

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 20
9:00 AM	Lucy Mellinger
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 21
9:00 AM	Catherine DeAngelo
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 22
9:00 AM	Marie A. Robbins
12:15 PM	Mary Baltzar
6:30 PM	Alexander G. Mazziotta
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 23
7:00 PM	John Kochan
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 24
9:00 AM	Ann Schlaffer
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 25
4:30 PM	Marie Shober
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 26
8:00 AM	Rita Pudleiner
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
	Donald Saccani

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

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

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READINGS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Leviticus 19: 1 - 2
Responsorial Psalm:	103: 1-4, 8,10, 12-13
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 23
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 38 – 48

PARISH REGULAR EVENTS (call for updates)

Adult Choir – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled
Baptism Class – 3rd Sunday morning by appointment
Bible Study – Wed (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR*
Breakfast Club – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8 – 11 am Hall
Children's Choir – contact Music Director for info
Friendly Visitors – 3rd 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 2nd floor

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Tony Masucci** requested by *the Masucci Family*.

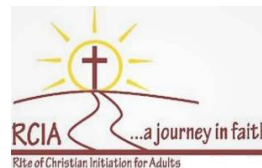


ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers on the altar this week are for **Tony Masucci** requested by *the Masucci Family*.

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 21st** will be *Eucharist and the Mass*.

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!

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

A special second collection will be taken the weekend of March 4 & 5 for relief assistance for the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. Please be as generous as possible.

You may place your donation in the collection or go online sercc.org and use the "Special Collection" at the bottom of the donation funds page – Disaster Relief.

PASTOR'S NOTES

What makes Christians different from others and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace – treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated – with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us.

It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return. Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil.

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction.

Was Jesus exaggerating when he said we must be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? The original meaning of “perfect” in Aramaic is “completeness” or “wholeness – not lacking in what is essential.” God gives us every good gift in Jesus Christ so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters (2 Peter 1:3). He knows our weakness and sinfulness better than we do. And he assures us of his love, mercy, and grace to follow in his ways. Do we want to grow in our love for God and for our neighbor? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to change and transform us in the image of the Father that we may walk in the joy and freedom of the gospel, and so we pray.

“Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, that nothing may ruffle my peace, that nothing may take away my joy, that nothing may make me bitter towards anyone.” Amen.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

LENTEN REMINDERS:



Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord. We

are provided with three personal challenges:

1. Almsgiving – generously giving to those in need
2. Fasting – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
3. Praying – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, or two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org).



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For more information on Lenten traditional please visit the <https://www.usccb.org/resources/fasting-abstinence>



May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Ashes will be distributed at the Masses 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm. There is **no Vigil Mass**

on Tuesday, as it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. It is, however, a day of fasting and abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The main church is open for stations of the cross each Friday during Lent. Stations will be held at 7 pm.



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

St. Elizabeth Regional School is now accepting applications for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Pre-K through 8th 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.



OUR SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

Together we raised \$5,850 in the Raffle Ticket Sale. Congratulations to our winners Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCarthy, Ms. Carol Bodnar, and Mrs. Gabby Ortiz.

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. See our website at: www.sercc.org. **Bring a friend!**

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.

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!**



COOKS WITH COLLARS



The final day to vote for "Cooks with Collars" is Tuesday, February 21st. All contributions will go for the renovations needed to repair the water damage incurred from the burst pipe.

Fr. Stan is busy making ice cream to fill all the orders of those who have contributed \$100 or more. It is not too late to cast your vote!

NUTROLL SALE

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry will sell Apricot, Lekvar, Nut, Poppyseed, Pumpkin Cheese, and Seedless Raspberry Rolls for Easter. Cost for each roll is \$17. Look for the order form in the bulletin and on the web page in a couple of weeks.

ST. ELIZABETH PRAYER CHAIN

All that is required to become a member is for you to pray when you receive a phone or e-mail request. This is a simple, but powerful parish ministry and an important way to help each other with healing graces. Please consider joining us! Call 610 – 266 – 0695 ext. 208.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Children's Donation Boxes - 2023



The children of St. Elizabeth Parish are being asked to collect donations for Operation Rice Bowl again this year. As Lent arrives on February 22, our children in Pre-K through 8th grade will be given small donation boxes, one per family. Please return all boxes by April 3. All donations will be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services to help fund their efforts of bringing food and drink to our hungry world. We thank you for supporting this important ministry.



Lenten Fish Dinner

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Knights of Columbus #14464 will be sponsoring a Lenten Fish Dinner on Feb. 24th, March 3rd, and March 31st. 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.

Join 40 Days for Life February 22nd - April 2nd!

The No-Show rate for appointments can be as high as 75% when we are peacefully praying outside of a women center site. Abbey Johnson who used to be a Planned Parenthood director says, "**Fasting, prayer, and presence saves SOULS and LIVES!**" Since 40 Days for Life started in 2007, 22,829 lives have been spared! To sign up or for Questions contact: Schedule40dfl@gmail.com



LENTEN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES



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**



714 W. Broad Street - Bethlehem, PA 18018
 610.867.9546
 visit us on  and at
www.CayGalgonLifeHouse.org

Grab n' Go Fish Dinners

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

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@stpetersccoplay.com or call 610.262.2417.

Meat Bonanza Bingo!

On Sunday February 19th we are doing something special for Bingo this month at St. John the Baptist Social Hall located at 924

N. Front St., Allentown. *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

Shroud Encounter

Saturday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m. The highly acclaimed SHROUD ENCOUNTER will be coming to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church located at 2181 Washington Ave in Northampton. Saturday will feature the highly acclaimed big screen presentation, CSI Jerusalem at 6:00 pm. Sunday will feature Secrets of the Man Clothed in Linen at 1:00 pm which examines how the Shroud fulfills the Old Testament prophecy found in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Free will offerings are accepted. SHROUD ENCOUNTER is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and is a fast moving, big-screen experience using over 200 animated images. For tickets, please call Assumption B.V.M. at 610-262-2559 or email bvm1922@rcn.com subject line "Shroud".

St. Mary's Lenten Luncheons

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

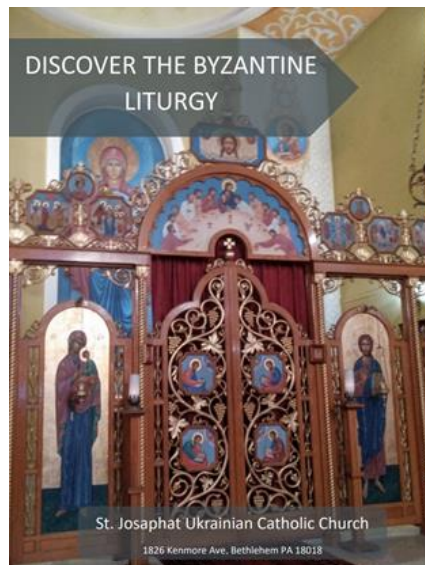
Our first one will be on Friday, February 24th 11:30-1:30 in

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 or call 610-264-0332 with the number attending or for take-out.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
@ 6:30PM

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
@ 6:30PM

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Talk by Fr. Paul Makar and light meal both nights after Divine Liturgy

Events held at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church

For more info email pastor@stjosaphatbethlehem.org
Event organized by Fr. Paul Makar & Estefania Pierce



Please join us in Allentown!

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

A Prayer Pilgrimage for the Unborn and their Parents

Celebrant: Fr. David Lopez

Saturday February 25, 2023

Our Mission

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants mission is to bring Christ to the street in peaceful prayerful witness at the site of the abortion facility. To be most effective in this mission the Helpers are called to personal holiness through the embrace of the Catholic sacraments of confession and Mass, the Catholic devotions of Eucharistic Adoration, public procession in prayer and silence (to maintain purity of heart and stay resolute in purpose), and then we pray the Rosary while witnessing at site, our modern day calvary. The Helpers are called to be vessels of Christ's love, to be the light in the darkness, to be present that ALL the souls involved in abortion will be moved to say YES to Christ. We are all called to be Helpers.

7:30am CONFESSION

St Stephen of Hungary, 510 Union Street

8:00am MASS

St Stephen of Hungary, 510 Union Street

9:15am EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Benediction and prayerful adoration in the church: Petition for the end of abortion, prayerful support for the procession and prayerful witness outside of Planned Parenthood.

9:30am PRAYERFUL PROCESSION

Maintain silence between prayer. We fast from speaking except while praying to underscore the importance of our witness.

9:45am PRAYERFUL WITNESS

Pray the 15 decades of the Rosary at Planned Parenthood.

10:30am PRAYERFUL PROCESSION

Maintain silence between prayer. We fast from speaking except while praying to underscore the importance of our witness.

11:00am REPOSITION

St Stephen of Hungary, 510 Union Street

11:30am FELLOWSHIP

St Stephen of Hungary, 510 Union Street

Please RSVP by email to Hogpi@proton.me so that we may know how many prayer books to print and food to prepare. Please indicate in your email in which one (ones) you wish to participate.

- Procession and Rosary only
- Entire pilgrimage (Mass, Procession, Rosary and Fellowship)
- Volunteer: Food or other

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants is a local chapter and a ministry of the Allentown Diocese since 1997. It was first established in Brooklyn, NY by Monsignor Reilly on October 7th 1989 dedicated to Our Lady of Victory

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