

## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>
9:00 AM	Lucy Lentini
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6</b>
9:00 AM	Frank Crampsie
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>
9:00 AM	William Billowitch
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>
7:00 PM	Dorothy Folajtar
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>
9:00 AM	Michael Oswald
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>
4:30 PM	Anne Speicher
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>
8:00 AM	Stephen & Mary Brosky People of Parish
10:00 AM	Bernard & Helen Rutz

ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jill Brubaker	Mary Smith
Jane Purvis	Larry Buss
Jennifer Berger	Veronica Gerbe
Amelia Buchman	Fran Kryzan
Joanne Yankowy	Amelia Marie Fisher
Casey Ann Perry	Rose Tauber
Maryann Kulhamer	Jordan Kish
Phyllis Laky	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](http://sercc.org)



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## READINGS FOR 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Wisdom 9: 13 – 18b
Responsorial Psalm:	90
Second Reading:	Philemon 9 – 17
Gospel:	Luke 14: 25 – 33

### 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 (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR\*  
**Breakfast Cub** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11:30 am Hall  
**Friendly Visitors** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR\*  
**Prayer Shawl** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**John Kulhamer, Jr.** requested by  
*Helen Pramik and Family.*



## MARRIAGE BANNS

I - Salvatore Lucchese  
 and  
 Karla Kiprizlis



## INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers on the fifth anniversary of his Ordination to the Episcopate the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert.



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Thursday. New hours for the parish office. We will be open from 9 am until noon on Friday.

## LABOR DAY



The parish office will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 5.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Although most of us like to pay less or find a bargain where we can, there are few things in life that are truly worth paying the full price, few things for which we should never waste our time trying to get the best deal. A life of faith is one of those things; in fact, might be the only thing that falls into that category. For if we try to forgive little - hearts will remain hardened. If we try to give little - people will continue to go without. If we try to withhold compassion or understanding - our prejudice will still enslave us. And if we try to love little - the world will not reflect the great beauty and incredible possibilities God envisions for it. In other words, a small commitment to Jesus will yield nearly nothing. But a complete commitment to Jesus will change the world.

We see that complete commitment in Mother Teresa. She was born Agnes Bojaxhiu (Boy-edge-Eyou) in Macedonia in 1910. Her father died when she was 8 and her mother did embroidery and opened a shop to support the family. Agnes was very active in her parish and when she was 18 in 1928, joined the sisters of Loretto in Dublin, Ireland. There she was given the name Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. The next year she was sent to India and in 1937 took her final profession and from then on was known as Mother Teresa. There she continued to teach in schools.

In 1946 she got what she referred to as 'a call within a call'. She heard the call to establish a new religious community 'to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love of souls. This call gave rise to the establishment of the Missionaries of Charity. In 1950 the Missionaries of Charity became a religious institute and for the next 15 years expanded its work in India. In 1965 Pope Paul VI raised the order to a pontifical rite which allowed the expansion of the order outside of India. In the next 15 years 158 foundations were established around the world. In 1979 the order broke into communist countries, and it was that year that she earned the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1985 she opened the 'Gift of Love' the first home to care for AIDS patients in the US. By 1997, the year she died, there were 600 foundations, 4000 members in 123 countries.

Mother Teresa gave her life to Jesus by entering religious life, but he wanted more from her, and she gave her all.

Is that worth it? Is the transformation of the world (and each of us as individuals) worth everything we have - worth our total selves? God thinks so. And he sets the price. Jesus paid it. Mother Teresa followed in his footsteps. Do we have the courage to do the same?

God bless you, Fr. Stan

## LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS



Looking for a night out with friends? We are 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. (*No classes 10/25.*)

The cost is \$25 per person **for the entire 10 weeks: This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.** Registration deadline is September 9. Contact Mary Spieker to register 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto: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 St. 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](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org) **Bring a friend!**

## ST. E'S MUSIC MINISTRY CORNER

**St. E's Music Ministry is excited to announce that we are starting St. Elizabeth Youth Choir!**

This choir is open to student singers and instrumentalists in grades 4 - 8 and will sing at 10 am Mass once a month starting in October. **Our first rehearsal is Monday Sept 19 from 4:00 - 5:00 in the school music room.**

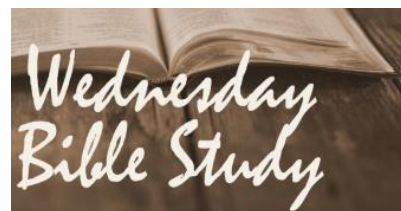
SAVE THE DATE

Want to meet the choir? **Come check out St. E's Music Ministry's Musical Munch Sunday Sept 18, after 10 am Mass!** Come join us in the gym for some delicious refreshments, and for an opportunity to sing some songs with the choir. We will be starting our Fall '22 season soon, so this is a great opportunity for anyone curious about getting involved with music ministry to see what it's like.

Email music director Patrick Oswald for more info on choir activities: [patoswald96@yahoo.com](mailto:patoswald96@yahoo.com)

## ST ELIZABETH BIBLE STUDY

Will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 14 at 10 am in the large meeting room. We will be continuing the Great Adventure Bible Study with a review of Genesis and Exodus. All are welcome.



## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF "CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD"

Children, kindergarten to age eight, are invited to participate in "CLOW" during the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays. CLOW will begin again on Sunday, September 11.



The purpose of CLOW is threefold:

1. To have an adapted liturgical celebration, centered on the Sunday readings which the main congregation will hear, but which have been simplified in wording and enhanced in symbol.
2. To lead the children into the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
3. To gradually lead the children to full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Mass.

We welcome back our CLOW Team Leaders: Mrs. Donna Fogel, Mrs. Tracy Kneller, Mrs. Kim Kocher, Mrs. Teresa Mosser, Ms. Wendy Ohlsen, Ms. Jessica Robinson & Mrs. Erin Schoepflin.

If you would like to join the team, contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

## OUR COMMUNITY



### Host Families Needed

Nacel Open Door is excited to welcome international students who will be attending Allentown Central Catholic High School for the upcoming school year.

The students speak English, have travel health insurance, and bring their own spending money for personal expenses.

Host families provide room and board and receive a monthly hosting stipend to help offset expenses.

If you are willing to consider opening your heart and your home to one of these students, or would like more information, please contact Hope Egolf at 610-850-1398, or email [hegolf@team.nacelopendoor.org](mailto:hegolf@team.nacelopendoor.org).



### For God & Country Concert

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 3 pm at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 18<sup>th</sup> & Turner Streets, Allentown

Join in a Medley of Patriotic Music & Songs by the Choirs of the Cathedral

Parish & Lehigh Valley First Responders.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit First Responders and the Cathedral Music Program. 1<sup>st</sup> Responders are invited to wear their uniforms.



### Women in the Bible

St. Francis Retreat House 7 pm Tuesdays Sept 20, 27, October 4, 18, 25. Only three books of the Bible bear women's names: Ruth, Esther, and Judith. All three may be examples of historical fiction. Whether fictional or real, who were those heroic women? What do you know about Daniel's Susanna, Maccabees' unnamed mother of seven sons, or the women in Tobit? This fall Brother Loren will offer a course titled Heroes of Propaganda and Fiction, a look at the women of those books and more. The course is open to all men and women who want to deepen their appreciation of the role of woman in the story of salvation. Participants will need a Bible (with books such as Judith, Tobit, 2 Maccabees, and Daniel 13) and should be prepared to reflect on relevant passages ahead of time. The class will meet once a week for five 90- minute sessions. Participants are asked to be on time. There is no fee. Free will offerings are accepted. Please contact Brother Loren if interested: 610-258-3053 #48.

### Saturday September 10<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 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.

### Senior Food Box Program

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Food Pantry is offering Senior Food Boxes. The senior box income guidelines are for example, a household size of 1 person can have income of \$17,667 to qualify for a senior box. Proof of the senior's age is a requirement. If the senior does not drive. We still can qualify them; Hunger PA has a grant to partner with Door Dash and member food banks to deliver senior boxes. Once registered, there will be one scheduled day a month that the Senior Boxes will be delivered to the senior's front door.

WCHI is committed to helping as many low-income residents as possible in our area that qualify both for the Pantry and the Senior Box Program. We also include homebound and mobility impaired residents.

Questions, call Gail, at 484-951-8447.

September 16-18, 2022  
**Spiritual Journaling:  
 A Path to Self-Discovery  
 & Divine Connection**

395 Bridle Path Road  
 Bethlehem PA 18017  
 610-867-8890  
 StFrancisCtr.org

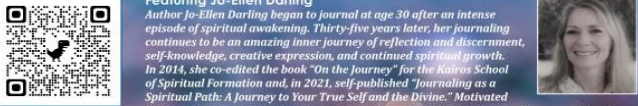

Geared for the novice as well as the seasoned journal writer, this special weekend retreat will explore how journaling can bring joy through a deepening discovery of our true self and the God of our understanding. We will focus on the underlying spirituality of our lives – its meaning, our purpose and our callings, as revealed in the everyday circumstances of our lives. The weekend will include contemplative prayer practices for centering ourselves, group writing exercises, small group sharing, and plenty of time for personal journaling on our grounds. A complimentary journal is included, and *Journaling as a Spiritual Path* will be available for purchase at a discount. You're also welcome to bring your own favorite journal. No experience necessary!

**THREE GREAT WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!**

Full-Weekend Overnight Stay \$260-\$300	Full-Weekend Commuter \$130	Saturday-Only Commuter \$100
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Meals Included! Register online at [StFrancisCtr.org](http://StFrancisCtr.org) or call 610-867-8890!

Featuring Jo-Ellen Darling  
 Author Jo-Ellen Darling began to journal at age 30 after an intense episode of spiritual awakening. Thirty-five years later, her journaling continues to be an amazing inner journey of reflection and discernment, self-knowledge, creative expression, and continued spiritual growth. In 2014, she co-edited the book "On the Journey" for the Kairos School of Spiritual Formation and, in 2021, self-published "Journaling as a Spiritual Path: A Journey to Your True Self and the Divine." Motivated by the spiritual power and healing of the written word and its effect on her own spiritual journey, Jo-Ellen has offered contemplative writing and journaling retreats since 2013.

Basket Social

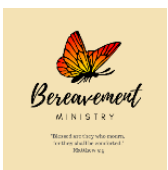
Assumption BVM parish invites you to their Basket Social on Saturday, September 10 (10 am to 6 pm) & Sunday September 11 (8 am to 1 pm). The drawings will be held on Sunday starting at 1:30 pm. Homemade food and baked goods will be on sale. Tickets are 25 for \$5 at the door.

Catholic Charities Needs Volunteers

Please help us feed the hungry! Catholic Charities Needs More Volunteers. The demand for food has risen and we need help to serve meals at our soup kitchens in Allentown. We are looking for cooks, servers, and food pantry organizers. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings, and forms. Contact Bob Olney at 610-435-1541, ext. 327.

Grief Support Group

Beginning this Fall! A "Bereavement Ministry" and Support Group will be held at St. Ursula's starting this Fall. If you have lost a loved one through death within the last 6 months up to one year, and feel you need some support on your grief journey, please give me a call to register. Group is for six consecutive weeks. For information, call: Madeline Gardner 484 – 274 - 6073  
**Dates:** Wednesdays, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
**Place:** St. Ursula's Rectory, 1300 Broadway, Fountain Hill  
*Registration is required.*



**TRICKY TRAY**

**SATURDAY**  
 Sept. 10  
 1PM - 7PM

**SUNDAY**  
 Sept. 11  
 12PM - 4PM

**TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES!**  
 Tickets are \$15 for a full sheet - 25 tickets  
 \$25 for two full sheets - 50 tickets

Each basket has a minimum value of \$50.

Drawing is at 4PM on 9/11.  
 You will be notified if you win.

**CASH PRIZES!**

**Menu**  
 Hamburger BBQ  
 Hot Dogs  
 Pierogies  
 Cole slaw  
 Cookies  
 Crunchy snacks  
 Drinks

**CELEBRATING 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1927-2022**

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**St. Ann's FALL FEST**  
 Emmaus, PA

**ST. ANN'S FALL FEST**

**SEPT. 8, 9 & 10**  
**5:00 - 11:00 PM**

**Free parking • Free Admission**  
**St. Ann's Church**  
**415 S 6th Street, Emmaus**

- **Great Festival Food**
- **Live Bands**
- **Beer Tent**
- **Bingo**
- **Kids' Activities**

