

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	AUGUST 29
9:00 AM	Ruth Reisinger
TUESDAY	AUGUST 30
9:00 AM	Kathy Koetting Hartsock
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 31
9:00 AM	Helen Wolfer
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
7:00 PM	Alice Meder
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 2 <i>DIVINE MERCY</i>
9:00 AM	Enrollees of Memorial Fund
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
8:30 AM	Helen Bischof
4:30 PM	People of Parish
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
8:00 AM	Dick & Mary Tracy
10:00 AM	Marianne Franchavilla

ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jane Purvis	Larry Buss
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 22ND SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Sirach 3: 17 – 29
Responsorial Psalm:	68
Second Reading:	Hebrews 12: 18 – 24
Gospel:	Luke 14: 7 – 14

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 flowers on the altar this week at
For **Mary Boyle** requested by
the Gnall Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Gerard Boyle, Theresa DeNoia, John Kochan** and **Nancy Meltzer**, who passed away this week. *Theresa is the mother of parishioner MaryGail Smith and Nancy is the mother of parishioner Bill Meltzer.* 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 parish office will be CLOSED Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Alex Haley, author of the novel *Roots*, said he had in his office a picture of a turtle sitting on a fencepost. He said when he looked at it he remembers a lesson taught to him by a friend who said; "if you see a turtle sitting on top of a fencepost, you know he didn't get there by himself, he had some help getting there." Haley said, "Anytime I start thinking 'isn't it wonderful the things I've done,' I look at the picture of this turtle and I see myself and I remember, I didn't get where I am without a lot of help from others."

This story is a good image of humility, recognizing the worth and the talents and accomplishments that we can lay claim to, without forgetting the help and the gifts that have been given to us.

The way to gain humility is through prayer. When we fail to pray, we are acting as if we think we can handle things ourselves. When we pray, we are practicing or learning humility because we are reaching out to another (God) to whom we owe all we have.

Then there are parents, friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, even people who drive us crazy who have helped to form us and make us who we are. Humility makes us aware that we are not the center of the universe, but one small piece of it. That's where the last section of today's gospel comes in. Aware of how many people have helped us, how can we not reach out to help those who have not been as blessed as we have. Jesus doesn't mean that we should not invite our friends and relatives to dinner, he just does not want us to forget those who do not have the means to invite us in return. That is humility.

To remember our need for humility and to avoid excessive pride, remember that image of the turtle on the fencepost and be grateful to God and to the people who brought you to where you are.

God bless you, Fr. Stan



DEACON'S THOUGHTS

Summer season is pretty much winding down. The big agricultural show is coming up. Vacations are substantially concluded. It is time to resume the typical routines. Colleges are gathering students and faculty. High schools have started their football seasons. By now, most of the stationery supplies have essentially been picked clean in the stores.

Consider this all to be a new beginning. Here is an opportunity to engage life with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Look to the Lord to provide strength and encouragement. Seek Him in all things...for He is there. By way of renewal, this is also a perfect time to take out one of your brand-new sharp No.2 pencils and take an examination of conscience. It is a perfect time to review and strengthen our resolve to walk with Him and in Him in all things, in academics and in labor. Take some time to go to confession to release the burden and baggage that we are so willing to drag along behind us and allow to hold us back. We are invited to be renewed with that energy which is grace to move forward with power and commitment. We need only to accept that invitation and embrace that gift which is His grace.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS



Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering **10 weeks** of aerobics on **Tuesday nights** (6:15 – 7:00 PM) from **September 13 to November 17 with one Wednesday class on Oct. 12** in St. Elizabeth's parish hall. (*Note: No classes on 10/25.*)

The cost is only \$25 per person **for the entire 10 weeks: This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.** Registration deadline is on September 9 or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org. **Bring a friend!**

BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS



Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

EIGHT WEEKS ON TUESDAYS

Sept. 13 – Nov 1 from 5:30-6:00 pm at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall

(*No class on 10/25. One Wednesday make-up class on Oct. 12.*)

Registration is required. Only \$15 for all 8 weeks.

Call or e-mail for more information:

Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 - dirreled@sercc.org

This ½ hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility, moves and balance. Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! **Bring a friend!**

OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS 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 Spieker at the parish office – 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Thanks for your tremendous support!

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

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!*



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 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.**

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

St. Elizabeth has launched a new platform for online giving. This new link has images for the upcoming envelopes so you can easily choose which programs to donate to, including the regular Sunday collection.

Anyone using the old platform will be sent a letter asking them to convert to the new format.

www.osvhub.com/sercc/giving/funds/sunday-donation

To see "All Funds" click on the button.





ST. ELIZABETH
REGIONAL SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Regional School Golf Tournament

September 24, 2022, 1:00 Shotgun Start Whitetail Golf Club

\$100 Per Person includes Scramble Format Golf, Range Balls, Cart Fee, Prizes, On Course Contests, Dinner, and Beverages*.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available for individuals or businesses.

- \$1,000 Title Sponsor
- \$750 Gold Sponsor
- \$500 Silver Sponsor
- \$250 Bronze Sponsor
- \$150 Beverage Sponsor
- \$125 Range tee or Practice Green Sponsor
- \$75 Hole Sponsor
- Monetary donations or raffle items also accepted for prizes

Contact Jason Kahr with sponsorship inquiries or questions at JKahr2@gmail.com or (267) 246 - 8660. Golfers that do not provide a foursome may be paired with other golfers.

Please provide golfer name, email, and contact phone number

Golfer 1

Golfer 2

Golfer 3

Golfer 4

Send information or drop off at Parish Office, Church Collection, or School Office with check made to:

St. Elizabeth Regional School
Golf Outing
433 Pershing Blvd
Whitehall, PA 18052

*Beverages - 2 drink tickets for use on course - keg at 1st tee and at dinner

**Parish Basket Social
Needs Your Help!**



Saint Elizabeth Parish will host our THIRTEENTH annual Basket Social!

Friday, October 7	5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 8	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 9	8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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

What is it and how can I help:

Our basket social is similar to a Chinese Auction. We are asking our parishioners to donate a theme tray or basket worth \$35 or more. **(Note the increase, \$25 doesn't go very far anymore...)** If you don't want to 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 items will be worth \$75.00 and up.

See backside for interesting theme ideas. Please include new items only. Wrap the basket or tray in clear cellophane and attach a card with the name of your basket and your name. We can wrap the basket for you, too!

Donations and full theme basket donations can be dropped off at the parish office anytime until October 3 from 9 - 3 PM.

Buy tickets and bring a friend or two:

Buy your tickets early: Sales start the weekend of Sept. 24-25 and Oct. 1-2 after any of the Masses or during the week at the parish office to get your free bonus tickets! Tickets are \$5 for one sheet of 25 perforated tickets. Buy four sheets and get one free -- to get the free bonus tickets, you must buy by Friday, October 7, 2022, before 12 Noon. Doors will close and the drawing for the baskets and trays will begin on Sunday, Oct. 9 after 2:30 P.M. All winners will be called after 4:30 P.M. or Monday morning to pick up their prizes from the parish hall or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Mary Spieker at the parish office 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or e-mail at dirreled@sercc.org.

Donation form: Please fill-out and drop off at the parish office, Sunday collection or the school office before Monday, September 26. OR mail to: St. Elizabeth, Attn: Mary Spieker, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052, dirreled@sercc.org

Name _____ Phone _____

- _____ I will donate a gift tray or basket (Value \$35.00 or more.)
- _____ I will donate \$35.00. 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.

Our Basket Social is Almost Here!



It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket ideas! Mark your calendar for our **Thirteenth Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 7 – 8 - 9! Each basket needs to be worth at least \$35.00. Father Stan has brainstormed to create an exciting list of Basket Ideas...see if you can fulfill his dream basket! Thanks for your continuous support!

Brunch	Football party	Cheese and crackers
Barbecue	Gardening	Italian dinner
Ice cream Fix'ins	Coffee & donuts	Cash Basket
No soup for you!	Puppy	Salad bowl w/dressings, etc.
School supplies	Barbecue	Games (cards dice etc.)
Lottery tickets	Bath	Golf
Beach	Deli	Date night (movie, wine, choc, roses)
S'mores	Margarita Basket	Cutting board, bread, jam, knife
Spices	Art supplies	The Dark Side (dark chocolates)
Lemonade Stand	Mystery box	The Light Side (white chocolates)
Baking	Pool	Jell-O & flavored rum
Clean car	Baseball game	Beer mixture
Moscow mule	Rum & coke	Maintenance
Crayola	Bloody Mary	Favorite books (kids)
Favorite books	Hot sauces	Garden

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS:

Would you please consider donating an item, monetary donation, gift card, or service for our event this year? Your business will be noted, attached to your gift and advertised in our parish bulletin. We are grateful for anything you can do to help make this a successful fund-raising event for our parish!

We are a 501c3 organization. Thank you in advance for your support. Please call Mary Spieker if you have any questions or comments about the Basket Social event.

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