

## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 16</b>
9:00 AM	Anna Tauber
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
9:00 AM	Oskar Pohl
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>
9:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Oswald Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>
7:00 PM	Barbara Knerr
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>
9:00 AM	Helen Ernst
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>
4:30 PM	Catherine Kucharik
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>
8:00 AM	John D. Rubino
	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Marie Shober
ADORATION will continue to be in the Chapel one hour before each daily Mass.	

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carlos DosSantos	Jordan Kish
Dorothy Folajtar	Laurie Bus
Melissa Kropf	Rita Kline
Anne Speicher	Kirsten Bickert
Robert Nedzel	Marie DalMaso
Jennifer Berger	Timothy O'Neill

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

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



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

## READINGS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:	Acts 14: 21 – 27
Responsorial Psalm:	145
Second Reading:	Revelation 21: 1 – 5a
Gospel:	John 13: 31 – 35

## 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\*  
**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  
**Catherine Kucharik** requested by  
*Nancy Kucharik.*



The Bells will ring this week for  
**Catherine Kucharik** requested  
 by *Nancy Kucharik.*



## MASS INTENTIONS



Please pray for **Michelle Evans** and **Michael Ruvolis** who have died. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## MARRIAGE BANNS

I - Austin Boccardi  
 and  
 Shannon Walsh



## SING FOR AMERICA.

The only major Catholic musical theatre production company in PA. It was founded to raise money for military families of the Lehigh Valley. The mission is to spread Light and Truth through entertainment. They will be coming to St. Elizabeth School to put on a production of "The Lion King" with your amazing students! All students are welcome to participate. Tickets go on sale May 16<sup>th</sup> for the public performances which are May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 and 7 pm. Come support your school and the arts! To purchase tickets, go to [www.singforamerica.com](http://www.singforamerica.com)

PASTOR'S CORNER

A natural extension of the commands of Jesus to love is to forgive. First, we need to acknowledge our sin and then allow the grace of the Spirit to transform us in the process of forgiveness. In the core of our soul there is a peace and tranquility that abides there. But too often it is overshadowed by the murkiness of sin. We want to conceal the sin, not let it out, not reveal our vulnerability. The secular view of sorrow is weakness, but it isn't. When sorrow meets forgiveness head on, there is a fire that is ignited. The fire of God's peace and love. In seeking healthy forgiveness there is a humiliation that can be very profound when acknowledging sin. But this humiliation does not degrade or crush, it lifts the spirit up. It allows that peace and tranquility and goodness and truth in the depths of our soul, to be uncovered and then shine through.

We may come to the realization that I am not as good as I make myself up to be, but I am much more loved by God than I could ever imagine. This scenario applies to our seeking forgiveness from God and others as well as to love and forgive as Jesus.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta had these words on growing in Christ-like love.

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

God bless you, Fr. Stan.

"YOUR TRUE CHARACTER IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY HOW YOU TREAT THOSE WHO CAN DO 'NOTHING' FOR YOU.

- MOTHER TERESA



SAVE THE DATE



Our Pastor, Fr. Stan, will celebrate his twentieth year as a Priest in the Diocese of Allentown. We will have light refreshments after Masses the weekend of May 28 – 29. Please stop by to speak with Father and offer your congratulations.

PARISH NEWS

THINGS TO PONDER

Have you seen on altar cloths, on priests' vestments, sometimes embossed on altar breads, on church banners and in other places the monogram "IHS"? Have you considered the meaning and significance of this imprint? On Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> the Church honors Saint Bernardine of Siena. He was a Franciscan priest who travelled extensively throughout Italy. He had great devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. This "IHS" featured so prominently in so many places is an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus. Saint Bernardine made extensive use of this monogram.

Bernardine was a zealous reformer and an eloquent preacher. His intercession is invoked against hoarseness, and he is patron of advertising and advertising ... after all ... that is a pretty respectable logo!

FRIENDLY VISITOR THANK YOU

A big Thank you to all the following who volunteered to organize and deliver Easter Gifts to our shut-ins:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Rose Balliet            | Elaine Richmond |
| Janet Berge             | Dolores Rubino  |
| Eugene Christman        | Susan Speicher  |
| Joanny Glover           | Rudy Savelli    |
| David Gola              | Nancy Svitana   |
| Mary Ann & Bob Kulhamer | Carol Vasquez   |

Thank you also to Mary Spieker, St. Elizabeth's office staff, and our St. Elizabeth prep and school students for the beautiful cards. A total of 36 gifts were delivered to our shut-ins.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



Thank you to the many families from our parish who participated in the flower sale of the lovely roses and carnations after the Masses over Mother's Day weekend. We collected \$505. All donations are sent to PHL (Pennsylvanians for Human Life) to support the cause to protect and defend all life. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our flower sellers: Tracy, Ava and Abby Kneller, Mary Ann Lake, Lois Sobchack and the Tran Family.

2022 PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

Festival Friends – any amount helps defray costs. There are so many little things needed for our festival to be a success. Printing and mailing costs, advertising, all of the food & beverages, dinner specials, the Bands, kids' games to include the magician and "balloon guy". Can you spare \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to help pay for some of the items we need to make this festival a success?



### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE GRATITUDE

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who assisted in any way for the Mass of Remembrance held at St. Elizabeth on April 20. It was a beautiful tribute to honor our loved ones who have passed on. Thank you to our parish bereavement volunteers who assisted in church and with the beautiful flowers: Joanie Benthien, Nancy Hendrickson, Annie Kern, Diane Minetola-Johnson, Marie Signarovitz & Mary Spieker. We are grateful for the delicious display of refreshments: Deb Schuster, Charlotte Bryk, Ann Grim, Kasie Storm & Carol Vasquez. Last, but never least, we are so grateful for our amazing St. Elizabeth Choir directed by Patrick Oswald. The flowers, refreshments and music helped to heal our hearts.



### MONEY TIGHT?

**Want to help the church/school but your wallet doesn't allow it?**

St. Elizabeth has a program that is designed to use your grocery, vacation and gift giving monies that will not cut into your expenses. How? Read on...

Stores allow non-profits to purchase gift cards at a discount. This discount allows us to have families purchase gift cards at face value and use the discount to benefit the church and school.

You spend what you would have spent anyway and the church/school benefit.

In the parish and school office we sell local grocery store cards such as Giant, Redner and Weis.

Using the online store there are over 750 vendors available for you to do your shopping.

The online store is called RaiseRight.com

Go online and check it out. If you would like to create an account, contact the school or parish office for more details. Every little bit helps.



<https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

OR

Do you shop Amazon? Make your account an AmazonSmile account and Amazon will donate part of your purchase back to the church/school. Just choose **Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church** when they ask you to indicate your charity. (Use the church address if you can't find us on Amazon's charity list – 618 Fullerton Ave)



<https://org.amazon.com/>

### HONORING ALL GRADUATES



Please submit if you have a student who is graduating from high school and/or college. We need the following info for the bulletin:

*Student's name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Grade* \_\_\_\_\_

*School* \_\_\_\_\_

*Honors* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of School of Continuing Education, if applicable.*

The deadline to submit names is June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### BASKET SOCIAL – ONLY FIVE 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!

### OUR COMMUNITY



#### Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 women's facility, where abortions are performed, 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.

#### Life of Rev. Walter Cisek

On Monday, May 23, at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, Fr. Ritz, will present "Abandonment to Divine Providence in the Life of Father Walter Cisek, S.J." Fr. Cisek a Pennsylvania-born Jesuit, who spent 23 years in Russia, much of that time in labor camps and prisons, where he quietly carried on his priestly ministry.

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm; the presentation is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please call 610-258-3053 x34 by May 16 for in-person (\$35) and May 20 for virtual participation (\$20).

Whitehall - Coplay Community Meal

The next community meal will be served at the *Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church* on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Check Facebook for more information.

[www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/](http://www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/)



Community Meal

# St. Mary's Spring Fling



**\$\$\$ Jackpot**

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

SECOND & UNION STREETS, CATASAUQUA

**SUNDAY, MAY 22 @ 1:00 PM**

**BINGO IS BACK and BETTER THAN EVER**

- \$15 for 15 games, 6 Specials AND a Special Jackpot Game
- Doors & Kitchen open at 11:30 (please no outside food or beverages.)
- Seating is First Come - First Serve.
- Bring your daubers 😊 No hardboards.
- Additional game sheets available to purchase.
- Masks Optional (subject to change per CDC Guidelines)



• Bingo License #0058-21

For more information call: 610.264.0332 or email: [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com)

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday  
Bishop Schlert will celebrate 11:30 am. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, wherein he will confirm those adults (18 yrs. or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

Annual Catholic War Veterans Poppy Drive

Members of the CWV Post 454, Northampton will conduct their annual Poppy Drive at all Masses on May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Your donations benefit the hospitalized veterans at the six VA Medical Centers/Assisted Living facilities in PA, along with local CWV sponsored community functions such as poster contests, spelling bees and tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools. We thank you in advance for your generosity and if you are interested in joining the CWV Post 454 call 610-261-2055 for more information.



Bishop Memorial Mass

Bishop Schlert will celebrate Mass on the grounds at Holy Savior cemetery on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 am for Memorial Day. Call 610-866-2372 ext. 3 for inclement weather.



Diocese of Allentown's "Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal" has begun. Funds raised through this appeal are directed to Community Service, Education, Vocations, and Parish Life programs and activities throughout the Diocese. The distribution of dollars, which are held in a Trust that is restricted for these purposes, is monitored by a group of volunteer Trust Advisors who represent parish communities in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

Please be as generous as possible. Gifts may be made by phone 800-831-4443, parish handouts or online [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org)



Earl E. Schaffer Skating Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem

**2022 Sale Days**

May 31	Premiere Night	4pm - 9pm
	(\$10.00 entry fee to shop Premiere Night)	
June 1	Full Price Day	10am - 8pm
June 2	Half-Price	10am - 8pm
June 3	Half-Price	10am - 8pm
June 4	Bag Day	8am - 2pm

**Donation Drop-Off May 6 - 21**

Mon. & Wed.	9am - 7pm
Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat.	9am - 1pm

**We accept and sell clean, new and gently used items:**  
Vintage and Fine Men's, Ladies' and Children's Clothing and Accessories  
Shoes • Lingerie • Jewelry • Toys • Housewares • Antiques  
Small Appliances • Linens • Collectibles • Tools • Sporting Goods

*We do not accept artificial Christmas trees, books, computers, electronics, furniture, hangers, large appliances, luggage, VHS/Cassettes. Due to health and safety concerns, we also do not accept medical, personal use or baby equipment or skis.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

May 6 - June 4

[www.Boutiqueattherink.com](http://www.Boutiqueattherink.com)

610.861.7555

All proceeds donated to Cancer Support Community, St. Luke's Hospice, and St. Luke's Cancer Center