

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	JANUARY 30
9:00 AM	Maryanne Ronca
TUESDAY	JANUARY 31
9:00 AM	Dorothy Folajtar
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 1
9:00 AM	John Beacher
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 2
7:00 PM	Eric Dimter
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 3
9:00 AM	Memorial Fund Enrollees <i>Divine Mercy</i>
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 4
8:30 AM	John Kochan
4:30 PM	Joseph Szilezy
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 5
8:00 AM	Frank Mayernik
10:00 AM	Margret Schuster People of the Parish

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

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	Sheila LeBlanc
Kathy Wiesner	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

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

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-13
Responsorial Psalm:	146
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 31
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 1 – 12

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 **Kurt Horlacher** requested by *Rita Kline and 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 **January 31st** will be *Sin*

MASS INTENTION BOOK

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

UPDATE ON THE WATER DAMAGE

The church, sacristy, second floor and basement have had the demolition and garbage removed. We are now dry and ready for the renovations to begin. ServPro Whitehall division was here to handle the cleanup and drying process. All damaged vestments, altar clothes and sacramental items have been sent out for cleaning and refurbishment. We will keep you informed of the progress as we get back to normal.

PASTOR'S NOTES

On the surface there seem to be similarities between Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments. Both are associated with covenant with God and His people, and both give standards for living.

The Ten Commandments should be seen as the bare minimum for what it means to be a Christian, what should be done and not be done. The new covenant speaks to every person, and it is based on love.

It is very easy to keep the commandments and to do so without love. The commandments can be kept in a self-centered way.

The Beatitudes speak to us from the perspective of God, who is love and the observance of the Beatitudes is only possible with a deep love of God and other people. The Beatitudes are a privileged glimpse at the world through the eyes of God and opportunity to see things as they really are.

Living the Christian life will necessarily challenge those who do not live a moral life. If we value all the people we meet with the same dignity, this will aggravate those who treat people with contempt. If we seek peace, it will annoy those who profit from violence and conflict. If we are gentle, it will challenge the behavior of those who are aggressive for selfish motives. We will be persecuted in small ways and in large if we seek to live out the Beatitudes in our daily life. But the cost is minimal when you consider the reward.

The Beatitudes have a quality and a depth which go beyond the mere minimum moral requirements of the Ten Commandments. They call for a very special relationship with God and his people. They involve, not merely a personal observance of ethical rules, but a deep concern to be involved with the building up of the Kingdom in the world we live, helping to make it a place of truth, love compassion, justice, freedom, and peace. This is what the Kingdom of God is all about and this is why those who strive to follow the Beatitudes are called Blessed- because they live in and for the love of God.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

DEACON'S THOUGHTS

Supply chain frustrations!

Have you been as frustrated as most about supply chain issues? Right at the outset of this continuing pandemic process you couldn't get toilet paper, paper towels, germicidal spray, antibacterial hand soap and so many other day-to-day essentials. Some of those shortages slowly began to ease over time.

A great many manufacturing processes had to shut down. Phenomenal amounts of product were "on the way" yet tied up on cargo vessels hovering off the many worldwide ports unable to dock and offload and reload. Computer chips represented an amazing dependency that we have on technology. So many appliances have become so tremendously advanced. Your clothes dryer now "needs" a half a dozen microprocessors to dry a towel. Your toaster "has to" know if you are toasting a sliced bagel, or a frozen waffle or a thin slice of '647' bread. If you want to replace your microwave oven, you may have a handful of options. Before the bug, there may have been dozens.

Chips are essential for our cars now, too. A few chips to control the transmission, a few more to manage fuel flow and ignition, and a couple more to make sure both those groups are "happy." So many repairs had to be pended due to the unavailability of chips. New car production was at a complete standstill without a supply of those precious circuits. Slowly, and not yet fully, new vehicles are becoming available. Car lots which had sparse representation a couple of years ago are still not crowded as in years before. A *working* used car will rate a hefty premium still.

In waves and surges other scarcities sprung up. Certain fuels and other commodities had and have become harder to find and at greatly increased price.

What has NEVER been unavailable is the Grace and Mercy of God. Always in abundance and so easily accessible. God delights in giving us His good gifts. St Paul writes that he is joyful in abundance and in need. Perhaps it is a good time to tap into the supply of 'heart sanitizer'.

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH
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 5th and all orders are due by February 21st. 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 5th and 12th. Pick-up is at the parish breakfast on March 12th. 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 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.



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 29th 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

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:

- Phaniel 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!

JANUARY 29, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF OT

ST. BLAISE – THROAT BLESSING



St. Blaise was a Bishop and martyr of the early Church. The Legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written about 400 years after his death. These acts tell us that he was born into a wealthy noble family, and he was raised as a Christian, studying philosophy in his childhood. He became a doctor. He eventually

became the Bishop of Sebastea in Armenia by unanimous will of the people after the previous bishop died. He was an inspiration to his flock, leading by his words and virtuous life. People came to him in great numbers for healing of various infirmities and many other miracles.

While serving as bishop, he received a message from God to flee into the hill country to escape persecution. He remained in a cave, praying for some time. Near the cave, wild animals gathered that were sick. Blaise walked among them unafraid. He cured them of their illnesses as he passed by them.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat as well as patron of wild animals. His feast is commemorated with the blessing of St. Blaise, in which two candles are consecrated and then held in a crossed position by a priest over the heads of the faithful or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time the following blessing is given: "May Almighty God at the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, preserve you from infections of the throat and from all other afflictions". Then the priest makes the sign of the cross over the faithful. Throats will be blessed after Masses.

Throats will be blessed on Friday, February 3rd during Mass and also at weekend Masses February 4 and 5.

SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND

February 11 & 12



Girl Scout Troop #63403 will be collecting at the exits of the church after all the Masses over Souper Bowl Weekend. Any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated. Half of the proceeds will go to the *Diocese Chew Street Soup Kitchen in Allentown* to help feed the hungry and half to the troop to help pay for scout expenses, activities and trips. Thank you for your kind generosity!



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

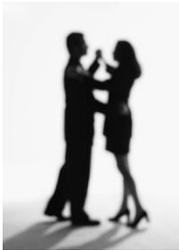
During the 1800's, both the Sacred Congregation for the Rites and the Holy Office issued various determinations concerning this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold, but must be used for some other sacred purpose, or melted. Vestments, altar cloths, 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/



St. John's Hearts and Flowers Hop Dance



On Saturday February 3rd 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

Knights of Columbus BINGO!

Sunday, February 5th 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!

ENROLL TODAY FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



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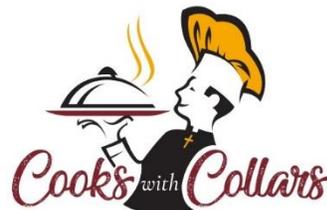
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Check out who Fr. Stan has helping him in the kitchen for this year's "Cooks with Collars" and what they are making. Please vote your donation to put St. Elizabeth on top!!!

Job Opening

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. Please call Nanette Lamparella at 610-282-1415 if interested.

St. John The Baptist (STILES) Tricky Tray

St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their 17th Annual Tricky Tray/Basket Social on Saturday, February 18th, 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 19th, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.. Any questions, please call 610-262-2260.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

WCH, the Faith-Based Community, and others are proud to provide these FREE meals to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households twice a month.



All are welcome to attend both meals on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday each month from 4:00-6:00pm. Meals are guaranteed for the first 100 guests and will be an inside sit-down meals at the host locations (just like we did prior to Covid). There are no more take out meals. WCH will post a meal reminder on Facebook and Instagram.

Questions about hosting a meal or a guest wanting more info, please contact Karen Haberern, Program Chair, at 610-730-3184

The next meal will be Sunday, February 5th at St. Peter's RC in Coplay.

Please pray for the following military members currently serving.



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| 2Lt. Jared Blockus | US Army |
| SSgt. Jon Bonnell | US Marine Corps |
| A1C Mason Burkhardt-Baud | US Air Force |
| Cmdr. John Cocca | US Navy |
| 1Lt. Ethan Downey | US Air Force |
| Lt. Col. Julie Glover | US Air Force |
| Cap. Ryan Gutshall | US Army |
| PO2 Eric Knapp | US Navy |
| Sgt. Michael Merryman | US Army |
| 1Lt. Luke Millan | US Army |
| IT3 Daniel J. Peterson | US Navy |
| SSgt. Jim Peterson | US Army |
| ABF3 Jonathon Russell | US Navy |
| 1Lt. Angela Stella | US Air Force |
| Pvt. Christopher Sweeney | US Army |

If you have family members you would like to include on this prayer list, please send them to the parish office. If one of the members above has had a change to rank or has left active duty, please let us know.

Delicious

SOUP SALE



SATURDAY
FEB 4
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

CREAMY POTATO

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**PICK UP: ST NICHOLAS CHURCH 1152 OAK RD
WALNUTPORT PA 18088**

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday February 11th, please join us at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8 am at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Rd., Bethlehem and continues with The Rosary at the Allentown Women's Center located at 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission is that through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion so that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy.

Aerobics

With Karen Hoff

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St. Elizabeth of Hungary R. C. Church
Wellness Program

Beginner

Intermediate/Advanced

What: Beginner Low Impact Adult Fitness/Aerobics

Who: Anyone age 13 and older

When: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

Eight Weeks:

February 21 to April 11, 2023

No Class 3/21 – instead on 3/22

30 minutes of beginner aerobic exercise.

Cost - \$15.00 for all 8 weeks!

Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed.

Registration Deadline – February 20 OR once class limit is reached.

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

What: Low Impact Adult Fitness/Aerobics

Who: Anyone age 13 and older

When: 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

Ten Weeks:

February 21 to April 25, 2023

No Class 3/21 – instead on 3/22

45 minutes of intermediate/advanced aerobic exercise.

Cost - \$25.00 for all 10 weeks!

Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed

Registration Deadline – February 20 OR once class limit is reached.

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

Where: St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall

435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall

Please detach and drop in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

St. Elizabeth Parish, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052

Attention: Mary Spieker, (610-266-0695)

Please make your check payable to: St. Elizabeth Church

Tuesday Aerobics classes with Karen Hoff – February 22 to April 11 or 25, 2023

Print Name _____

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Circle: Beginner Intermediate/Advanced Cash _____ Check # _____