATION will continue to be in the Chapel one hour before each daily Mass.

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Anne Speicher	Michelle Evans
Kirsten Bickert	Marie DalMaso
Jennifer Berger	Robert Nedzel
Dorothy Folajtar	Timothy O'Neill
Melissa Kropf	Anne Baran
Phyllis Laky	Carlos DosSantos
David Perenyi	Jim Susko
Casey Ann Perry	

\*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. A priority seating chart is available; please ask an usher for seating options.

Please visit us at: [sercc.org](http://sercc.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-Catholic-Church-119061511442084>

Call our parish office at 610-266-0695  
Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 399 for the emergency mailbox.

## READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:	Acts 5: 12 – 16
Responsorial Psalm:	118
Second Reading:	Revelation 1: 9 – 19
Gospel:	John 20: 19 – 31

### 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> Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR\*  
**Parish Breakfast** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun (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  
**Anne C. Redmond** requested by  
*her children.*



The Bells will ring this week for  
**Kenneth S. Snyder**  
 requested by *Irene Snyder.*

## MASS INTENTIONS



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

## OFFERTORY GIFTS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

The Offertory Gift sign-up binder is back. Next to the Holy Water reservoir is a small table with the sign-up sheets for volunteers to take up the Gifts at the Offertory during Mass. Please enter the date and Mass time you want to bring the gifts up. IF it is a Holy Day, there are special sheets in the back of the binder to be placed in the binder for the appropriate date.

## INTENTION BOOK

In the Narthex there is a binder for writing prayer intentions, petitions and prayer requests. Intentions written here are prayed for by the entire parish. Please list your intentions here so we can pray with you.

## LOST AND FOUND

The weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> we will place all lost and found items from the last year in the main church foyer. Please claim your items. Items left after the 24<sup>th</sup> will be discarded.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

In the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter occurred on April 30<sup>th</sup>. On that day, the Holy Father, St. John Paul II, canonized Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was only 33 years old when she died in 1938. She spent most of her life in convents in Poland. Yet her life has made an impact upon the world. In 1931 she had a vision of Jesus as the King of Divine Mercy, wearing a white gown and having white and red rays flowing from His side. She was told to paint this picture and under it put the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." She was to be an apostle of the Mercy of God, letting the world know about the compassion of the Lord.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy personified." Saint John Paul II said that this was a needed message for the people who had witnessed the sufferings of millions during the last century.

St. John Paul II concluded the canonization homily by saying, 'And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you!'

God bless you. Fr. Stan



## PARISH NEWS

## THINGS TO PONDER

The Church has placed a special emphasis on Mercy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Pope Francis announced a Holy Year of Mercy (Dec. 2015 - Nov. 2016) to "offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness" and wrote "The Church of Mercy: A Vision for the Church." Benedict XVI and John Paul II shared this vision by instituting the Feast of Mercy, canonizing the 'Apostle of Mercy,' Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska and writing the encyclicals "Rich in Mercy" and "God is Love." Truly, the Church is calling upon the faithful to reflect upon this holy concept.

Some practical options to integrate a devotion to Divine Mercy include prayer of the Divine Mercy chaplet, novena, or hour of mercy as well as going to Mass, Adoration, or receiving the Eucharist. Also, the faithful could act on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy or integrate the "ABC's of Mercy": **A**sk for mercy, **B**e merciful, and **C**ompletely trust in Jesus. In doing so, we manifest our Lord's grace to our brothers and sisters who, like Thomas, may need to see favor to believe it.

*The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*  
(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father..., Hail Mary...,  
The Apostles' Creed.

Then, on the "Our Father Beads"  
you will say the following words:  
Eternal Father, I offer You  
the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity  
of Your dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for  
our sins and those of the whole world.

On the "Hail Mary Beads"  
you will say the following words:  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion  
have mercy on us and on the whole  
world.

In conclusion Three Times you will recite these words:  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy  
Immortal One, have mercy on us and  
on the whole world.

## WELCOME

Congratulations to our RCIA catechumen and candidates who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass. We wholeheartedly welcome you and your family into our Catholic faith and family. May the hope of Easter joy sustain you in your journey of faith. GOD BLESS YOU!



- Patrick **Thomas** Savagaji (St. Thomas Aquinas)
- Josephine **Teresa** Savagaji (St. Teresa of Calcutta)
- Trizzah **Teresa** Savagaji (St. Teresa of Avila)
- Rebecca **Elizabeth Ann** Mann (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

**Romans 15:13**

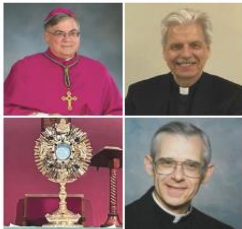
**BASKET SOCIAL – ONLY SIX MONTHS AWAY!**



Are you finding those great Winter & Spring-cleaning bargains? **DON'T PASS THEM UP!** You can start collecting items now for our 13<sup>th</sup> 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!



*"Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission." ~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*



**HEALING MASS**  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

All are invited to join us for this special Mass at St. Elizabeth Church, Whitehall for healing of physical, spiritual, mental, or emotional illness. All attendees will have time for adoration, confessions, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. All ages welcome.

6:00 - 6:45 PM / Adoration  
6:15 - 6:45 PM / Confessions  
7:00 - 8:00 PM / Mass with Bishop Alfred A. Schlert

Mass will be concelebrated by Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski and Rev. Msgr. Walter Scheaffer

Questions?  
Contact Pam Russo at prusso@allentowndiocese.org.

**LOCATION:**  
St. Elizabeth Church  
618 Fullerton Avenue  
Whitehall, PA 18052

**2022 PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS**



Only seven weeks till the Parish Festival – June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars! Did someone mention festival games? **YES!** There will be lots of fun games for kids of all ages. Try your hand at the candy wheel, inflatable obstacle course and face painting, Go Fish, football toss and more! Hey kids! On Friday we'll have the Balloon Guy here to make your favorite creations! On Saturday the balloon man returns as well as the Magician. Fun for kids and adults alike! You and your friends will **LOVE IT!**



**ST. ELIZABETH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 20 – 24 Join us this June where we will “CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATNESS!”

Sometimes our kids struggle with feelings of sadness and uncertainty. **Monumental** points kids' 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 are available 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.



**A PARISH MINISTRY FOR OUR CHILDREN**



CLOW will begin once again on Sundays at the 10:00 AM Mass and continues until June. Our little children ages 3 – 8 are called up to listen and talk about the Word of God in the Chapel during the first part of the Mass. Have you thought of volunteering as an instructor for our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program during the 10 AM Mass on Sundays? You would only be asked to instruct a few times a year. Please contact Mary Spieker for more information at dirreled@sercc.org or call 610-266-0695. Completed clearances are needed.



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| 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         |

OUR COMMUNITY



The following are at St. Francis Center:

**WALKING WITH FRANCIS:**

**A Guided Journey Through Our Grounds**

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Saturday, April 30

Come follow in the footsteps of Saint Francis with a guided meditative walk through the grounds of St. Francis Center for Renewal. Escape the daily hassle, turn off your cell phone, take in the beautiful sights, and breathe in the fresh air of our woods. Enjoy some light refreshments and conversation afterwards. A great way to renew your body, mind and soul.

**Registration Details**

Registration is \$30 per person. Space is limited. Please wear comfortable clothing, a hat and sneakers. Call 610-867-8890, scan the QR code, or visit <https://www.stfrancisctr.org/upcoming-events/walking-with-francis>

**Explore the Gift of Music with Father Anthony Mongiello**

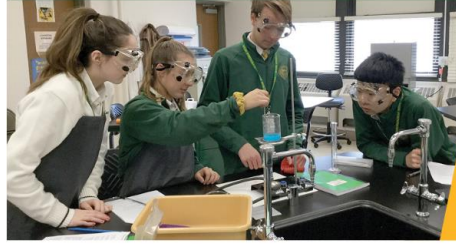
6:45 to 9 p.m. | Thursday, April 28

This twilight retreat will provide an opportunity to explore how music can nourish our spirits, giving hope and joy even when they seem distant and unattainable. Be prepared to open your ears and raise your voice! Light refreshments will be served.

Call 610-867-8890

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Bonanza Bingo 2022!

Sunday May 15, 2022

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall  
924 N. Front St Allentown

\$15 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7,  
Roll the dice double special!

Doors and Kitchen Open at noon. Bingo begins at 1 pm.  
Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS  
Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

St. John's Spring Flowers Oldies Dance

Saturday May 7, 2022

Featuring CHASBAND

\$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open  
Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30  
Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Volunteers Needed for Community Garden

The Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative is in search of gardeners who would enjoy adopting a raised garden bed in the WCHI GARDEN located at 3540 Ruch St. All harvested produce will be given to our WCHI Programs. Interested volunteers should register at <https://tinyurl.com/WCHIvolunteer>



**Let's Celebrate Spring!**

**Ladies' Tea Time**

1 to 3 p.m.  
Sunday, May 15

It's spring time — a time of renewal and the perfect time to gather together after the dark, cold winter months. Join the women of St. Francis Center for Renewal for warm tea, delicious pastries, prayer, silent reflection, and engaging conversation as we celebrate the beauty of the spring season.

**How to Register**

Registration is \$15 per person, and space is limited. Call 610-867-8890, scan the QR code, or visit <https://www.stfrancisctr.org/upcoming-events/ladies-tea-time>

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