



ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Administration

Pastor Rev. Joseph Kweder ♦ *In Residence* Rev. Robert Potts

Deacon Michael Meder ♦ DRE Mary Spieker ♦ Principal Kim Kocher

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekday Masses: Monday – Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am, Thursday 7:00 pm, 1st Saturday of month 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses: *consult the bulletin and website: sercc.org*



St. Elizabeth Regional School

433 Pershing Blvd.
Whitehall, PA 18052
610-264-0143

Diocese of Allentown

Post Office Box F
Allentown, PA 18105
610-437-0755

Mission Statement

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish is a Roman Catholic community celebrating a living faith in the living God. We believe the Eucharist is the source and summit of our vibrant, prayerful worship. Driven by a belief in the dignity of the human person, we reach out to serve all, to educate in the truths of sacred scripture and the Magisterium of the Church, and to foster the sacramental life of the faithful. Inspired by our patroness, we strive to live the greatest of all virtues - Charity. We care for the poor, children and the elderly, those cast as exiles and those who mourn. With open doors and open hearts, we invite everyone to join us on a faith-filled journey toward salvation.

Call **Catholic Bishop Abuse reporting** service at 800-276-1562 for an allegation against a bishop.
Victim Coordinator Wendy Krisak, MS, NCC, LPC 800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection Pam Russo 610-871-5200 ext. 2204 at the diocesan address above.



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WELCOME - WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



Masses / Services for the Week

MONDAY	AUGUST 24	9:00 AM	Ann Louise Reinsmith
TUESDAY	AUGUST 25	9:00 AM	Kenneth Kehler
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 26 CHAPEL	9:00 AM	Anna Vasquez
THURSDAY	AUGUST 27	7:00 PM	Theresa Mizenko
FRIDAY	AUGUST 28	9:00 AM	Jack Wabby
SATURDAY	AUGUST 29	4:30 PM	MaryAnn Mateo
SUNDAY	AUGUST 30	8:00 AM	Mary Boyle
		10:00 AM	Robert L. Holder Jr.
			People of the Parish



If admitted to the hospital, please call the parish if you want an Anointing.

V. Sabol	M. Hafner			P. Macias	A. Buchman
N. Lamparski	O. Quiles	N. Pontician	T. Robbins	A. Marants	H. Ainchayba
B. Shellock	D. Sommer	A. Lau	J. Flax	T. Redmond	A. Rosado
M. Boccardi	Rev. Potts	S. Mittura	J. Potylycki	D. Willgruber	C. Wilber
M. Espin	G. Hanzl	R. Kromer	K. Dugan	C. Mack	J. Greczyn

* Please note that those listed above suffering from life-threatening illnesses will remain; others are on the list for three months, you may call to be re-added 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 15 – 16



Saturday 4:30 pm – 130
Sunday 8:00 am – 183
Sunday 10:00am – 253

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 AND SAFETY INFO



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. **Exterior doors are locked after Mass begins however they are push-to-open.**

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



MEMORIAL INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Frank & Mary Legath** requested by *MaryAnn Sutton*.

The Bells ring this week for **Brian & Kerri Puskar's 43rd** Wedding Anniversary request by the *Puskar Family*.



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. This month we are devoting adoration to Priestly Vocations. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire more men to join the priesthood.

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. We now have an image of Our Lady of Knots in the Chapel.



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.

KNIGHTS CORNER

We welcome new Knights to join us. If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus contact Doug Wunderler at d.wunderler@outlook.com. *When the world says men should step aside, Knights of Columbus step up.*



PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES SUMMER HOURS

The parish office will be open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 4 pm and closed on Fridays in August. The School office is open Tues, Wed and Thurs from 9:00 am to noon in the parish hall. The phone and e-mail will be working. 610-264-0143 – principal@sercc.org



MINISTERS: LECTOR, EOM & ALTAR SERVERS

Please note that the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) notices from Rotunda will now be sent by a new e-mail address. Please add it to your address book and your allowed contacts.

ministers@sercc.org

The coordinator is Joan Glover. We simply created an e-mail for this ministry so that the e-mail may be carried over when needed by the next coordinator for consistency. Check your calendars for the upcoming fall scheduler period – Forty Hours, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.



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 the Pastor at the parish office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; this is the preferred contact method, please do not pass messages through others.

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. OCIA@sercc.org



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d.wunderler@outlook.com

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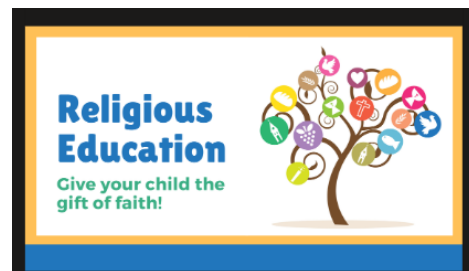
Kim Kocher x 401
principal@sercc.org

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASST:

Kathi Connors x 400
school@sercc.org

PREP ~ NEW START DATE FOR 2026 - 2027

Our PREP year will begin on **Sept 21**, NOT Sept 14 as originally published. We look forward to seeing everyone for our Opening Mass and Meet the Teacher night - scheduled for September 21 at 6:00 pm. We hope this added week gives you extra time to settle into your school year! For now, registration is open - paper copies can be obtained from Mrs. Stockdale at dirreled@sercc.org or online at www.osvhub.com/sercc/forms/preregistration. Prices increase after August 31 so why not register today! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Stockdale. *"The soul grows by learning."* **St. Augustine**

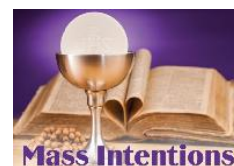


OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY!

It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket ideas! Mark your calendar for our **17th Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 9-10-11! Each basket needs to be worth at least \$35. Our team has brainstormed to create an exciting list of Basket Ideas...see if you can help us fill these baskets. Thanks for your continuous support!

MASS INTENTION BOOK 2027

The Mass Intention book for 2027 will open **August 24th**. The parish office opens at 9:00 am. One weekend and two weekday Masses may be scheduled by the person requesting Mass(s) for the first few months. Beginning December 7th, additional Masses may be requested so that all parishioners get an opportunity for a Mass.



OCIA CLASS

The new St Elizabeth of Hungary OCIA program will begin in September. If you or someone you know is considering becoming a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic and have not received all your sacraments, the OCIA program welcomes you. We meet weekly and discuss various topics of our Catholic faith. We look forward to walking with you on your faith journey. For information, please contact Diane Minetola at ocia@sercc.org or call the parish office to leave your contact information.



HALUPKI / CABBAGE & NOODLES SALE

On September 19th, Deb's famous Halupki will be offered for takeout only. Choose from a Halupki meal served with mashed potatoes and a roll, or just Halupki. Orders due by September 13th, pick up will be September 19th. Forms will be available soon.



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USEFUL INFORMATION

CATHOLIC EDUCATION ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE

St. Elizabeth Regional School
433 Pershing Blvd.
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HIGH SCHOOL

Allentown Central Catholic
301 N. 4th St.
Allentown, PA 18102
610-437-4601
www.acchs.info

COLLEGE

Alvernia University
400 St. Bernardine St.
Reading, PA 19607
888 – 258 – 3764
www.alvernia.edu

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Sacred Heart, Allentown
Fr. Remy Cole 610 – 776 – 4513

Lehigh Valley, Cedar Crest
Fr. Joseph Ganser 610-402-8465

**Lehigh Valley, 17th St. and
St. Luke's, Allentown**
Cathedral 610 – 433 – 6461

Good Shepherd, Allentown
Fr. Venantius Karobo
610 – 797 – 9733

St. Luke's, Bethlehem
Fr. Jerome Tauber 610 – 867 -5039

Lehigh Valley, Muhlenberg
Fr. Venantius Karobo
610 – 797 – 9733

DIOCESAN CEMETERIES:

Director Jim Hoffmann
484-387-6826

Resurrection Cemetery

547 Krocks Rd
Allentown, PA 18106
610 – 395 – 3819 x1

Holy Saviour Cemetery

2575 Linden St
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-866-2372 x1

RETROUVAILLE

www.HelpOurMarriage.org
800-470-2230

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Jane at 505-688-8663

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

Our 2026 Confirmation Class is selling delicious 9" hoagies and sandwiches, from Island Expressions, to help fund a bus trip to St. Carlo Acutis Shrine & Center for Eucharistic Adoration at the Malvern Retreat House in October to fulfill their Confirmation Retreat requirement. The hoagies and sandwiches come in a wide variety of with and without peppers or onions, Italian, turkey, roast beef, tuna, pastrami & ham/cheese. Prices range from \$5 to \$7 per sandwich. **Orders are due by Wednesday, Sept. 16.** Forms will be available soon. Pick-up is in the parish hall on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 2:45 – 4:30 pm. *Make checks payable to: St. Elizabeth. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*



LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS



Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen, is offering aerobics on **Tuesday nights** (6:15 – 7:00 pm) from **September 1 to November 3**. Classes are in the Parish Hall. Ten classes for \$30: 45 minutes of aerobic exercise. Please contact aerobics@sercc.org or call the parish office to register 610-266-0695. **Bring a friend or two!** Online registration is available at www.osvhub.com/sercc/forms/aerobics



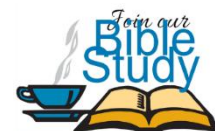
BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you? Try beginner aerobics with Karen on **Tuesday nights** (5:30 – 6:00 pm) from **September 1 to October 20**. Classes are in the Parish Hall. Eight classes for \$20: 30 minutes of aerobic exercise. Contact aerobics@sercc.org or call the parish office to register 610-266-0695. **Bring a friend or two!** Online registration is available at <http://www.osvhub.com/sercc/forms/aerobics>



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 16th (date correction) at 10 am. Class is usually one and a half hours and we meet weekly, except for holidays. We meet on the second floor of the parish offices at 618 Fullerton Ave. Please join us. No need to register, just stop by and meet new friends. We will start with "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

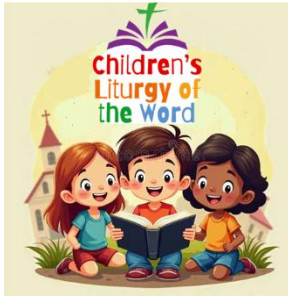
Save the Date for the Annual Golf Tournament at Whitetail Golf Course on Saturday, September 26th. This tournament benefits the school for technology and equipment funding. Come enjoy a nice Fall Day on beautiful greens. Contact Jason Kahr, jkahr2@gmail.com or the school office for more details 610-264-0143.



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Teaching Children the Word of God begins at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, September 13th. Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me." Do you like working with and teaching children? You may volunteer to help in this ministry. Children, ages 4 - 8, go to the chapel during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass to learn about Jesus and His love. We would love to have you join our team and will gladly help you get started. Don't delay, please contact Camille Stockdale at dirreled@sercc.org or call 610-264-0695 x 208. (Diocesan clearances are required.)

CYO REGISTRATION IS OPEN

FALL CYO SPORTS SIGN-UP 2026!!



Girls Varsity Volleyball

Grades 6th to 8th

Coach Emily Ehritz & Coach Ivanna DeJesus

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Grades K to 8th

COACHES NEEDED







Volleyball
Sign-up!



Cross Country
Sign-up!

ST. ELIZBAETH REGIONAL SCHOOL STARTS

School will open on Monday, August 31st for first through eighth grade. Kindergarten starts Wednesday, September 2nd.

Fr. Joe will do a BACKPACK BLESSING at Masses the weekend of **August 29-30**.



BINGO AT ST E!

St. Elizabeth will host BINGO on Sunday, September 13th doors open at 1 pm. Games start at 2 pm.

LET'S PLAY BINGO!

*Don't miss the fun,
the numbers are calling!*

JOIN US!

September 13, 2026 - 1:00PM
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall
618 Fullerton Ave
Whitehall, PA 18052



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Ways to Donate to St. Elizabeth Parish

Through our website www.sercc.org

- Choose the Church on the landing page
- On the home page of the website click on "Donate"
- This will take you to our "Donating" page which outlines the many ways to give.



DONATE



For Donations by Credit card or Bank account withdrawal find the "click here" link



Donate

[click here](#)...Use this link to donate electronically using your bank or

This will take you to our online envelope offerings at <https://osvhub.com/sercc/giving/funds>

- ❖ On this page you will find all the available contribution offerings
- ❖ Click on "Give Now" for whichever offering you would like to use and the system will prompt you to begin.
- ❖ There will be an image of the fund, you may click on the "give now" button and you will see a pop-up window for the amount, the frequency with which you would like to donate, the start date and any comment or notes.
- ❖ Next you will see a pop-up window for your personal information and to create an account.
- ❖ The next pop-up window will allow you to enter your credit card or banking information.
- ❖ For Capital Campaign donations you would decide on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual amount to give over a period of time for the entirety of your donation over the three-year period.

Direct Deposit Donations

For those who would rather set their donation on automatic, consider Donations by Direct Deposit Payments. Per your written instructions, your bank account would be debited monthly or semi-monthly for the amount you choose. You can stop Direct Deposit donations whenever you wish. Contact the Church office to sign up. Or request an ACH form complete it and return it to the Church office to begin electronic donations immediately.

Tithe

Sunday Donations can be made weekly or monthly. Simply drop your check or cash in the Sunday basket, bring it to the Parish office, or drop checks in the mail. We ask that you use your envelope if you want a year-end statement, or if you anticipate needing a Certificate of Eligibility to be a godparent or a sponsor.

Stock Donations

For a tax advantaged way to donate to St. Elizabeth, gifts of appreciated stocks can be made. Request forms from the parish office. Submit a copy to the Diocese and to St. Elizabeth Parish at 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall PA 18052. Consult your tax advisor for details.

Wills & Bequests

Why leave anything to chance? ONE simple sentence in your will can ensure support for St. Elizabeth Parish.

I give to Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church (located at 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, 18052)

\$XX, XXX. or _____ percent (___%) of my estate to support the future of the parish. Please be sure to include the address of the Church. There are many St. Elizabeth parishes.

EITC

EITC - Educational Improvement Tax Credit

How often do you have the opportunity to choose how your state tax dollars are spent? Designed especially for the business owner or high wealth individual, the EITC gives businesses and individuals the opportunity to use their tax dollars for an education credit that would directly benefit the St. Elizabeth Regional school and preschool. Please consult your tax advisor.

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Please indicate on your donation where it should be applied. Ex. Capital Campaign



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**GIFT
BASKETS**

Saint Elizabeth Parish Seventeenth Annual Basket Social

Friday, October 9 – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 10 – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 11 – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Winner pickup from Sunday 4:30 to 6:30 PM or
 Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

All prizes must be picked up by Thursday, October 15th

*****Please donate and volunteer*****

What is it and how can I help?

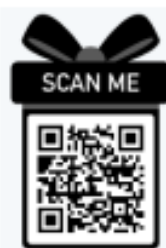
Our basket social is like a Chinese Auction. We ask parishioners to donate a theme tray or basket of new items worth \$35 or more. **If you can't make up a tray or basket, we will do it for you.** Simply donate \$35, and we will make up a basket or buy a gift certificate in your name.

Big-ticket donations are valued at \$75 and up. **Please include your name on all donations.** Donations of basket(s) with new items can be dropped off at the parish office anytime from 9 am – 3 pm until Monday, October 5.

OR... You can visit our Amazon Wishlist at https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2HF55HQAHXGKB?ref_=qr_landing_saved_custom

Buying Tickets:

Buy your tickets early to get your free bonus tickets! Sales are on the weekends of Sept. 26-27 and Oct. 3-4, after the Masses, or during the week at the parish office. Tickets are \$5 for one sheet of 25 perforated tickets. Early purchases are 4 sheets for 1 free. To get the free bonus tickets, you must purchase them by noon on Friday, October 9th. Big-ticket "blue" sheets are sold individually for \$10 only during the basket social. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards (use the QR code here).



On Sunday, Oct 11th, doors will close at 2:00 pm, and the drawing for the baskets, trays, and gift cards will begin at 3:00 pm. All winners will be called. Pickups begin around 4:30 pm on Sunday and end no later than Thursday, Oct 15th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Spieker at the parish office: 610-266-0695 or e-mail spiekermmary@gmail.com

Donation form: Please fill out and drop off at the parish or school office, Mass collection, or mail to: St. Elizabeth, Attn: Mary Spieker, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052, before Monday, September 28.

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ I will donate a gift tray or basket (value \$35 or more)

_____ I will donate \$35. Please create a basket or buy a gift card in my name.

_____ I will donate \$ _____ to help defray general expenses.

_____ I will volunteer the weekend of the Social. Please call me to schedule a time.

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FELLOWSHIP...AS DISCIPLES!

Community
Events

Because We Are Catholic

The 2026 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!



Simply Prayer- Keeping Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus

Facilitator: Sr. Barbara Brown, OSF - September 1st | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | first-floor conference room at St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor | 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, 18017 | Free Will Offering accepted
Register online at www.SchoolSistersOsf.org or by phone 610-867-8890

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AMERICA'S HEROES!



The Exhibit represents the TEACH pillar of the Wreaths Across America Mission, sharing information about the veterans and those who serve in our country, and how everyone can play a part in remembering and honoring them.

Thursday, August 27, 2026
and

Friday, August 28, 2026
12 PM - 5 PM Each Day
Mission BBQ
1421 Grape Street
Whitehall Township, PA

Saturday, August 29, 2026
10 AM - 5 PM

VET FEST/Nam Knights
Tri Boro Sportsman's Club
2110 Canal Street
Northampton, PA

Sponsor a wreath for \$17. Scan the QR code to learn more or you may donate online at

www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/PA0004

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
Saturday, December 19, 2026

Please join us and Honor all Veterans



WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG/PA0004

Incarnation of Our Lord **Bingo Buffet**

Saturday, August 29, 2026

LaBuda Social Hall (Church Basement)
617 Pierce St, Bethlehem, PA

Doors Open at 5:15pm (after 4:15pm Mass)
Bingo Starts at ~6:15pm

Tickets: \$25 advance / \$30 at the door
(Adults 18 & Over)



15 Games, 2 Boards

Cash Prizes

Buffet included:
Hot Dogs, Bar-B-Q, Salad,
Dessert, Beverages,
...and more!

Additional Boards and Specials
available for purchase.

Advance tickets are available at weekend Masses starting in July
or by calling the rectory 610-866-3391.

Parking: Laufer Street Lot; Jackson & Buchanan Lot; On-Street

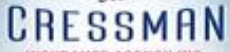
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