

## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>
9:00 AM	Richard Gaal
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 22</b>
9:00 AM	Anna Wiggins
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 23</b>
9:00 AM	Anna Macaluso
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Anthony Pecelli
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>
9:00 AM	NO MASS
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 26</b>
4:30 PM	Irene Nowakowski People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>
8:00 AM	Frank Crampsie
10:00 AM	Grace Lutzi
ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.	

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Bob Hartzell	Fernando Colon
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	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](http://sercc.org)



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## READINGS FOR KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading:	2 Samuel 5: 1 – 3
Responsorial Psalm:	122
Second Reading:	Colossians 1: 12– 20
Gospel:	Luke 23: 35 – 43

### 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 Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11:30 am Hall  
**Children's Choir** – contact Music Director for info  
**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 burned the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> for **Rowland Kratzer** requested by *Robert and Roberta Kratzer*.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Harry Mellinger** requested by *Lucy Mellinger*.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



## 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 **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be ...

The Sacraments

## 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

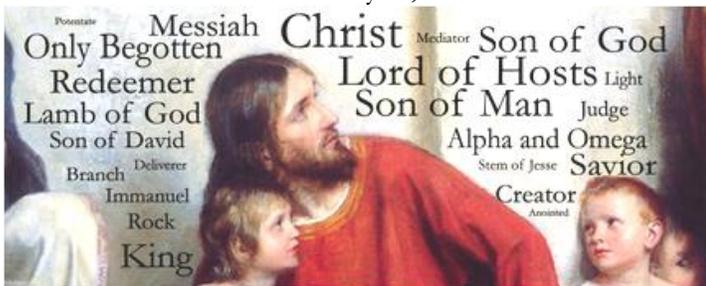
The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI on December 11, 1925. Pope Pius was having to deal with a global leadership problem that needed a gospel solution. It was the time of the rise of dictators. The world had seen Lenin take over Russia and was watching Stalin soar to power. It was keeping an eye on Hitler's growing popularity in Germany. Mussolini had already ruled for three years in Italy.

Pope Pius XI recognized this crisis in world leadership, and he was also watching the spread of Communism and its replacement of Christianity with an atheistic political religion. He recognized this dawning of the age of secularism as a direct result of the world's turning away from Christ's sovereignty and denying the role of Christianity and Christian teaching in public discourse. He called this a 'disorder', a move away from the Divine Order. By creating the solemnity of 'Christ the King', the pope was able to present Jesus Christ as the ideal ruler, the bringer of Divine Order back into the world.

Christ must be the model for leadership and equality. Christ governs differently. Christ is always thinking about those He governs, but Christ doesn't use the word govern. Christ spoke of serving, not ruling. He spoke of using power to serve his whole kingdom, not himself. The notion of equality is different in God's kingdom. We are children of God, but we are not God. God is God. Remembering that we are God's subjects can keep us from being selfish. What we eventually earn or have is not ours. It is His. He looks at what we do with the gifts we have been given. He looks for the aliens, the outcasts, for those who are leaderless. This king does not only reign, but this king also changes us by the mere fact of who He is. Even a thief can find himself changed by this leader.

Today we celebrate something that has not yet fully happened, the absolute rule of Christ. That will come, but we can all speed this up a little, by pledging our loyalty to Our loving King and to working to live in his paradise.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



Happy Birthday to Fr. Potts whose birthday was this week! Please keep him in your prayers.

BULLETIN INFO: e-mail all bulletin submissions ten days ahead to [info@sercc.org](mailto:info@sercc.org)

## 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](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org)

## POINSETTIAS – THE PERFECT GIFT!

Our Youth Group will be selling single bloom poinsettias for \$4 each this year. They will arrive just in time for a perfect little gift for a neighbor or co-worker! Order forms can be found on the parish website or call Mary Spieker at the parish office to place an order. We will sell, red, white, pink & marble; all newly grown at Garden City in Catasauqua. Flowers can be sent home with a school student or picked up at the parish office on Friday, December 9 from 9:00 to noon or picked-up in the parish hall on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 8:30 – 11:30. *Order deadline is November 29.* As always, we appreciate your support!



## ADVENT EVENING OF MUSIC AND PRAYER

**Please join us on Sunday December 11 at 5:00 pm for an Evening of Music and Prayer, hosted by St. Elizabeth Music Ministry.** All are invited to this annual St. E's tradition where the St. E's Choir sings musical meditations on the coming and birth of Our Lord. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. Our annual volunteer appreciation dinner will follow.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

The "Advent Giving Tree" is an opportunity to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by giving gifts of baby items to the babies who will be born this coming year. Please choose a gift tag from the tree in the vestibule, purchase the needed item, and bring the UNWRAPPED gift to Church by Sunday, December 18. Donations will be given to the Cay Galgon Life House and Catholic Charities. Many thanks and blessings for your kind donation to those less fortunate.



### SHARE THE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS!



Adopt a family in need and help spread the Christmas Spirit! If you and your family are able, please consider adopting a parish family in need of Christmas Christian charity. We will give you some general information about a family and ask you to purchase a gift for each of the children. Please specify if you would prefer a small family. You can drop off the wrapped gifts at the parish office any time before December 19. We will make sure the family receives the gifts before Christmas. Contact Mary Spieker at the parish office for more information. 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org)

### APPRECIATION DINNER FOR VOLUNTEERS



We invite all volunteers to attend the appreciation dinner which will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 6 pm after Vespers. The Appreciation dinner will be held in the parish hall. Please RSVP to the office rectory by Wednesday, December 7th.

### PREP CORNER

Celebrating our PREP Catechist and Teacher Aides  
This week:



#### PREP – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Catechist: Mrs. Tracy Kneller

Tracy Kneller is our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, and this is her seventh-year teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Mrs. Kneller has been with the PREP program for twelve years. She started when her son, Gavin was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade helping the teacher and then the next year became a full-time teacher's aid. She was a member of St. Lawrence Church in Catty and was married there in 2001. Her children were Baptized there too. Tracy went through our RCIA program and is now a member at St. Elizabeth Parish. She lives in Whitehall with her husband, Robert, and their three children. Their son Gavin is in 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Whitehall High School. They have twin girls, Ava and Abigail, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade PREP and at Whitehall Middle School. Mrs. Kneller is a full-time paralegal in Bethlehem for the past 26 years. She also does the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) and is a greeter at Mass. She is on the Parish Festival committee and runs the kid's activities; she also helps with the annual Basket Social.

"I like teaching and getting to know all the 1<sup>st</sup> graders and seeing them then grow up from year to year in the PREP program. I hope to get 1<sup>st</sup> graders ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and communion. I try to teach them the prayers and how to act in church during Mass."



#### PREP – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Catechist: Mr. Tommy Pham

My name is Tommy Pham, I am a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PREP Catechist. This is going to be my third-year volunteering at St. Elizabeth's. I was born and grew up in South Vietnam. I came to the United States in 1990, then attended Dieruff High School in Allentown and graduated in 1994. Afterwards, I attended Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) for two years and transferred to Penn State University to pursue bachelors degrees in Electrical & Mechanical Engineering. I have been working in the pharmaceutical industry for the last 25 years in roles ranging from manufacturing to project management. I am married to my beautiful wife Hang Hoang for 15 years and we have 2 children together. Aaron is in 7<sup>th</sup> and Justin is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They both are currently attending the PREP program at St. Elizabeth. Aaron and Justin attend Whitehall-Coplay Middle and Elementary Schools.



#### PREP – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Aide: Mrs. Linda Snyder

I decided to be a PREP program instructor so I can give back to St. Elizabeth. I have been a parishioner for 68 years. I attended school and was married here, as well.

My husband Ken and I have three children, and eight grandchildren who attended PREP at St. Elizabeth. As I walk through the halls, I am reminded of all those special memories. My goal is to help the students to understand the importance of God, Faith, and Family.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ST. ELIZABETH STUDENTS

Donations from our prep students and school students allowed us to put together 10 boxes of Thanksgiving goodies for families in our school and parish community for the holidays. All our students did a wonderful job remembering those with food insecurities this holiday.



We donated our dress down money (around \$150) to Blue Star, Blue Mothers for Veteran's Day.

FRIENDLY VISITORS NEEDS YOU



Prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver Christmas gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living and nursing home facilities and those who are homebound. Gifts can

be picked up at the church office between 9:30 am & 3 pm on Tuesday, December 13 or Wednesday, December 14 for delivery.

Please contact Pat at 610 – 393 - 8107 if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our shut-ins. Thank you.

OUR COMMUNITY



Retired Religious Fund

“Chosen, Blessed, Shared”

Make sure to remember the retired religious of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Religious. This special fund is used to directly support those who retired including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, housing, and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired religious from all five counties of our Diocese!



2022 Community Meal Appreciation!



Many thanks to our parish family for supporting the community meals at St. Elizabeth and mega thanks to our wonderful volunteers who made all our guests feel welcome and well-fed. Special thanks to Deb Schuster who coordinated the dinner. We prepared

a total of 102 meals to hungry visitors and 11 volunteers. We will host our next community meal on Tuesday, March 21.



O, Come, All Ye Faithful to 'It's Almost Christmas' at Cathedral

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena

18th & Turner Streets, Allentown ~ 610-433-6461

Sat & Sun, December 3 & 4 ~ Bazaar

Sunday: 2:15 Music & 3 PM Concert

Sat, 10 AM–6 PM & Sun, 8:30 AM – 1 PM (Walson Center)

Theme Baskets ~ Cookies by Pound ~ Craft Tables

Fruit & Nut Rolls ~ Stocking Stuffers ~ Refreshments

S'mores & Doggie Roast (Sat. only) ~ 50/50 Raffle

Children's Activities ~ Strolling Carolers

Sunday (Church): 2:15 PM Musical Selections &

3 PM Cathedral Choirs Concert

Following Concert (in Walson Center):

Theme Baskets ~ 50/50 Tickets ~ Stocking Stuffers ~

Cookies & Fruit & Nut Rolls (If available)

Wine Tasting & Coffee Bar (21 yrs & older)

Proceeds benefit Cathedral Capital Improvements Fund

St. Mary's

CHRISTMAS



\$\$\$ Jackpot

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

SECOND & UNION STREETS, CATASAUQUA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 1:00 PM

Back Again by Popular Request

- \$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.

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