

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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Masses / Services for the Week

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 8	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Chu
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9	9:00 AM	Constance Nicklas
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 10 CHURCH	9:00 AM	Frank Amico
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 11	7:00 PM	Brian Adams
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 12	9:00 AM	Bill Kaufmann
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 13	4:30 PM	Patricia Maggitti People of the Parish
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 14	8:00 AM	Richard Sweeney
		10:00 AM	Bernard J. Robbins



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

Erica Toribio	John Wieand	Wayne Shepard	Chris Mack	
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Amelia Buchman	Annette Gagge	David Willgruber	Davian Emery	Ana Rosado
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* 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 AUGUST 30 - 31



Saturday 4:30 pm – 118
Sunday 8:00 am – 153
10:00 am – 204

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.



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PRAYING...AS DISCIPLES

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MEMORIAL INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Joey Fedorak** requested by *Carol and Richard Schwartz*.

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.

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH HISTORY

This year we will highlight a Saint depicted on our stained-glass window each month. In September we have St. Jude Thaddeus. 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 today's gospel, Jesus makes it clear that discipleship comes at a cost. At the outset it seems that we, who are inclined to love, are being called to hate. We would be inclined to dismiss this instruction as being hyperbole, when in fact Jesus is emphasizing that discipleship is quite radical.

Of course, language is sometimes difficult to fully unpack. Jesus is speaking in Aramaic, related in a scripture written in Greek and translated into English. In English we have one word for love which doesn't carefully distinguish relational love from romantic love, from sacrificial love or love for ice cream. We are called to love and follow Jesus radically. We are to let nothing else and no one else get in the way of that preference particularly ourselves. What about the battle strategy? Can I as a king with 10,000 troops prevail over an opposing king with 20,000 troops? I am underequipped unless I have an amazing strategy. It is God who is the more powerful king with the overwhelming strategy. It is prudent for me to ask for peace terms that are clearly favorable and preferable to destruction.

The cost of discipleship is in that preference for the Lord. In surrendering myself, I do not lose myself. In conforming my will to His, I am choosing life and peace and love which is uncompromised.

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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“BUILDING ON OUR PAST, SECURING OUR FUTURE” PROGRAM

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future” Program at St. Elizabeth. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Elizabeth Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! To continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on October 4 & 5. If you have any questions regarding the “Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future” Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST SPONSORS NEEDED



Our parish family has been able to enjoy a hearty breakfast, fun and fellowship one Sunday a month for many years thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers who give their time doing the prepping, cooking and serving. To help offset the cost of the breakfast, we need monthly sponsors. Are you able to sponsor a parish breakfast? We would be most grateful! **To sponsor a full breakfast, we ask for \$600. However, we are also looking for 50% (\$300) or 25% (\$150) sponsors.** Please contact the parish office at 610-266-0695 ext. 208. *Breakfasts begin in November!*

ISLAND EXPRESSIONS HOAGIE FUNDRAISER



Our 2026 Confirmation Class will be selling delicious 9” hoagies and sandwiches. Hoagies come with and without peppers or onions, Italian, turkey, roast beef, tuna, pastrami & ham/cheese. Pick up an order form at the school or parish office or on the parish website: www.sercc.org! Prices range from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per sandwich. **Orders are due Monday Sept. 15.** Pick-up is in the parish hall on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 2:45 – 4:30 PM. *Make checks payable to: St Elizabeth Church* **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 10 at 10 am. Class is usually two and a half hours and we meet each week, except for holidays. Call the parish office for more information 610-266-0695 or come and join us. We meet on the second floor of the parish offices at 618 Fullerton Ave.

GAZA RELIEF COLLECTION

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association is on site providing humanitarian relief in the form of food, clean water, medical supplies for the sick and wounded due to the war. The USCCB is asking people in all dioceses to assist this humanitarian effort by collecting donations on September 14th. A second collection will be taken for this effort at St. Elizabeth, please be as generous as possible.

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SAVE THE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

HOAGIE ORDERS DUE

Hoagie orders are due Monday, September 15. Pick up is Thursday, September 18th between 2:45 and 4:30 pm in the parish hall.



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. Come enjoy a nice Fall Day on beautiful greens.



Contact Jason Kahr, jkahr2@gmail.com or the school office for more details 610-264-0143. Information is on the main page of the website.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Fr. Joe will bless the animals for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, October 3rd at 7 am.



OUR BASKET SOCIAL EVENT IS 2 MONTHS AWAY!

It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket ideas! Mark your calendar for our **16th Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 10-11-12! Get your EarlyBird Special starting Sept 27th – buy 4 sheets get one free.



CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY

The parish office will be closed for Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2025.



PARISH BREAKFAST

Parish breakfast will start Sunday, November 9th.



COOKS WITH COLLARS – FR. JOE MADE NUT TOSSIES!

This year Fr. Joe made nut tossies with the students from St. Elizabeth and will give away a dozen to anyone donating over \$250.

All voting dollars go directly to local parishes. In 2024, thousands of parishioners and friends, across the country, and even around the world contributed more than \$300,000 to local parishes.



HALUPKI & HALUSKI SALE IN NOVEMBER

In November we will have a Halupki and Haluski sale, made fresh, ready to heat and eat or freeze for later! Order forms and details to follow.



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Organization Name: St. E's Confirmation Class Due Date: 15-Sep Delivery: Thurs Sept 18 Pick Up 2:45 - 4:30 pm in Parish Hall
 Family Name: _____ e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Hoagies By Island Expressions 9" Sub and Sandwich *Fundraiser

Price	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	Total Due	
Sandwich Type	Hoagie * Coupon	Italian Everything	Italian Onion No Pepper	Italian Pepper No Onion	Italian Plain	Turkey Everything	Turkey Onion No Pepper	Turkey Pepper No Onion	Turkey Plain	Roast Beef	Tuna	Pastrami Swiss Cheese	Ham & Cheese	Turkey & Cheese										
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

St. Catharine of Siena, Reading – **September 7 at 11:30 a.m.**
St. Joseph, Summit Hill – **November 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

Homemade Pot Pies and Treats

Apple Dumplings \$4, Pot Pies 6" for \$6, Whoopi Pies 6 pk for \$10 are available at Sacred Heart, Miller Heights starting August 30 until September 14. Contact Jim Braski 1817 1st St, Bethlehem 18020 for more info.

Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

September 20 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | On the grounds of Monocacy Manor, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 | Various Presenters | All ages are welcome! 610-867-8890

COME AND DISCOVER DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN CURSILLO

**94th MEN'S WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18 (Thursday) to
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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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 Amen.

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