

MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 23</b>
9:00 AM	Thomas Pavlovcak
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 24</b>
9:00 AM	Michael Kahr
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 25</b>
9:00 AM	James McGee
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 26</b>
7:00 PM	Gregory Oswald, Jr.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 27</b>
9:00 AM	John Niemczak
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 28</b>
4:30 PM	James P. Dorsey
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 29</b>
8:00 AM	Edward Richmond <i>People of the Parish</i>
10:00 AM	Lucy Mellinger

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

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	Sheila LeBlanc
Kathy Wiesner	Ruth Youseff
John Galluci	Phyllis Laky

\*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 THIRD SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Isaiah 8: 23, 9: 3
Responsorial Psalm:	27
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 13, 17
Gospel:	Matthew 4: 12 – 23

- 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 last week for **Nicholas R. Potenzi** requested by *Helen Potenzi*.

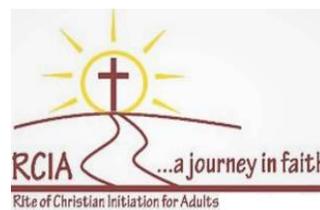
*(We apologize for the late announcement our ability to locate records was compromised for a short period due to the pipe burst)*

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Claire Levanduski and Ronald Pasquino**, father of *Anthony Pasquino*, who passed away this week. May their souls 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 **January 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the *Saints*.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is now open for additional Masses. Suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Please or call the parish office for requests. 610 – 266 – 0695

## PASTOR'S NOTES

'I urge you brothers and sisters... that there be no division among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.' So, what is St. Paul driving at when he tells the people of Corinth to be united in the same mind and the same purpose? Aren't we different? Isn't it ok to have different attitudes and outlooks and opinions about things? Isn't it ridiculous to believe we can all be the same and think the same and want the same? What is St. Paul getting at? I think the answer lies in his carefully chosen words, 'same mind and same purpose'. Seemingly implicit in this phrase from Paul is the idea that the 'mind' and 'purpose' he is talking about lies outside ourselves. In other words, if we truly want to be united in faith, it is not ok for me to just listen to what my mind wants or simply follow my own purposes. If that were the case (and often it is) Christians would be as divided as everyone else; each of us going our own way and doing our own thing. And we suffer because of it; not unlike a married couple who find themselves no longer on the same page on so many important things. And the world suffers because of it too. The 'same mind and purpose' St. Paul talks about is of course, the mind and purpose of Jesus. One of the unique promises of Christianity is that our faith is not predicated or built on a philosophical system. It is founded on, rests on and is grounded in a person - the person of Jesus Christ - our loving God who has visited us and remains with us always. We, as Christians, don't follow just a few 'ideas' or 'rules' or 'practices.' Rather, we follow a person; a concrete person to show us how to live and why to live, show us how to see and how to think about things and how to act. And so being a faithful disciple really has nothing to do with figuring out what I want out of life. It's really more about what God wants out of my life, and what he wants out of us as a faith community. And these are things that last. These are God-things. These are the things that have the power to transform human hearts and transform the world. What are these things? Unconditional love. Radical Forgiveness. Unbounded generosity. True compassion, mercy and understanding. If we can't agree on these simple things, are we really united in faith?

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

## DEACON'S THOUGHTS

On Wednesday, we celebrate the conversion of Saint Paul. While on the road to Damascus, he was dazzled by a great light and fell to the ground. Was he riding a white horse or a black horse? That is not known. No horse is mentioned. He may have been riding in a conversion van.

One characteristic which was always with him is that he was zealous. Most ardent as a persecutor of the early church, he was motivated by love of God. Consumed with the law and orthodoxy of his time, he enthusiastically pursued what is right.

When confronted by the very person of Jesus while on his journey, he came out of his blindness and entered into a profound understanding of the Lord as the promised messiah. With his background, he would be ideally suited to challenge and refute many of his peers of pharisaical background. The Lord had other plans for him. Paul was to be the apostle to the gentiles. In his many travels, and through his Roman citizenship, Paul, with his companions, managed to preach in many lands. Ultimately, he was martyred. Paul proved his love for the Lord in enduring all that he had suffered in following Jesus. His strength was in his weakness. He understood that in his limitations, God would show forth His glory. May we not be afraid to be humble and may we be zealous in our faith and service.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

The School Board of St. Elizabeth Regional School is sponsoring their Annual "Kick off to Catholic Schools Week" Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 28, in the Parish Hall. Dinner consists of all-you-can-eat Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverages, and Dessert. Seating times are 4:00, 5:30, or 7:00 pm. Advance tickets will be available at the School, Parish Office, and after all Masses on Jan. 21/22. Prices are \$12 for Adults and \$7 for Children 5 - 12; Children under 5 are free. Reservations are highly encouraged. Tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$13 for Adults and \$8 for Children 5 - 12; Children under 5 are free.

**Takeout will be available.**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER PARISH BAKERS NEEDED!**

Please consider baking or making your favorite dessert to be served at our annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> for the Kick-Off to Catholic School's Week.



Many scrumptious desserts are needed, and the homemade ones are surely the BEST! Desserts should be dropped on Saturday, Jan. 28 between 3 – 4 pm

***Don't forget to buy your dinner tickets early!***

**2022 TAX STATEMENTS**

Parishioners wishing a tax statement should call the parish office, 610-266-0695, with their e-mail contact information.

Tax statements will be available on January 31<sup>st</sup> and will be e-mailed to those requesting one. Any donations dated after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered a 2023 donation. **You must request a tax statement for one to be provided.**

If you prefer you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the parish office for a paper statement that can be postal mailed.

**YOUTH MINISTRY PAPA SARGE'S PIEROGI SALE**

Our Youth Group will be selling homemade pierogies made right here in the Lehigh Valley with the freshest ingredients...perfect for a Lenten Meal! They will be selling fresh pierogies a dozen per bag. Each bag costs \$8.00.

Sale begins February 5<sup>th</sup> and all orders are due by February 21<sup>st</sup>. Order forms can be found at the parish office, on the parish website and on Facebook. Order forms will also be in the bulletin the weeks of February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is at the parish breakfast on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK RAFFLE**

Kick off to Catholic Schools Week Raffle \$10 per ticket or \$50 per sheet due no later than January 26<sup>th</sup> to the school, parish office or collection basket! Thank you for your support.

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK**

St. Elizabeth Regional School will host an Open House and our Student Art Show for Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> following our 10:00 am Mass. Come tour the building and see our talented students' work!

**Catholic Education**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Merry Christmas for a school family! 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!

## PREP CORNER

**Volunteer:****Mrs. Brittany Cataldo**

Brittany Cataldo is a new volunteer this year at St Elizabeth's. She moved to Allentown this summer from Moorestown, New Jersey. She is a nephrologist at St Luke's in the Carbon and Schuylkill County area.

Her daughter, Scarlett, is in the first grade PREP class. Her goal is to be of service to her church community and encourage her daughter's Catholic education.



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## OLD PALM COLLECTION



You may bring your old palms to church anytime from now to February 19 for us to dispose of properly.

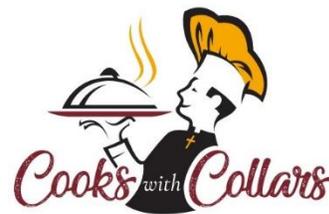
During the 1800's, both the Sacred Congregation for the Rites and the Holy Office issued various determinations concerning this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold, but must be used for some other sacred purpose, or melted. Vestments, altar cloths, and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned, and the ashes then used for distribution on Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground. A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried. *In all, the underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God, in a sense, the same way a person's dead body is committed to the earth. Never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.*

Therefore, the normal "rule of thumb" is that anything that has been blessed should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried.

[https://www.catholicherald.com/faith/disposal\\_of\\_religious\\_items/](https://www.catholicherald.com/faith/disposal_of_religious_items/)

#### Girl Scout Cookie time!

What is your favorite? Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patty, Caramel Delights? St. Elizabeth Troop #63403 will be selling Girl Scout cookies after the 4:30 pm & 10:00 am Masses the weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> outside of the church. We appreciate your support!



Fr. Stan will again be participating in the annual "Cooks with Collars". Look forward to the kickoff on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Find all the takes on your old recipes with a prayerful flair and some new recipes you never tried before. Fr. Stan's recipe is well worth the wait!!!

LAOH Mass to commemorate St. Brigid

To commemorate the feast day of St. Brigid, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) is honored to celebrate on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the 4:00 Mass with the Immaculate Conception Church family, 501 Ridge Avenue, Allentown.

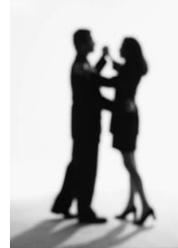
In the generous spirit of St. Brigid, we will be accepting *non-perishable food donations* for the Allentown Food Bank. We hope that you will join us!

Membership in the AOH/LAOH is open to all practicing Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk (LAOH) at lehighvalleyLAOHprez@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus BINGO!

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center St. in Nazareth \$20 entry. 15 games with plenty of specials & 50/50 Raffle. Doors open at Noon; First Game at 12:45. See you there!

St. John's Hearts and Flowers Hop Dance



On Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> an Oldies Dance will feature CHASBAND at St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 924 N. Front St. Allentown. \$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open. Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Doors open 6:30. Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505



# St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry

## Spring 2023

Faith, friendship, fun - welcoming all 6th-12th graders!



### January

  
**SUN 1/29: New Year's Game Night!**  
 @ YM Room, 6 – 8 p.m. 

*Join us for game night! Feel free to bring your favorite board/card games. Will also have a discussion on new year's resolutions and the season of Ordinary Time.*



### February

**SUN 2/12: Valentine's Day Party**   
 @ YM Room, 6 – 8 p.m.

*We will be making funny Valentine's day cards for Meals on Wheels recipients and talk about the 5 love languages.*  
**\*service hours available!\***

**SUN 2/26: Escape Room: YM Edition**  
 @ YM, 6 - 8 p.m. 

*During the time of Christian persecution, you are locked in a room. We will learn about the early martyrs as we play!*

## Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation CONGRATULATIONS



The following children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday morning, January 21, 2023. Please continue to pray for them and for their families as they begin preparation for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Alianah Amador

Maximiliano Aviles

Eve Carver

Adrianna DeJesus

Valentina DeJesus

Caia Ellison

Jayden Fermin

Jeremiah Fermin

Wesley George

Francesca Markulics

Kennedy Markulics

Giuseppe Mazzola Jr.

Gabriel Moyer

Layla Ortiz

Aria Potocnie

Arlene Rodriguez-Cruz

Roland Satouf

Frank Schoepflin

Allan Smolinski

Elliana Soto

Olivia Stowe

Talya Waithaka

**22 students**

