

## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>
9:00 AM	Nancy Mae Martucci
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
9:00 AM	James Pester
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>
9:00 AM	Helen Cullinan
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>
7:00 PM	Joseph Genay
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
9:00 AM	Angelina Pecelli
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
4:30 PM	Fred Stankavish People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
8:00 AM	James R. Lynch
10:00 AM	Tony Masucci

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Marc Finucane	Roberta Kratzer
Karen Wasielewski	Erin Schoepflin
Joe Samanka	Ronnie Bair
Karen Allenick	Annette Gagge
Casey Ann Perry	Kye Fineian
Jennifer Berger	Veronica Gerbe
Josie Levine	Judy Emery
Astrid Zelko	Fernando Colon
Bob Hartzell	Phyllis Lakay

\*NOTE: If you are admitted to the hospital or ER, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit.

## 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 usher know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy to let the celebrant know to prepare the host.

Call our parish office at 610-266-0695

Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 310 for the emergency voice mailbox.

**Please visit us at: [sercc.org](http://sercc.org)**

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-Catholic-Church-119061511442084>

## READINGS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Sirach 15: 15 - 20
Responsorial Psalm:	119: 1-5, 17-18, 33-34
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 17 - 37

## PARISH REGULAR EVENTS (call for updates)

**Adult Choir** – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled  
**Baptism Class** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning by appointment  
**Bible Study** – Wed (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR\*  
**Breakfast Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11 am Hall  
**Children's Choir** – contact Music Director for info  
**Friendly Visitors** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR\*  
**Prayer Shawl** – as scheduled  
**PREP** – Mondays (Sept to Apr) 6 pm School  
**RCIA** – Tues (Sept to Apr) 7 pm LMR\*

\*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

## INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for school **Ignatz Keglovits** of the parish requested by *Keglovits Family*.



## MASS INTENTIONS



Please pray for those who have died, especially **Margaret Harakal**, who passed away this week; she is the mother of parishioner *Jann Eline*. May her soul and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## RCIA



All are welcome to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation classes held on Tuesdays each week at 7 pm. Call for details 610-266-0695 ext. 208. The topic for **February 14<sup>th</sup>** will be *Moral Issues*. (continued)

## SAVE THE DATE



St. Elizabeth Annual Parish Festival will be held on June 9 and 10 this year. Mark your calendars and invite everyone you know!

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Every day of our lives—indeed, every minute of every day—we have choices to make. Those choices, no matter how insignificant they may seem, shape our character either for better or for worse. And the consequences of those actions also add up to our benefit or our detriment. As we heard in our first reading from the book of Sirach: “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” Every decision we make is important. Every course of action we take determines in what direction our life will be headed.

Jesus speaks to this in today's Gospel passage. Sinfulness consists not just in breaking the commandments. Rather it is rooted in the decisions we make and in our thoughts and desires which, though hidden to others, are made plain to the eyes of God.

Jesus teaches us that not just the actions we take but the thoughts we think are the result of decisions we make. Although thoughts can pop into our minds at any time, we can choose which thoughts we will welcome and which we will dismiss. It requires much discipline for us to be aware of what we are thinking and to change the direction of those thoughts before they take us down the wrong road. But such discipline is vital if we are to keep God's word and learn to love our neighbor from our heart.

The good news is that we do not need to do this alone. While no human can read our thoughts or see into our hearts, God can. His Holy Spirit scrutinizes all things as Saint Paul tells us in this Sunday's second reading. He can make us aware of thoughts and feelings which are causing bitterness and anger to well up within us. And he can guide our minds to thoughts of joy, peace, and love. We need only commit ourselves to spending some quiet time in prayer daily asking the Spirit to guard and guide our thoughts and feelings. Then we will experience an inner transformation and inner peace because the burden of grudges and long-guarded jealousies will be lifted from us and our hearts will be free to love.

The following quote has been attributed to the American philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson: “Watch your thoughts. They become words. Watch your words. They become deeds. Watch your deeds. They become habits. Watch your habits. They become character. Character is everything.”

Each of us has choices to make. How we choose will determine what kind of person we become and how our lives will turn out. If we are not happy with the direction our lives have taken to this point, there is always time for us to change course. The first step is to put our lives in God's hands and give him control over the decisions we make. If we ask him to, he will transform us, beginning with the small choices we make. Then our crooked ways will be made straight, and our bumpy paths made smooth.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

## DEACON'S THOUGHTS

Last week we were so distressed by a balloon drifting over our nation. When we as children have a balloon get out of our control it is totally at the mercy of the wind. The claim that this was an errant balloon exclusively for weather research has been questioned. Google has had several helium balloons in service for a number of years. The Google balloons are surprisingly maneuverable by making modest adjustments in altitude to make use of variations in wind currents. These craft can maintain a relatively constant position for a significant period of time or transit great distances.

The balloon in question seemed to be positioned in sensitive locations significant in our defense systems. At some sixty thousand feet, surveillance capability would likely exceed that of satellites. Would we have things and facilities that we would really not wish to be known and observed, particularly by an entity that we would consider hostile?

And yet we do in fact have many matters which we would truly not wish to be known by some whom we would consider to be caring and supportive. We may feel embarrassment by some elements of our life if they were known to a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a child.

We may especially prefer those things or thoughts or behaviors not to be known to God. He is not infinitely far away, nor in low earth orbit, nor at sixty thousand feet ... He is closer to us than we are to ourselves. He is around us. He is in us. He is loving, nurturing, caring and supportive. He is forgiving and merciful. As we grow in intimacy with God, we can grow in mercy toward others. We can become an even more effective image of God to our spouse, our siblings, our children, our parents, our neighbors. As persons, we are more genuine when we reveal compassion ... when we reveal Christ to others ... when we allow Christ to reveal himself to us ... when we allow him to reveal us to ourselves.

## SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, February 12 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/child, children 3 years and under are free.

*Treat your favorite Valentine!*

***This month's special is fresh fruit salad donated by the Spieker Family. We are very grateful for this month's sponsors, Mary Ellen Martin and Irene Snyder.***



## MAKE THE WORLD A BRIGHTER PLACE

### Crayon Recycling for Pediatric Patients

Gather and collect broken and/or used crayons from your house, friends, family, restaurants and place them in your classroom's collection box.



The crayons we collect will be donated to The Crayon Initiative. This is a non profit organization that melts the crayons, creates new crayons, and delivers them to Children's Hospitals all over the country. (Including our own Children's Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital)



No crayons to donate? All monetary donations will be used to cover the cost of shipping! Send us your donation in an envelope marked "The Crayon Initiative" by May 1st!



Visit [thecrayoninitiative.org](http://thecrayoninitiative.org) for more information about this wonderful organization.

We will be sorting crayons and getting them ready for shipping during our school's Spirit Week, May 1-5, 2023!



St. Elizabeth Student Council is proud to lead this community outreach project!

**Catholic Education**

*A Spirited Tomorrow*

## GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Complete or partial sponsorship of a student can make a difference in a student's ability to attend St. Elizabeth Regional School. Sponsorship opportunities, which combine faith with learning, create a well-rounded and prepared student. As an "Angel of the Lord" sponsor you provide the financial support to families who desire the spiritual, moral and intellectual growth fostered by a Catholic, faith-based school. Choose from three levels of support:

- Phanuel Angel: Donate any amount
- Seraphim Angel: Donate a half tuition (\$1,925)
- Uriel Angel: Donate a full year tuition (\$3,850)

Send donations to Mrs. Kim Kocher, Principal  
St. Elizabeth Regional School, 431 Pershing Blvd,  
Whitehall, PA 18052. Thanks for your support!

## REDNER'S GROCERY RECEIPTS



Don't forget to save and submit to St. Elizabeth Regional School your Redner's grocery receipts. The Redner's Save-a-Tape program helps the school earn 1% of every dollar you spend; the cash

register receipt must say "Save a Tape".

Get you "Save a Tape" card at your local store today!

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

St. Elizabeth Regional School is now accepting applications for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please note that enrollment in kindergarten requires that your child be 5 years of age BEFORE October 15, 2023. If you need an application, contact the school office at 610-264-0143. A non-refundable enrollment fee will be required when your application is returned to the school office.





## 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 **February 21 to April 25**. **No class on March 21, but instead it is offered on Wed., March 22.** Classes are in St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd. The cost is \$25 per person **for the entire 10 weeks:** *This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.* Registration deadline is February 20 or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). See our website at: [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org). **Bring a friend!**



## LENTEN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

## BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBICS 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**

**February 21 – April 11**

**from 5:30-6:00 pm**

**(No class on 3/21, but instead on 3/22)**

St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall 435 Pershing Blvd

**Registration is required. Cost is \$15 for 8 weeks.**

Call or e-mail for more information: Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 - [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto: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!**



Check out who Fr. Stan has helping him in the kitchen for this year's "Cooks with Collars" and what they are making. Please vote to put St.

Elizabeth on top and get your **ice cream!** We are over \$5,000 toward our \$8,000 goal to renovate from our pipe break over Christmas. Thank you to all those who have donated so far.

## TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

Do you own a business or know someone who owns a business and pays PA state taxes? If the answer is YES...How would you like to see those tax dollars be kept at St Elizabeth Regional School? Please contact Kim Kocher, Principal, at the school, at 610-264-0143 or [principal@sercc.org](mailto:principal@sercc.org) to learn about the Education

**WE ARE HOSTING A**  
**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
 TO BENEFIT  
**Cay Galgon Life House**

The mission of the **Cay Galgon Life House** is to prepare pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance.

**How can you help? It's simple!**  
 Pick up an empty baby bottle on  
**Start Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023**  
 Fill it with donations (coins, cash or checks). Return it on our  
**Collection Date: Monday, April 3, 2023**

When you return your bottle, you are making a difference in the lives of mothers and babies in our communities.

Our Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator: **Mary Spieker** Phone: **(610)266-0695**

**CAY GALGON LIFE HOUSE**  
 714 W. Broad Street - Bethlehem, PA 18018  
 610.867.9546  
 visit us on and at [www.CayGalgonLifeHouse.org](http://www.CayGalgonLifeHouse.org)

Job Openings

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Center Valley PA has a job opening for a part time bookkeeper.

Knowledge in general ledger accounting and previous experience with QuickBooks is helpful.

And

We are looking for a Housekeeper or CNA part time weekdays. Competitive pay. Please call Nanette at 610-282-1415 if interested in either position.

St. John The Baptist (STILES) Tricky Tray

St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Tray/Basket Social on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut St., Whitehall. Ticket entries one day only! Tickets can be purchased at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open for take-out! Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Any questions, please call 610-262-2260.

Lenten Fish Dinner

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Knights of Columbus #14464 will be sponsoring a Lenten Fish Dinner on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have soup, battered white fish, mac and cheese, taters, and more with dessert. It will be served in the auditorium at 117 Washington St., Bath from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$13, children 6-12 \$5, children under six are free.

Grab n' Go Fish Dinners

All Fridays during Lent Holy Ghost Parish at 417 Carlton Ave, S. Bethlehem will be selling Lenten fish dinners with sides for \$15.

All orders are due the Monday before. Call 610-867-9382 #3 to order.

Feb 24th – Crab Patties

March 3rd – Breaded Haddock

March 10th – Tavern Battered Cod

March 17th – Stuffed Flounder or Corned Beef & Cabbage

March 24th – Tavern Battered Cod

March 31st – Crab Patties

Cookbooks

Saint Peter's parishioners' delicious recipes were recently compiled in a beautiful book available for purchase for the low price of \$20 a copy.

Anyone interested should email [info@stpetersrccoplay.com](mailto:info@stpetersrccoplay.com) or call 610.262.2417.

# St. Mary's Lenten Luncheons

This year for Lent we will offer you several Lenten Lunches.

Our first one will be on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30 in

St. Mary's Parish Center  
122 Union St., Catasauqua

Enjoy a bowl of hearty, homemade vegetable soup with a grilled cheese sandwich, and beverage for \$9.00/person.



Kindly, email Kim at [kim.stmarysl22@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarysl22@gmail.com) or call 610-264-0332 with the number attending or for take-out.

Meat Bonanza Bingo!

We are doing something special for Bingo this month at St. John the Baptist Social Hall located at 924 N. Front St., Allentown. On Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>. *Regular bingo prize will be a package of FOUR different Meats from Kotsch's Meat Market and the specials will be CASH prizes.*

\$15 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7! Doors and Kitchen Open at noon and Bingo begins at 1:00 pm.

First come – first serve seating. Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS. Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Catholic Grandparents Association

Meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center. Grandparents have a special vocation to 'Pass on The Faith' to future generations, most importantly to our own grandchildren. Come and join other grandparents as we pray for our grandchildren, plan events throughout the year and enjoy each other's company.



PAPA SARGE'S



PIEROGI SALE



**Proceeds benefits  
the St. Elizabeth  
Youth Ministry.**

Youth Ministry will be selling homemade pierogis made right here in the Lehigh Valley with the freshest ingredients. They will be sold by the dozen of fresh (not frozen) pierogies per bag. **Each bag of 12 costs \$8.00.**

*Please fill out the order form below to fill your refrigerator/freezer for Lent!*

They may be picked up in the parish hall on  
**Sunday, March 12 at the parish breakfast between 8:30 – 11:30.**

**Deadline for ordering: Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**



As always, we appreciate your support.

Please indicate on the order form below the number of dozen bags you wish to purchase. Only potato & cheese pierogies will be sold.

**Orders & money can be dropped off at the school or church offices or in the weekend collection basket.**

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Order form due by Tuesday, February 21, 2023



**St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry – Pierogi Sale**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***I will pick up my order on Sunday, March 12:***

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 – 9:30 AM

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 – 10:30 AM

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 – 11:30 AM

**NOTE: Extras will not be available for purchase on March 12.**



Make checks payable to: *Saint Elizabeth Church*

Notes:

Office use only: AMOUNT PAID

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash

\_\_\_\_\_ Check