

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	AUGUST 15 - ASSUMPTION
<i>Church</i> 9:00 AM	Kathleen Oswald
<i>Church</i> 6:30 PM	Dorothy Folajtar
TUESDAY	AUGUST 16
9:00 AM	John R. Hughes
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 17
9:00 AM	Anne Speicher
THURSDAY	AUGUST 18
7:00 PM	Catharina Rieker
FRIDAY	AUGUST 19
9:00 AM	Annette Yurish
SATURDAY	AUGUST 20
4:30 PM	Linda Cressman
SUNDAY	AUGUST 21
8:00 AM	Deceased Members of Kedl Fam.
10:00 AM	Steve Kratzer
	People of the Parish

ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass!

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jennifer Berger	Veronica Gerbe
Amelia Buchman	Fran Kryzan
Joanne Yankow	Theresa DeNoia
Casey Ann Perry	Amelia Marie Fisher
Carlos DosSantos	Rose Tauber
Melissa Kropf	Christopher Hood
Phyllis Laky	Jordan Kish
Maryann Kulhamer	Kirsten Bickert
Laurie Bus	Rita Kline
Victoria Gaffney	

*NOTE: Please let the church know if you are admitted to the hospital. Names will be **removed after three months** and may be resubmitted at that time.

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, please let the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy so the celebrant will know to prepare the host. A seating chart is available for those with health concerns; please ask an usher for seating options.

Call our parish office at 610-266-0695.

Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 399 for the emergency mailbox.

Please visit us at: sercc.org



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READINGS FOR 20TH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Jeremiah 38: 4 – 10
Responsorial Psalm:	40
Second Reading:	Hebrews 12: 1 – 4
Gospel:	Luke 12: 49 – 53

Parish Regular Events (call for updates)

- Adult Choir** – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled
- Baptism Class** – 3rd Sunday morning by appointment
- Bible Study** – Wednesday (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR*
- Breakfast Cub** – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11:30 am Hall
- Friendly Visitors** – 3rd Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
- Prayer Shawl** – 2nd Wednesday Quarterly 2 pm LMR* call
- PREP** – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School
- RCIA** – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 7 pm LMR*

*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2nd floor.

INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
The People of the Parish requested by
the clergy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Richard Gaal and John Heidenwolf**, son of *Maria Heidenwolf*, who passed away this week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the parish office will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday.

We will be closed Friday.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at principal@sercc.org

ASSUMPTION



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2022.

Masses will be celebrated at 9 am and 6:30 pm in the church.

Note: When this Solemnity falls on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today's readings are all about negative consequences. And yet, the consequences that are described in all 3 readings are ones which come about not because of the wrong that we do. These consequences arise from simply doing the right thing, consequences none of us really want, but which nevertheless often come about in our sincere attempt to do what God is asking of us.

And that just doesn't seem fair. It certainly wasn't fair for Jeremiah. All he did was speak the truth, and he almost lost his life because of it. It wasn't fair to Abraham who came this close to having to sacrifice his son Isaac. Nor was it fair to Noah or Moses or the Apostles or Mary or all the countless people of faith who suffered because they simply tried to say yes to God the best they could.

And it sure wasn't fair to Jesus; the sinless Son of God who was asked to give up everything in order to fulfill the plan of the Father.

This aspect of living a life of faith is probably one of the greatest stumbling blocks for many of us when we only see the negative consequences of following Jesus.

And that's the key. There are indeed hardships for walking the journey of faith. And yet, these negative consequences are not the only consequences. Far from it. The truth is, they pale in comparison to the positive consequences of doing the right thing, the things that come about and make the world more like God wants it to be, positive consequences that far exceed anything we can imagine. That's the power of doing good. That's the power of making holy choices; God centered choices. That's the power that is unleashed each time we say yes to God and reject all other things; a power that can transform the world.

That's why Jesus uses such strong language when he talks about fathers being divided against sons, and mothers being divided against daughters. He's pointing out the wisdom and importance of remaining steadfast in the face of whatever opposition we face as we strive to follow God as best, we can. And that doesn't mean being arrogant or not listening to the wisdom of others or being unsympathetic or inflexible. It just means that we need to always try to do the right thing; even if it means (and it will) that we will suffer in the process.

Abraham remained faithful and his descendants were as numerous as the stars. Noah remained faithful and life continues and blossomed. Moses remained faithful and a whole people were liberated from oppression. The prophets remained faithful, and hearts were changed. The Apostles remained faithful, and the faith spread to every corner of the world. Mary remained faithful and God broke into our world in a profound way. And Jesus remained faithful and we were saved.

When we remain faithful and when we carry our own daily crosses, we also contribute in a holy and profound way in making this world a much better place.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

SAVE THE DATE

Our Saint Elizabeth Regional School annual golf tournament will be September 24th with a 1:00 pm shotgun start!

Get your foursome together and start practicing your swing....



OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ONLY TWO MONTHS AWAY!

ST. ELIZABETH'S 13TH BASKET SOCIAL



We are always looking for some new and gently used baskets! Be on the look-out during your travels to and from summer yard sales. If you come across a great summer bargain, just think what a great theme basket it will make! Volunteers are always welcome to help make our social fun and successful. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Mary Spicker at the parish office – 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Thanks for your tremendous support!

CROSS COUNTRY CYO



Registration is now open! Join the Chargers for fun and fitness. Practices are 2 - 3 nights a week at various locations. Race meets are every Sunday starting Labor Day weekend thru the middle of October. Register online before August 10th. Website is www.stelizabethcyo.org

ST. E'S MUSIC MINISTRY CORNER

Q.) How often does the choir sing? I'm considering joining but am wondering about the time commitment.

A.) We sing at 10 am mass & Holy Days of obligation from mid-Sept to mid-June, with rehearsals on Wed nights, 7 - 8:30, and some additional events & rehearsals, such as 40 Hrs. Ideally, to be involved you would commit to all rehearsals & masses, but realistically, commitment differs depending on work life, family life, etc. Have a talk with Patrick (our choir director) and we'll figure out a time that works for you.

Have a music question? Email music director Patrick Oswald: patoswald96@yahoo.com

RCIA CLASS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

This is a process for welcoming new members into the Catholic Church.

FOR: Adults (18 yrs or older) who are:

- Not Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian faith and interested in learning more about being Catholic.
- Baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Wish to learn more about our Catholic Faith.



WHAT IS THE RCIA?

RCIA is a result of Vatican II, which called for a 'revival of the Adult Catechumenate'. This goes back to the early traditions of the Church where the Apostles welcomed newcomers. RCIA is the way our Catholic communities throughout the world teach the faithful about the Catholic Church.

Note: Four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives or neighbors extend personal invitations. Spread the good news and invite someone!

INTERESTED? in learning more about your own faith. Join the RCIA team as a sponsor!

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS READY TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH, PLEASE HAVE THEM CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT

610-266-0695 ext. 208.

SAINT ELIZABETH PREP (CCD)

Registration forms for our **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** for children in grades K - 8 have been e-mailed out. Extra forms can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the parish website under "Church – Parish Life – Religious Education – PREP". Please



return as soon as possible. *If registration forms are returned by August 31 the registration fee is \$80 per child or \$140 per family (two or more children). Registration forms returned after August 31 will be \$90 per child with no family discount. Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 12 promptly at 6:15 PM. See e-mail for details. Please make every effort to attend. Enjoy the rest of your summer break with good health, happiness and holiness!*

ST. ELIZABETH GREETER MINISTRY

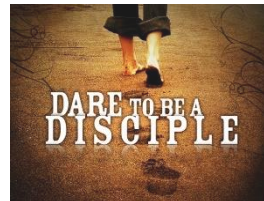


Fr. Stan would like to jumpstart our Greeter Ministry! We have a handful of faithful Greeters who have continued the ministry even through the pandemic, but now we need YOU! Are you thinking about getting

more involved at St. Elizabeth's? A great first ministry is the GREETER MINISTRY! Ask any of our greeters! It is a great opportunity for you to meet people and get to know parishioners by name; all the while by being that friendly face welcoming all into our church. Just come a few minutes early and stay a few minutes longer and reap a bounty of blessings and fulfillment! Individuals and families are welcome! Contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 for more information.

We will have a meeting in church after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, August 21. Hope to see you there!

MINISTRIES MEETING



Attention all EOM's and New and Experienced Greeters:

An important Church Meeting to talk and review these ministries at St. Elizabeth's will be held on Sunday, August 21st after the

10:00 AM Mass in church.

Please make every effort to attend. If you cannot make it, but would like to continue or join the ministry, please contact Mary Spieker at your next earliest convenience: dirreled@sercc.org or 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

OUR COMMUNITY



The Lehigh Valley Men of Malvern, Our Lady of Perpetual Help group, will be holding their annual retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills Retreat House, Malvern, PA From 5:00 pm Friday, August 26th through Sunday August 28th at noon.

If interested call Jim Rieker at 610-435-6439

Festival

St Thomas More Parish is excited to announce that we will be holding our first Festival at 1040 Flexer Ave! Friday, Aug 19th – 5:00 – 9:30 PM & Saturday, Aug 20th – noon - 9:30 PM

Live Bands! Festival Foods! Bingo! Beer Garden! Raffles! Kids Entertainment! Free Admission-Free Parking
Rain or Shine, our tents will keep you dry!
For more information you can visit our festival website at <https://www.stmchurchallentownfest.org>

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Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

To commemorate the visitation of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland on August 21, 1879, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) invites you to join us in celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Knock on Saturday, August 20, at the 5 pm Mass at St. Joseph the Worker, 1879 Applewood Dr, Orefield, 18069.

We will be accepting non-perishable food donations in the generous spirit of Our Lady of Knock.

The AOH/LAOH is open to all Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). Our mission is to embrace friendship, unity, and charity while promoting our heritage through fun and good works and events throughout the year. For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk (LAOH) at lehighvalleyLAOHprez@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL

**REGISTRATION
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Diocese of Allentown Commission for Men presents:

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November 19, 2022

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- Dr. Edward Sri
- Fr. Patrick Lamb

To Register-

www.MenAliveInChrist.org



Church Picnic

It's back, after 2 years ~ St. John the Baptist RC Church, 3024 S Ruch St. Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 4th from 1 PM to 9 PM on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers 1-4 PM and Joyous 5-9 PM. Delicious foods, children's games, raffles, refreshments, and bake sale. Bring your lawn chair or use our tables and chairs under the tents. Free Parking. Rain or Shine. All are Welcome!

SCHOOL STARTS

August 29 – Grades 1 - 8

August 31 – K & Pre-K

September 5 – CLOSED for Labor Day

September 6 – Classes resume

St. Elizabeth Regional School
has openings in

Pre-Kindergarten for the
2022 – 23 school year.

Call **today** to reserve a spot
for your son or daughter.

610-264-0143

Classes M – F, 9 am to 2 pm

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg



Monday, September 19, 2022



**PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH FOR LIFE**



WELCOME LEGISLATORS BACK TO WORK

Be there for Day ONE of the legislative session; Encourage lawmakers to support LIFE and get the PA LIFE AMENDMENT on the ballot for Pennsylvania voters

Join Your Parish for this One-Day Pilgrimage

Round Trip cost ~~\$40~~ **now \$25*** while seats last

* with grant provided by PA Family Institute

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1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103

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Aerobics

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Wellness Program



Low Impact Aerobics

What: Low Impact Fitness/Aerobics
Who: Anyone age 13 and older
When: Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall
435 Pershing Boulevard Whitehall

10 weeks: September 13th to November 15th
45 minutes of aerobic exercise

Cost - \$25 for all 10 weeks!

(All Tuesdays except for 10/25. Make-up: Wed., October 12.)

Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed.

Registration Deadline – September 9th or until the maximum number of participants is reached.

Beginner Aerobics

What: Beginner Low Impact Fitness/Aerobics
Who: Anyone age 13 and older
When: Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Where: St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall
435 Pershing Boulevard Whitehall

8 weeks: September 13th to November 1st
30 minutes of aerobic exercise

Cost - \$15 for all 8 weeks!

(All Tuesdays except for 10/25. Make-up: Wed., October 12.)

Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed.

Registration Deadline – Sept. 9th or until the maximum number of participants is reached.

******Your payment is due with this completed form******

CHECK here for **Low Impact Aerobics** \$25 _____

CHECK here for **Beginner Aerobics** \$15 _____

Please detach and drop in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall 18052
Attention: Mary Spieker (610-266-0695 ext. 208) dirreled@sercc.org

Please make your check payable to: St. Elizabeth Church

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Check # _____