

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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Rev. Robert J. Potts - In Residence

Michael Meder Permanent Deacon

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Office Hours: 9am-4pm - Mon-Thurs. and 9am-12pm Fri.



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.

Mrs. Kimberly Kocher – School Principal

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Diocesan Office:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A. N.C.C. LPC

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800-791-9209 (Direct Phone Line)

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If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service by calling 800-276-1562.

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	OCTOBER 6	9:00 AM	Kenneth Weikel
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 7	9:00 AM	Joseph Fedorak
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 8	CHURCH 9:00 AM	Kathleen Oswald
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 9	7:00 PM	Nina Mackiewicz
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 10	9:00 AM	Dolores Oswald
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 11	4:30 PM	Ann Sheets People of the Parish
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 12	8:00 AM	Patricia Maggitti
		10:00 AM	John Nedzel



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

Erica Toribio	Amelia Buchman	Wayne Shepard	Chris Mack	Rev. Domin
Albina Cappellari	Jon Wieand	Kyleigh Ann Dugan	Hanin Ainchayba	Ana Rosado
	Marie Signarovitz	David Willgruber	Davian Emery	Craig Wilber
	Marie DalMaso	Ariyon Xhaferi	Rev. Sobiesiak	Joanne Greczyn
	Jill Brubaker	Janice Flax	Rev. Kamanzi	

* Please note that those suffering from life threatening illness listed above will remain; others are on the list for three months, you may call to be readed as necessary

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 ON SEPTEMBER 27 - 28

LIVING OUR
FAITH

Saturday 4:30 pm – 134
Sunday 8:00 am – 162
10:00 am – 236

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.



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 so the host can be prepared.

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

Assisted Living Residents – please note that each parish is assigned a local area facility. While we would like to visit all our parishioners, if you are not at our assigned facility, Whitehall Manor, another parish may be coming to see you.



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PRAYING...AS DISCIPLES

SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Henrietta Schwoyer**, *mother of parishioner Matt Schwoyer*. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



PRAYER, ADORATION AND ROSARY

Adoration is held one hour before every weekday Mass. We also say the rosary half an hour before Mass begins. Please join us. The main church is open daily from 10 am to 2 pm for private prayer.



OUR LADY OF KNOTS NOVENA

A small group of dedicated people stay after daily Mass on Tuesdays to pray a novena to Our Lady of Knots. Bring a rosary and join us.



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.

OCIA TOPIC OF THE WEEK

for Tuesday, Oct 14th 7 pm – **The Church, Body of Christ church tour**. Call 610-266-0695 ext. 208 for more information.

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH HISTORY

This year we will highlight a Saint depicted on our stained-glass window each month. In October we have St. Martin de Porres. 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.

WRITINGS FROM DEACON

In the first reading, it was lamented that violence, ruin and misery were the order of the day. Destruction, strife and discord were so prevalent at the time. Communication was limited and there was no call for justice and faith.

In the second reading, the faithful were reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are to be courageous in our conduct. We are encouraged to exercise a spirit of power, love and self-control. Today this can be nurtured through social media.

In the psalm, we are encouraged to be alert to the voice of the Lord. We need to be careful not to react negatively to His voice. We are reminded to be responsive in what we are being called to; and not intentionally rejecting God's plan and purpose.

The gospel concludes with an understanding that the servants have done what they were obliged to do. Carlo Acutis, who is now recognized as a saint of the new millennium, had immersed himself in his own faith. He would conclude that his ministry was not heroic virtue but using his gifts and talents guided by love. He used social media as a useful tool in a life of grace leaning toward integrity, justice, faith, power, love and self-control.

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 EUCHARIST/ PENANCE:

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.

FUNERAL:

For the passing of a Loved one please contact the funeral home of your choice. The funeral Director will contact the church to arrange a date and time for the service. Funerals are held on weekdays.

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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Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our “Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future” program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card is not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.sercc.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can postal mail your card to the church at 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall 18052. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish - St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church!

OUR BASKET SOCIAL BAKE SALE

Calling all St. E's Bakers!

We are once again adding a delicious “Bake Sale” to our food menu. Can you contribute a favorite cookie, cake, muffins, or brownie? Please drop off your specialty at the parish hall:

Last Names - A through M, Friday, Oct. 10 after 4:30pm.

Last Names - N thru Z, Saturday, Oct. 11 after 9:30am.

Thank you for baking. **We can't do it without you!**

BAKE SALE!!



HELP US ADVERTISE FOR OUR BASKET SOCIAL!

Are you willing to place a small yard sign on your property for a week? Call the parish office to reserve a sign for you! Place locally in areas where our neighbors will travel. No signs on township property without permission. All yard signs need to be returned to the parish office after the basket social so we can recycle them for next year. Thanks in advance for your participation in getting the word out!



NEW ALTAR TRAINING SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

Are you considering being an Altar Server? It is a truly rewarding ministry. Servers are called to be a witness to the community by their words and actions to help direct everyone's focus towards our Lord. All students in grades 5th – 8th are invited to be trained for this ministry. Training will take place starting in October during school hours and after PREP classes. Call Mary Spieker at the parish office if interested. 610-266-0695 ext. 208



ST. ELIZABETH CONFIRMATION CLASS PILGRIMAGE

On Tuesday, October 7, the Allentown Diocese will embark on a holy pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. St. Elizabeth has a bus reserved and sponsored by Mr. Bernard Polak. We will be taking our 8th grade Confirmation class and RCIA members to the Shrine. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and a deeply spiritual experience. We are most grateful to Mr. Polak for sponsoring the bus for this “chance of a lifetime” pilgrimage!



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610 - 797 - 9733

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Fr. Jerome Tauber 610 - 867 - 5039

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Resurrection Cemetery
547 Krocks Rd
Allentown, PA 18106
610 - 395 - 3819

Holy Saviour Cemetery
2575 Linden St
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www.HelpOurMarriage.org
800-470-2230

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Jane at 505-688-8663

GRIEF SUPPORT

Marilyn at 610-216-9315

SAVE THE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BASKET SOCIAL IS ALMOST HERE!

Our 16th Annual Basket Social will be held at St Elizabeth Parish Hall on Friday, October 10 from 5 - 7 pm, Saturday, October 11 from 10 am - 7 pm and Sunday, October 12 from 8 am - 2 pm! Winners will be drawn after 2:30 pm on Sunday. Over 200 fabulous theme baskets will be offered including area business donations, gift cards, gift certificates to area restaurants and stores. Tickets are \$5 for one sheet of 25 perforated tickets. Early bird special buy four sheets and get one free - purchase by 12 noon on Friday, October 10. Blue Big-Ticket sheets will be on sale over the Basket Social weekend. Basket Tickets are available for purchase after all the Masses on September 27-28 & October 4-5 and at the parish office. Send or drop off your raffle tickets and food menu orders to the parish office or in the collection basket.

Food, tickets and Big-ticket item tickets will also be on sale during the event. If you have any questions, please call the parish 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Winners must pick up before noon on Friday, Oct 17th. *Full theme basket donations can be dropped off at the parish office between 9 - 4 pm anytime up to October 6. Thank you for all your support!*



CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY

The parish office will be closed for Columbus Day, Monday, October 13th. We will return on Tuesday.



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

October

SUN Oct 5: Hallows Eve

*Y.M. Room, 6 - 8 p.m.

*YM Room is in Church basement - use the walkway between the parish hall and church, storm door



Join us for some Halloween fun! We will have activities, snacks and make decorations and gifts to hand out for trunk-or-treat.

SUN Oct 19: Trunk - or- Treat church parking lot

5:30 - 7 p.m.



We will decorate our trunk and be helping at the trunk-or-treat event! Rain out date will be the 26th.

Service hours available

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 12

*Lord, let us pray for our Pastor,
remind him daily that You are with him
to grant strength and courage
during stressful or trying times in life.
Build a hedge of protection
around him to keep him from
the discouragement of everyday life.*

*In Jesus name,
Amen*



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TRICK OR TREAT

St. Elizabeth Trunk or Treat Night

Sunday,
October 19, 2025
Set-up at 5:30 PM
in the parish parking
lot.
Treating
begins from
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Rain date: October 26

**Relax, bring your lawn
chairs and treats!
It's a fun night to get to
know our neighbors!**



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FELLOWSHIP...AS DISCIPLES!

Community Events

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES
WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

St. Joseph, Summit Hill – November 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Diocesan White Mass for Health Care Workers

The Allentown Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all health care workers to attend the annual Diocesan White Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at St. Thomas More parish, Allentown on Saturday, October 18, at 5 pm. Reception to follow with a presentation by Deacon John M. Travaline, MD "Restoring Relationship in the Art of Medicine." RSVP by October 11th to allentowncma@gmail.com.

Items Needed for Troop Packing

Blue Star Mothers of America is planning a Troop Packing. We need the following items to send to overseas and stateside service members travel size ... shampoo, deodorant, foot powder, toothpaste, and body wash. Also needed are baby wipes and individual snack items, like Little Debbie's Snacks, granola bars, nuts, crackers, canned food items, beef jerky, etc. Men's plain black or plain white crew socks. Please place the items in the church foyer box by October 15. If you have a family member or friend and would like them to receive a package, please send their name and address to Bonnie Sankovsky at bonniesankovsky@gmail.com, and we'll put them on our mailing list. If you have any questions or want more information, please email.



October Bonanza Bingo

At St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 924 N. Front St Allentown. On Sunday October 19. Regular bingo and all the specials will still be CASH prizes. Coverall Jackpot! \$20 for 20 Games, 6 Specials, Piggy Number and Lucky 7. Door prizes and Raffle Items. Doors and Kitchen Open at noon, and Bingo begins at 1 pm. First come – first served seating. Bring your daubers – No Hardboards. Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505



27th ANNUAL BASKET PARTY "MY HOMETOWN"



Walk-Through:

- Thursday, October 16th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Friday, October 17th from 9:30am – Noon
- Saturday, October 18th from 2:30pm – 4:00pm
- Sunday, October 19th from 9:00 am – 11:30am



Live with Reserved Seat (Limited Seating)
Sunday October 19th Doors Open at 11:30am drawing to begin at 1:00pm

\$20 TICKET INCLUDES: 25 Basket Chances and a Door Prize Chance

*** NOTE: Starting October 13th Ticket Price will increase to \$25 ***

Ticket Sales in Quinn Hall after all Masses the weekend of September 20 & 21 and the weekend of October 11 & 12 or online at www.stcolumbkille.org (Through Parish Giving)

Basket donations or monetary donations to sponsor a basket which are received by 11:00am October 5th qualifies for a chance to the Early Bird Gift Card Basket. "Boytown is the Bear's Hometown" which includes \$25 Gift Cards to each of the following:

- The Peppermint Stick Candy Shop & Ice Cream Parlor, Brakeman's Caf , Frecon Farms, and The State Theater

To purchase a ticket or sponsor a basket via the collection basket, you have until October 12th, please complete the information below. Checks are payable to St. Columbkille Church.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Donation to sponsor a basket \$ _____

Ticket Purchase \$20.00 each until October 12th / \$25 starting October 13th \$ _____

CHECK one option below:



St. Francis Attic Treasures

Attic Treasures
Bake Sale

Food to Eat in or Take out

Saturday, October 11th —10:00 AM-6:30 PM

Sunday, October 12th —12:00 Noon-5:00 PM

Monday, October 13th—10:00 AM-2:00 PM - BAG DAY

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Tires, Major Appliances (Stoves, Washers, Dryers, etc., Electronics (TVs, Computers, VCRs, 8 Track Tapes, VHS Tapes, Cassettes, etc.), Baby Furniture (Cribs, Car Seats, Play Pens, Walkers, High Chairs), Encyclopedias, Magazines, etc., Kerosene Heaters, Gas Grills, Large and Upholstered Furniture, (Dining tables, Sofas, etc.), Christmas lights, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Items can be delivered to Heritage Hall, using the Cedar Street ramp door. Items MUST BE CLEAN; small appliances MUST WORK.

2025 Donation Drop-off:

Saturdays:

September 27th

October 4th

9:00 AM—12:00 PM in Heritage Hall
Help is needed on Donation Days

We Will Accept:
Religious Books, Children's Books and Current Fiction

Newspapers and plastic bags are always appreciated.



We will be working in the Church Hall every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM beginning September 8th until the event. Any time you can give would be a great help, even an hour is a big help. You can set your own time and days. Thank you for all you do for our parish! If you have any questions, please call Phyllis, 484-522-9619.

Surviving the Holidays WORKSHOP

GriefShare ~ Surviving the Holidays is a community of people who know what it's like to walk through the holidays in grief. You will find connection and comfort in knowing you're not alone this season.

Join us for a three hour workshop hosted by St. Mary's Grief Support Group. This workshop will be facilitated by Mrs. Judy Plica from Berks County.

When: Saturday, November 1st ~ 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center, 122 Union St., Catasauqua

Register by October 20th: 610-264-0332
Kim.stmarys122@gmail.com

Workshop Fee: \$15.00
Includes Griefshare Program/workbook and refreshments



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of the devil.
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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
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