

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	AUGUST 22
9:00 AM	Charles Blum
TUESDAY	AUGUST 23
9:00 AM	Gloria Smith
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 24
9:00 AM	Elizabeth Heitzman
THURSDAY	AUGUST 25
7:00 PM	Helen Ernst
FRIDAY	AUGUST 26
9:00 AM	Anna Vasquez
SATURDAY	AUGUST 27
4:30 PM	Dorothy Folajtar
SUNDAY	AUGUST 28
8:00 AM	Mary Boyle
10:00 AM	Jan Smiertelny

ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jennifer Berger	Veronica Gerbe
Amelia Buchman	Fran Kryzan
Joanne Yankowy	Theresa DeNoia
Casey Ann Perry	Amelia Marie Fisher
Carlos DosSantos	Rose Tauber
Melissa Kropf	Christopher Hood
Phyllis Laky	Jordan Kish
Maryann Kulhamer	Kirsten Bickert
Laurie Bus	Rita Kline
Victoria Gaffney	

*NOTE: Please let the church know 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 seating chart is available for those with health concerns; 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



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READINGS FOR 21ST SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Isaiah 66: 18 – 21
Responsorial Psalm:	117
Second Reading:	Hebrews 12: 5 – 13
Gospel:	Luke 13: 22 – 30

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 (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR*
- Breakfast Cub** – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11:30 am Hall
- Friendly Visitors** – 3rd Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
- Prayer Shawl** – 2nd Wednesday Quarterly 2 pm LMR* call
- 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 **Mazie Glover** requested by the parishioners of St. Elizabeth.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Mazie Glover**, mother of Greg Glover, who passed away this week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the parish office will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Friday.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at principal@sercc.org

SAVE THE DATE

Our Saint Elizabeth Regional School annual golf tournament will be September 24th with a 1:00 pm shotgun start at Whitetail Golf Club!

Get your foursome together and start practicing your swing....

\$100 Per Person includes Scramble Format Golf, Range Balls, Cart Fee, Prizes, On Course Contests, Dinner, and Beverages included. (2 drink tickets for use on course - keg at 1st tee and at dinner)



PASTOR'S CORNER

Why is there so much diversity among Christians? What is the purpose and goal of Christianity? The goal of Christianity is eternal life, but the acquisition of this goal does demand an intense daily effort. Jesus says, 'strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter, but will not be strong enough'. The spiritual life is not an easy endeavor because of our wounded nature, our weakened will and intellect can and will move us in the wrong direction.

We need to be open to God's grace to take control of our thoughts, desires, and actions. The battle of the spiritual life is like walking waste deep in a river against a strong current. If you don't continually keep moving forward and try to grab onto rocks and other anchors to assist you, the current will carry you back in the opposite direction.

The struggle in our culture is even more difficult because in our society, nothing is denied, everything is permissible. Discipline, self-control, and virtue are viewed with distaste, while the decadence of our fallen nature is made attractive. This is why we can so easily fall into the 7 deadly sins, and especially the deadliest of them all, pride.

Not all pride is a deadly sin. When you are proud of something that you have worked hard to achieve; good craftsmanship, powerful artistic performances, the athletes in the Olympics who bring pride to their country after months and years of tireless training. The pride of recognizing the beneficial aspects of using our talents in a healthy and beneficial way.

But pride can rear its ugly head and delude us into believing we are self-sufficient and that we don't need God's help or anyone else's help.

For example: Those who fall into addictions and refuse to recognize their need to depend on a higher power, those who face difficulties in their marriage and are too proud to seek all efforts it takes to make it work; those who feel that they don't need God's forgiveness and refuse to open themselves up to the sacrament of reconciliation.

This type of pride can affect all relationships. Living prideful and self-centered lives brings to us a hell on earth. A prideful ego pushes God aside and causes one to dominate, manipulate and control others. Pride is the root of all sin.

The second reading from Hebrews encourages us to endure our trials as discipline, a discipline which may not seem a cause for joy, but often sacrifice and pain, later it will bring the peaceful fruits of righteousness to those trained by it. There will be hardship along the way, but we have Jesus as our example and leader.

Who will be present with our Lord at the heavenly banquet? The one who stays close to the one who is the narrow gate and the key to the locked door, that is Jesus. When we stay close to Jesus, we also stay close to one another by dying to our selfishness so that others may live life more fully. When we sacrifice our wants to meet other's needs, we begin to understand salvation from God's perspective; we are all in this together.

Will only a few be saved? Not if we stay together on our journey and stay focused on God.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS



Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering **10 weeks** of aerobics on **Tuesday nights** (6:15 – 7:00 PM) from **September 13 to November 17** with **one Wednesday class on Oct. 12** in St. Elizabeth's parish hall.

(Note: No classes on 10/25.)

The cost is only \$25 per person **for the entire 10 weeks: *This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.*** Registration deadline is on September 9 or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org. **Bring a friend!**

BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS



Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

EIGHT WEEKS ON TUESDAYS

Sept. 13 – Nov 1 from 5:30-6:00 pm at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall

(No class on 10/25. One Wednesday make-up class on Oct. 12.)

Registration is required. Only \$15 for all 8 weeks.

Call or e-mail for more information:

Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 - dirreled@sercc.org

This ½ hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility, moves and balance. Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! **Bring a friend!**

OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS TWO MONTHS AWAY!

ST. ELIZABETH'S 13TH BASKET SOCIAL

We are always looking for some new and gently used baskets! Be on the look-out during your travels to and from summer yard sales. If you come across a great summer bargain, just think what a great theme basket it will make! Volunteers are always welcome to help make our social fun and successful. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office – 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Thanks for your tremendous support!

ST. E'S MUSIC MINISTRY CORNER

Q.) How often does the choir sing? I'm considering joining but am wondering about the time commitment.

A.) We sing at 10 am mass & Holy Days of obligation from mid-Sept to mid-June, with rehearsals on Wed nights, 7 - 8:30, and some additional events & rehearsals, such as 40 Hrs. Ideally, to be involved you would commit to all rehearsals & masses, but realistically, commitment differs depending on work life, family life, etc. Have a talk with Patrick (our choir director) and we'll figure out a time that works for you.

Have a music question? Email music director Patrick Oswald: patoswald96@yahoo.com

SAINT ELIZABETH PREP (CCD)

Registration forms for our **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** for children in grades K - 8 have been e-mailed out. Extra forms can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the parish website under "Church – Parish Life – Religious Education – PREP". Please return as soon as possible. *If registration forms are returned by August 31 the registration fee is \$80 per child or \$140 per family (two or more children). Registration forms returned after August 31 will be \$90 per child with no family discount. Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 12 promptly at 6:15 PM. See e-mail for details. **Please make every effort to attend.** Enjoy the rest of your summer break with good health, happiness and holiness!*



RCIA CLASS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

This is a process for welcoming new members into the Catholic Church.

FOR: Adults (18 yrs or older) who are:

- Not Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian faith and interested in learning more about being Catholic.
- Baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Wish to learn more about our Catholic Faith.



WHAT IS THE RCIA?

RCIA is a result of Vatican II, which called for a 'revival of the Adult Catechumenate'. This goes back to the early traditions of the Church where the Apostles welcomed newcomers. RCIA is the way our Catholic communities throughout the world teach the faithful about the Catholic Church.

Note: Four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives or neighbors extend personal invitations. Spread the good news and invite someone!

INTERESTED? in learning more about your own faith. Join the RCIA team as a sponsor!

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS READY TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH, PLEASE HAVE THEM CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT

610-266-0695 ext. 208.

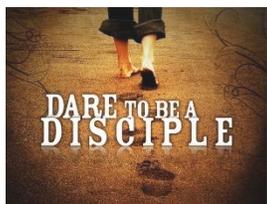
ST. ELIZABETH GREETER MINISTRY



Fr. Stan would like to jumpstart our Greeter Ministry! We have a handful of faithful Greeters who have continued the ministry even through the pandemic, but now we need YOU! Are you thinking about getting more involved at St. Elizabeth's? A great first ministry is the GREETER MINISTRY! Ask any of our greeters! It is a great opportunity for you to meet people and get to know parishioners by name; all the while by being that friendly face welcoming all into our church. Just come a few minutes early and stay a few minutes longer and reap a bounty of blessings and fulfillment! Individuals and families are welcome! Contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 for more information.

We will have a meeting in church after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, August 21. Hope to see you there!

MINISTRIES MEETING



Attention all EOM's and New and Experienced Greeters:

An important Church Meeting to talk and review these ministries at St. Elizabeth's will be held on Sunday, August 21st after the

10:00 AM Mass in church.

Please make every effort to attend. If you cannot make it, but would like to continue or join the ministry, please contact Mary Spieker at your next earliest convenience: dirreled@sercc.org or 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

St. Elizabeth has launched a new platform for online giving. This new link has images for the upcoming envelopes so you can easily choose which programs to donate to, including the regular Sunday collection.

Anyone using the old platform will be sent a letter asking them to convert to the new format.

<https://www.osvhub.com/sercc/giving/funds/sunday-donation>

To see "All Funds" click on the button.

[VIEW ALL FUNDS](#)

OUR COMMUNITY



The Lehigh Valley Men of Malvern, Our Lady of Perpetual Help group, will be holding their annual retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills Retreat House, Malvern, PA From 5:00 pm Friday, August 26th through Sunday August 28th at noon.

If interested call Jim Rieker at 610-435-6439

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

To commemorate the visitation of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland on August 21, 1879, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) invites you to join us in celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Knock, on Saturday, August 20, at the 5 pm Mass at St. Joseph the Worker, 1879 Applewood Dr, Orefield, 18069. We will be accepting non-perishable food donations in the generous spirit of Our Lady of Knock. The AOH/LAOH is open to all Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). Our mission is to embrace friendship, unity, and charity while promoting our heritage through fun and good works and events throughout the year. For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk (LAOH) at lehighvalleyLAOHpres@gmail.com.

St. John's Back to Boogie Oldies Dance

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front St Allentown on Sat. Sept. 3rd.

Featuring CHASBAND

\$5 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open

Dance from 7 – 10 pm – Doors open 6:30

Questions call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Church Picnic

It's back, after 2 years ~ St. John the Baptist RC Church, 3024 S Ruch St. Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 4th from 1 PM to 9 PM on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers 1-4 PM and Joyous 5-9 PM. Delicious foods, children's games, raffles, refreshments, and bake sale. Bring your lawn chair or use our tables and chairs under the tents. Free Parking. Rain or Shine. All are Welcome!

Diocese of Allentown Commission for Men presents:
Catholic Men's Conference

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST

"How to be a Catholic Man in the world today."

November 19, 2022
DeSales University

Keynote Speakers

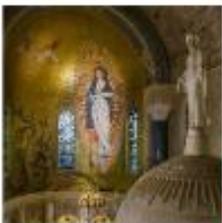
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- Dr. Edward Sri
- Fr. Patrick Lamb

To Register-
www.MenAliveInChrist.org

MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST



The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE THURSDAY OCTOBER 6, 2022

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown, the faithful are invited to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Thursday, October 6, 2022 for a day-long event of adoration, devotion, and worship.

- 11:00 AM** Arrival / Adoration / Veneration of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- Noon** Lunch
- 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM** Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark E. Moretti
- 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation / Rosary / Veneration of Relic
- 3:00 PM** Eucharistic Liturgy & Departure

CONTACT YOUR PARISH TO ATTEND!



**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church
618 Fullerton Avenue
Whitehall, Pennsylvania 18052
610-266-0695 ext. 208**

Summer, 2022

Dear Friend,

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed to prepare adult individuals for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church. This process encompasses prayer, deliberation, and a period of formal education in the beliefs, teachings, practices, and traditions of the Catholic Church. This process, referred to as the R.C.I.A., also involves members of other Christian churches who desire to know more, and may be considering becoming formal members of the Catholic Church. Catholics may participate as well. Those individuals who desire to be refreshed in their Catholic faith or have missed the opportunities to receive the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist are most welcome. Instruction is conducted by our Pastor, Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski, Rev. Robert Potts, in residence, Deacon Michael Meder, guest clergy and our RCIA Team.

Our parish R.C.I.A. meets throughout the course of the academic year *each Tuesday evening* in the **Parish Large Meeting Room** from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Our first gathering is an inquiry session of the R.C.I.A., an informal time to ask questions and become familiar with the people, process, and schedule for the coming year. This will be held at Saint Elizabeth's on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Please fill out the lower portion and drop it off at the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass at your earliest convenience. I will send you a reminder invitation as the first meeting draws near. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail with any questions. (dirreled@sercc.org) We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Spieker
Director of Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) — 2022 - 2023

Name _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone-home: _____ Cell: _____

Age: _____ Date & Place of Birth: _____

Baptized? Yes / No -- If baptized, when & where baptized: _____