

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052



Rev. Joseph J. Kweder
Pastor

Parish Registration

Roman Catholics living in the parish boundaries should be registered with St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Registration and regular participation at Mass are required for the administration of the Sacraments, Certificate of Eligibility, and attendance in C.Y.O. and P.R.E.P. Please register at the parish office. Registration packets are also located in the church foyer and on the church website.

Sacraments

Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 PM and by appointment.

Baptism – First Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office early in the pregnancy to begin arrangements. Family must be registered with the parish. Preparation class for parents is held monthly.

Marriage – Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of their proposed wedding in order to set a date with the priest. Either the groom or bride should be a registered parishioner and practicing at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic? Please contact the parish office for information and scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick – Hospitals are visited on a regular basis. Please call the parish office to report emergencies.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors – You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. All requests for 'Certificate of Eligibility' are to be made well in advance to the parish office.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)
Thursday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM (1st Saturday Only)
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Holy Days: Consult Bulletin and Website

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Michael Meder Permanent Deacon
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Saint Elizabeth Regional School

St. Elizabeth Regional School has a strong tradition of academic excellence anchored by dedicated teachers who inspire students to use the talents and gifts God has given them. We recognize parents as the first teachers of our faith and we support them as we work together to develop happy, faithful, and active children in grades Pre-K through Grade 8.

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Wills and Donations

Please consider designating Saint Elizabeth Catholic Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can be extended to future generations.



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WELCOME - WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



Masses / Services for the Week

MONDAY	APRIL 28	9:00 AM	Bill Speicher
TUESDAY	APRIL 29	9:00 AM	John Schwartz Jr.
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 30	9:00 AM	Jack Wiggins
THURSDAY	MAY 1	7:00 PM	Mark Plucinsky
FRIDAY	MAY 2	9:00 AM	Enrollees of the Memorial Fund
SATURDAY	MAY 3	8:30 AM	John Krempasky
		10:00 AM	First Holy Communion
		4:30 PM	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	MAY 4	8:00 AM	MaryAnn Kulhamer
			People of the Parish
		10:00 AM	John Potylycki



If admitted to the hospital, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit or need an Anointing.

Joan Glover	Mary Fran Kaminski	Rev. Kamanzi	Rev. Domin
Joe Gnall	Marie Signarovitz	Ariyon Xhaferi	Ana Rosado
Don Chomo	Marion Tertel	Janice Flax	Craig Wilber
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Jean Reymos	Jill Brubaker	Davian Emery	Kyleigh Ann Dugan
Bobbie Kratzer	David Willgruber	Michael Malz	Susan Speicher

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS



While Holy Communion may be received by prepared Catholics, our non-Catholic friends are encouraged to receive a blessing during communion. Join the line, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the altar, and the celebrant or EOM will give you a blessing. Welcome and God Bless You.

MASS ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 19 - 20



Saturday 8:00 pm – 202
 Sunday 8:00 am – 319
 10:00 am – 549



EMERGENCY? Please call the hospital or nursing facility Chaplain if you or your loved one is a resident or patient and needs immediate attention.

For an Anointing, please call and leave a message at the parish office for the next business day.

At Church: AED and First Aid kits are available in the School and Parish Hall; the Sacristy also has some supplies.



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SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

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, let the Usher know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy and speak with the celebrant know so the host can be prepared.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:30 – 4:15, Sunday 7:15 – 7:45 am, 9:15 – 9:45 am and by appointment during weekdays.

MEMORIAL INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Iolanda Loffredo** requested by *Bruno and Julia Masucci*.



ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH HISTORY

This year we will highlight a Saint depicted on our stained-glass window each month. In April we have St. Stanislaus.

An informational pamphlet was placed on his window shelf. The information will also be posted to the church website under Parish History for those interested.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II

Erin Puskar and Roger M. Miller



WRITINGS FROM DEACON

A Doctor (or teacher) of the Universal Church is a saint recognized as having made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine by their study, research or writing. This is an interesting week in this regard. On Monday, we celebrate the optional memorial of St Louis de Montfort. This priest is being considered for the designation as a Doctor of the Church concerning total dedication to Jesus through Mary.

On Tuesday, the universal church celebrates the obligatory memorial of St. Catherine of Siena. In our diocese, this is elevated to a feast and in the Cathedral is elevated further to a solemnity as this commemorates the dedication of our Diocesan Cathedral. As a mystic, she gave us the gift of “the Dialogue of Divine Providence.”

On Friday, the obligatory memorial of St. Athanasius is celebrated. He is known as “the Doctor of the Incarnation”. This gives light to Jesus being truly God and truly man.

SACRAMENTS

New to the parish? – Register as a new member to receive Sacraments.

BAPTISM: (*Infant to Age 6*)

Baptisms are currently being celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Registered parish members may contact the parish office as soon as they learn that a child is on the way but should contact the parish office at least two months prior to the Baptism to register for the Baptism Class.

FIRST PENANCE / EUCHARIST:

Normally received in 2nd grade. Parish member’s enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least two years before sacrament is received.

CONFIRMATION:

Normally received in 8th grade. Parish member’s enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least two years before sacrament is received.

MARRIAGE:

At least six months before your anticipated wedding. Contact the pastor for a meeting to go over information regarding scheduling and the preparation process.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Contact our parish office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or during serious illness. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound monthly.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: (O.C.I.A.)

Is Jesus inviting you to join His Church? Do you want to become Catholic? Contact the parish office to learn more about this process. We look forward to journeying in Faith with you.



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ST. ELIZABETH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 23 – 27. Registration forms are on our parish website www.sercc.org or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Cost is \$20 per child or \$35 for a family. Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies. Welcome volunteers!

YOUTH MINISTRY – STEUBENVILLE TRIP

2025 Theme



Four of our young people and one chaperone will venture to the Steubenville Youth Conference on June 27-29. This event invites high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Jesus. We are asking for support through a simple Stock Program. Please consider investing in our Youth to help them grow into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Youth Ministry – Rosary Making will be on May 4 in the Youth Ministry meeting room between 6 – 8 pm.



JOIN US - SUNDAY, MAY 25 after Masses
to celebrate Deacon!

BWAC Progress Report for St. Elizabeth as of April 9th

- Parish Goal: \$55,891 - Total Collected: \$12,669
- Number of Donors: 86 - Registered Families: 933

Please consider donating to the Because We Are Catholic drive to assist our diocese in assisting those who need help.



Please pray for all military members currently serving, especially:

Capt. Nicholas Bluis – US Army
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SAVE THE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

HOAGIE SALE

May 11 Deadline. Our 2026 Confirmation Class will be selling delicious 9” hoagies and sandwiches. Pick up May 15th.



PURSE BINGO

May 18. Come one, come all to our annual Purse Bingo sponsored by St. Elizabeth Regional School



YARD SALE & FOOD TRUCK EVENT

May 23. Bring your beloved treasures that you need or want to part with and enjoy a day in the sun with good food and a little something for everyone.



DEACON MIKE'S 10TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

May 25, Sunday after Masses, we will celebrate Deacon Mike's 10th Ordination Anniversary in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Masses. Come join us and congratulate Deacon!

FR. JOE'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

June 1, Sunday after Masses, we will celebrate Fr. Kweder's 40th Ordination Anniversary in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Masses. Come join us and congratulate Father!

PARISH FESTIVAL

June 6-7. Count down 6 weeks until the Parish Festival - You will want to see our festival musicians – Friday, June 6 “Steel Creek” and Saturday, June 7 “Flirtin’ with the Mob”. Bring your dancing shoes!



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date for the Annual Golf Tournament at Whitetail Golf Course on Saturday, September 27th. This tournament benefits the school for technology and equipment funding.



OUR BASKET SOCIAL EVENT IS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AWAY!

Are you finding more great spring and gardening bargains? DON'T PASS THEM UP! You can start collecting items now for our 16th Annual Basket Social coming on October 10-11-12. The committee is also looking for various basket and item donations to create even “better than ever” baskets. Feel free to drop off any non-perishable items at the parish office. Thanks for your support!



BE A VOLUNTEER!

Whether you are a new parishioner or have been attending St. Elizabeth for years, the festival is a cherished event that needs volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining the festival committee. It's super fun; you can meet new friends and engage in your community.



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POPE FRANCIS (1936 – 2025)

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio; Ordained 1969



Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on Dec. 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires. His father was a railway worker who immigrated to Argentina from Italy, and his mother was a housewife of Italian origin. Bergoglio had four siblings. After earning a secondary school degree as a chemical technician, Bergoglio felt a call to the priesthood as a Jesuit, joining the novitiate in 1958, at the age of 22.

He was ordained a priest on Dec. 13, 1969. In 1992 Fr. Bergoglio was consecrated an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires.

Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Bergoglio a cardinal in 2001.

As the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Bergoglio was known for his humble demeanor. He stayed in a modest apartment and took public transit. He also showed a special regard for the poor, whom he frequently visited. Pope Francis took office as the 266th Pope following the unexpected resignation of Benedict XVI in 2013.

Soon after his election in 2013, Pope Francis established a committee of cardinals to advise him on reform of the Roman Curia. He made changes to the annulment process, aimed at removing some of the financial burden and shortening the process.

He also declared the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Church from December 2015 to November 2016. Francis canonized several saints, among them his predecessors John Paul II, John XXIII, and Paul VI.

He passed away April 21 at 7:35 am in Rome, Italy.
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html>



Bergoglio Family



Jorge Mario Bergoglio as a young priest.



Pope Francis Coat of Arms description: The blue shield is surmounted by the symbols of papal dignity, the same as those used by his Predecessor Benedict XVI (the MITRE above crossed keys of gold and silver, bound by the red cord). At the top of the shield is the emblem of Pope's religious order, the Society of Jesus: a radiant sun carrying the letters in red, IHS, the monogram of Jesus. The letter H is crowned by a cross; beneath the letters are three black nails. Lower down on the shield there is a star and spikenard flower. The star, according to ancient armorial tradition, symbolizes the Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ and the Church; while the spikenard symbolizes St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. In traditional Hispanic iconography, St Joseph is shown with a vine in his hand. By bearing these images on his shield, the Pope communicates his special devotion to the Most Holy Virgin and to St Joseph.



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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF
HIS EXCELLENCY,
MOST REVEREND ALFRED A. SCHLERT,
BISHOP OF ALLENTOWN
ON THE DEATH OF
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

Together with the clergy, religious, faithful, and all people of good will, we, the Diocese of Allentown, unite with the Universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis on 21 April 2025 at approximately 7:35 a.m. in Rome.

Following his election to the papacy as the 266th Pope on 13 March 2013, Pope Francis exhibited the call to mercy we so often see through Christ in the Gospels.

Upon being elected Vicar of Christ, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina took the name Francis in honor of St. Francis, who was told in the San Damiano Church, "Rebuild my Church."

Every age has its struggles, trials, and temptations, and the twenty-first century likewise has its own task of developing strategies and modes to carry the Gospel to an ever-changing world. Pope Francis prioritized the method of accompaniment, reaching both those within the Church and especially those on its periphery.

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis also welcomed many into conversation with the Church. He reminded the faithful that the Church is a hospital for the sinner and not just for the saints and righteous, transmitting hope for those who feel distant from Christ.

May this Jubilee Year, which His Holiness Pope Francis opened before his death, be a year of genuine trust in the Gospel and the words of the prophet Jeremiah, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7).

May eternal rest be granted to Pope Francis and may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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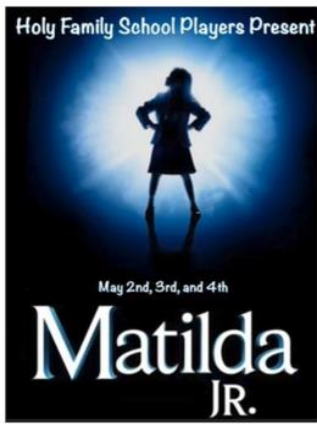
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Host Families needed

Nacel Open Door is excited to welcome international students who will be attending Allentown Central Catholic High School this fall for the school year 2025-26 on an F-1 visa. These students are mostly applying as a juniors and seniors at Central Catholic. They need a smoke free home. Most enjoy sports but are focused on academic success. They speak English, have travel health insurance, and bring their own spending money for personal expenses. They are looking forward to the experience of American family life. Host families supply room and board and receive a monthly hosting stipend to help offset expenses.

It is truly a wonderful experience for the whole family and can create lifetime friendships from across the globe. 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, call or text 610-850-1398, or email hegolf@team.nacelopendoor.org

Spring Fling Basket Raffle

Sunday, May 18th
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
St. Paul Parish Center
219 W. Susquehanna St.,
Allentown
Raffles, Bake Sale & Food!

Thank You to Tom Shak and Wayne Nicklas

Please keep in your prayers our custodian, Tom Shak, and bookkeeper, Wayne Nicklas for all their hard work in making the church grounds pleasant for the Easter season.



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 of the devil,
 May God rebuke him,
 we humbly pray;
 and do thou, O Prince
 of the heavenly host,
 by the power of God,
 cast into hell Satan
 and all the evil spirits
 who prowl throughout the
 world seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen.

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