

Happy Monday everyone!!! Here is our PREP Newsletter for August. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything!!!

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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REGISTRATION REMINDER – If you have not already registered for PREP for the 2026 – 2027 year the time to do so is NOW! ☺ After August 31, the fee increases.

<https://www.osvhub.com/sercc/forms/preregistration>

Our classes remain on Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. If you need alternative accommodations, please speak to Mrs. Stockdale.

PREP OPENING DATE HAS BEEN MOVED TO SEPTEMBER 21 - Parents drop off students in Parish Hall, then go to Church for Mass.

Kids will join you in the Church but sit with their classes. After Mass, everyone will come back to the Parish Hall to pick up books, meet their teacher and for those that haven't already, be given the opportunity to speak to Mrs. Stockdale. We will also have a very short orientation meeting as well. AND.....

We will celebrate Mrs. Spieker's retirement. We will enjoy some goodies together and have time to visit with Mrs. Spieker. She will still help us out – OFTEN – thank goodness. She is a saint!!! But we knew you all wanted to WISH HER WELL!!!!!!

THERE ARE NO PREP CLASSES ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2026.

We are so happy that ALL of our FABULOUS teachers and volunteers are returning this year to continue being a part of the children's faith journeys! How blessed are we? If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Stockdale. All volunteers will need to be background cleared per the Diocese of Allentown Safe Environment policies.

Kindergarten Mrs. Kelly Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Irons

Grade 1 Mr. Tommy Pham & Mrs. Linda Snyder

Grade 2 Mrs. Susan Bergan & Elianna Sota

Grade 3 Miss Rebecca Mann

Grade 4 Mrs. Stephanie Figueroa

Grade 5 Miss Tiffany Tran

Grade 6 Mrs. Davian Emery & Mrs. Lourdes Marin

Grade 7 Mr. Scott Hamilton and Mrs. Jessica Robinson

Grade 8 Mrs. Marilyn Bair

Mrs. Monica Cocca – Faithful Assistant

Mrs. Nancy Hendrickson – Family Night Coordinator

Mrs. Zuzana Hawkes –Cantor

Confirmation 2027

We have a date for Confirmation 2027 – Thursday, February 25, 2027 at 4:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth's Whitehall

Celebrant – Most Reverend Bishop Alfred A. Schlert

UPCOMING SACRAMENT MEETINGS – for those students who will be receiving this year

To be eligible to receive the Sacraments, a student must have attended two years of catholic education. If you are uncertain if your child qualifies, contact Mrs. Stockdale.

October 5, 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting

6:15 p.m. Church

November 2, 2026 Sacrament of Penance Parent Meeting

6:15 p.m. Church

AUGUST 15 – HOLY DAY!!!

The Assumption of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug 15 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's. Although not a "Holy Day of Obligation" this year, we certainly hope you can take the time to attend Mass and honor our Blessed Mother in the main Church.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, when Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast day turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

BASKET SOCIAL –

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!

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!**

Dear Parents and Students,

I look so forward to getting to know each of you this coming year. I will only be working part time, but not to worry. I will check my PREP email throughout the day every day and get back to you ASAP. I can always call you from my cell phone for an emergency as well, if needed.

In the meantime, if you need to speak with me – do not hesitate to reach out. I appreciate in advance the learning curve and patience you have all already shown. I am very grateful and thankful!

Mrs. Camille Stockdale

Our Father, as August unfolds, we seek Your guiding light in this month of transition. May we embrace the abundance of summer and prepare our hearts for the coming seasons. Grant us peace and reflection, and let Your love infuse our days. In Your holy name, we trust and pray. Amen.