

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 14
9:00 AM	Leone Garrity
7:00 PM	Forty Hours Night Two
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 15
9:00 AM	Doris Puskas
7:00 PM	Forty Hours Night Three
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 16
9:00 AM	Anne Speicher
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 17
7:00 PM	Mass of Remembrance
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 18
9:00 AM	Aloysius Tauber
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 19
4:30 PM	Barbara Nederostek
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 20
8:00 AM	Francis Vasquez
10:00 AM	Shirley Robbins
ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.	

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jayne Bonnell	Sheila LeBlanc
Kathy Wiesner	Lucy Mellinger
John Gallucci	Ruth Yousseff
Anne Baran	Kathryn Wechsler
Joan Geiger	Mary Smith
Jill Brubaker	Larry Buss
Jennifer Berger	Veronica Gerbe
Rose Tauber	Amelia Marie Fisher
Jordan Kish & children	Phyllis Laky

*NOTE: If you are admitted to the hospital, (*especially if you go through the emergency room*) you must call the parish to let us know. 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 33RD SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Malachi 3: 19 – 20a
Responsorial Psalm:	98
Second Reading:	2 Thessalonians 3: 7– 12
Gospel:	Luke 21: 5 – 19

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 Club – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11:30 am Hall
Children's Choir – contact Music Director for info
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.

RCIA TOPICS

All are welcome to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation on Tuesdays each week at 7 pm. Call for details. The topic for **next week Nov. 22nd** will be

The Sacraments

FORTY HOURS



St. Elizabeth will hold our Forty Hours services on Nov 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7 pm. Adoration will be held in the Chapel on Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 am until 5 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be moved into the main church each evening to prepare for the Forty Hours prayer service.

The Adoration sign up board is in the rear of the church for your convenience.

Father Robert Potts will be our homilist.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Fr. Stan, Fr. Potts and Deacon Mike along with the parish office staff would like to wish all our parish family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Our offices will be CLOSED Thursday, November 24, Friday, November 25 and Monday, November 28.



PASTOR'S NOTES

'And they will put some of you to death.... but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.' If the disciples were not confused before, they certainly were after this exchange with Jesus. In one breath He is talking about all sorts of really scary stuff – earthquakes, famines, plagues, persecutions, imprisonments and even death; and in the other breath He is assuring us that we will be fine, that we will be ok, that 'by your perseverance you will secure your lives'.

The apparent conflicting statements of Jesus aren't really conflicting at all. When Jesus makes those two statements, he's almost certainly talking about two very different things: the little picture and the big picture.

It's hard to go through life with our eyes, hearts and minds fixed on the big picture. Often it is whatever is right in front of us, whatever we are experiencing at that very moment, that gets our attention. And when the challenge we are facing is great, when we are in great pain; physically, emotionally, spiritually; it can be hard to remember and believe and trust that most of the things of this world are passing away, that our troubles will never win, that our crosses will never get the best of us. It is difficult at times to accept the promise of Jesus that 'not a hair on your head will be destroyed'.

This is the great paradox of our faith: that despite our suffering; love, goodness, beauty, and life win. No, that's incorrect, for it's not always despite our sufferings that good things can grow and blossom. No, it is precisely through our pain and disappointment and sorrow that God brings about a newness of life; a fullness of life; a life in, with, and for God that enriches our time on this earth and continues on into eternity. In ways we might not always understand; the most meaningful Easters often come about through the most difficult Good Fridays.

And so, as we face life challenges, let us strive to do what the Lord Jesus encourages us to do: persevere in the face of it all. And not blindly, not with our spirits consumed by pain or sorrow, not with a kind of hopelessness that promises nothing, but with our eyes clearly and faithfully fixed on the big picture: God's incredible love and compassion for us and His promise of life with Him for all eternity.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DONATIONS



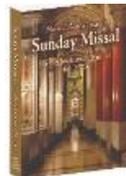
If you are able to donate a Thanksgiving turkey for our school, PREP and parish families facing food insecurity this season, we would be most thankful. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office if you can donate this year. 610 – 266 - 0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org. We would need the fresh or frozen turkey by Wednesday, November 16th. Thank you for your kind consideration in helping to “feed the hungry”.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED



On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, at 4:30 P.M., Bishop Alfred Schlert, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish Confirmandi. To assist our candidates in their preparation, we call upon our parishioners to pray for them and encourage them. Please consider being a prayer partner by praying for them each day and later writing a congratulatory note that can be given to them on their Confirmation Day. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office if you'd like to be a prayer partner. 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or e-mail at dirreled@sercc.org

THE ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS ARE HERE!



The cost is \$5 each and it is a great way to review the Scripture Readings before, during and even after Mass for reflection. The print is easy to see, and it comes with complete Masses for all the Sundays and Holydays beginning at Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It also contains prayers and popular Catholic hymns. They can be purchased at the parish office while supplies last, listen for an announcement.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!



We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet fundraiser Sunday, Nov 13 from 8:00 – 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/adult - \$5/child (4-12 yrs), children 3 and under are free. *Treat your favorite Veteran!* We are very grateful to all our old and new volunteers who are helping us “kick-off” our first breakfast since April! Many thanks to our coordinator, Tom Amico! **We are very grateful for this month's sponsor, Irene Snyder.**

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November is designated as the Month of Remembrance of Holy Souls. Each year St. Elizabeth Parish remembers those members of our community who have gone to their eternal rest during the past year.



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. - 1 John 5:14

A special *Mass of Remembrance* will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church on **Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to join and pray with us.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Come and join us during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, November 13 – 14 – 15. Bring a prayerful heart and your rosary beads. Promise from Jesus:



“Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....” “... When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior”.

www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/chaplet-13364

STEAK SANDWICH DINNER THANKS!



Many thanks to all who supported our amazing steak sandwich sale! We made almost \$2,000 for the parish, AGAIN! We have many people to thank for this successful event; among them are our kitchen crew and the wonderful volunteers who helped with packaging the sides, preparing to-go bags, & handing out dinners. Please note: We can always use more volunteers!!

PREP CORNER

Celebrating our PREP Catechist and Teacher Aides This week:



PREP – Kindergarten Catechist: Mrs. Kelly Smith

Hi! My name is Mrs. Kelly Smith, I live in Whitehall with my husband, two sons and our yorkie, Rusty. One son is in 7th grade, and one is in 4th grade. I have been volunteering in the PREP program for eight years and teaching kindergarten for four years. It's important to teach the students about their faith at a young age. Being a part of their faith's journey brings me great joy. I strive to teach the children about their Catholic faith in a fun and enjoyable way. I look forward to another PREP year!

ADVENT EVENING OF MUSIC AND PRAYER

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry warmly invites you to an **Advent Evening of Music and Prayer, Sunday December 11th at 5:00 pm!** Come one and come all to this annual St. E's tradition where we contemplate the coming of Christ through scripture, prayer, and music, led by the St. Elizabeth Choir. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. Prelude music begins at 4:30 pm.

OUR COMMUNITY



Featured projects: Allentown Central Catholic High School Central City Project, Whitehall/Coplay Hunger Initiative, & Catholic Charities Food Pantry


Diocese of Allentown
Poverty Relief Fund
 DIOCESAN COLLECTION
November 19 & 20, 2022

Your generosity helps those who are in need locally in the Diocese of Allentown. In 2021, the collection supported 24 projects across all five counties.



OUR MISSION
 A Roman Catholic Family of Faith, centered in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teachings, bringing the light of Christ to each other and to our community.

Retired Religious Fund

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired and infirm religious of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Retirement Fund for Religious
Sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office



POINSETTIA SALE



Youth Ministry will be selling single bloom poinsettias for \$4.00. They will arrive just in time for a perfect little gift for a neighbor or co-worker!

They may be picked up on Friday, December 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the parish office or on Sunday, December 11 from 8:30 – 11:30 in the parish hall.

Deadline for ordering: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

All poinsettias are newly grown at Garden City in Catasauqua.

As always, we appreciate your support.

Please indicate on the order form below the number of plants you wish to purchase, choose quantity by color. (ex. 2 Red, 3 White)

Orders & money can be dropped off at the school or church offices or in the weekend collection basket.

Proceeds benefit the
St. Elizabeth
Youth Group



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Total ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

If being sent home with a student on Friday, please write name and grade.  
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I will pick up my order on:

Friday, December 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at parish office.

Sunday, December 11 between 8:30 – 11:30 AM in the parish hall

NOTE: There will also be a few extra red poinsettia flowers available for sale on Sunday @ \$5/ea.!

Deadline for ordering: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Make checks payable to: **Saint Elizabeth Church**

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| <b>Notes:</b> | <b>Office use only: AMOUNT PAID</b> |
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