



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In the incredible story of the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John have an experience of Jesus that they never had before; one that left them 'very much afraid'. Jesus, of course, did what He always does - reached out to make the situation better, sought to bring some healing and peace. 'But Jesus came and touched them saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' Jesus touched them....invited them to rise.....and encouraged them to not be afraid. How exactly do we do that? Is that even possible? Don't things have to be different before we can feel that way? As much as we try to understand to the best of our limited human ability the meaning behind Jesus' words, I think the order of the phrase we just heard is revealing and helpful in understanding this passage. First Jesus touches. Then we rise, THEN we are not afraid. The rising comes first. It's not that we have to get rid of our fear in order that we can rise. It's in our rising that we allow God to render our fear powerless. In a very real sense, that is a kind of template for our lives as followers of the Lord Jesus - and a beautiful blueprint for Lent. Much of what we do during this Holy Season we do so that God can touch us, so that God can get to us, so that God can grasp us by the hand. Our prayers, our fasting, our almsgiving is all so that you and I can open ourselves up to all the wonderful things God

wants for us, His mercy, His peace, His joy. And by letting God in, by drawing God close, we allow Him to lift us up - raise us up to a newness of life. And the result? Well, we allow the power of the resurrection to infuse our very being, there will be no more room for our fears. Instead, they will be replaced by true hope. Cynicism? Gone. Complacency? Gone. Fear? Gone. And so, when Jesus tells them, and us, to not be afraid, He is in a sense making us a promise. If we let Him touch us, if we let Him take our hand, He will raise us up to a life beyond our wildest expectations, and our fears will start to dissipate. They no longer will get the best of us nor have power over us. Earlier I asked if things had to be different for us to live a life free from fear. And the answer is no. THINGS don't have to be different. WE have to be different. And so, if life is bringing you down, if you are fearful of tomorrow, know that you are not alone. But also know, that for people of faith, and for Christians in particular, tomorrow can always be better than today. The world need not remain the way it is. WE need not remain the way we are. Let God touch our hearts and minds this Lent, raise us up, and allow us to continue the work of Jesus free from fear. It's not just possible, it's a promise. - God bless you. Fr. Stan.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Scott Fogel	Ronnie Bair
Michael Maltz	Erin Schoepflin
Marc Finucane	Karen Wasielewski
Bob Hartzell	Josie Levine
Joe Samanka	Phyllis Laky



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

UPCOMING LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2 pm (*with school*)

Fridays at 7 pm

March 10, 17, 24



Adoration and Reconciliation*

Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

**Multiple confessors will be available*

Living Stations

Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm

Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday

Lord's Passion April 7 at 3:00 pm

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Holy Saturday, April 8 at noon

Easter Masses

Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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PRAYING...as Disciples

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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. Each of us 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

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the practice of eating no meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent and is required of all Catholics age 14 and older.

Fasting is the practice of eating only one full meal and two smaller meals each day. It is the obligation of all Catholics from age 18 – 59. While fasting is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the entire season of Lent should be marked by fasting in different ways.

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	MARCH 6	9:00 AM	Mary Baltzar
TUESDAY	MARCH 7	9:00 AM	Catherine De Angelo
		4:30 PM	Confirmation
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 8	9:00 AM	Catherine M. Egan
THURSDAY	MARCH 9	7:00 PM	Mary Emma Mascari
FRIDAY	MARCH 10	9:00 AM	Deacon Alexander Maggitti, Sr.
SATURDAY	MARCH 11	4:30 PM	Theresa Sumski
SUNDAY	MARCH 12	8:00 AM	James Schuster
		10:00 AM	Anne Marie Rohrbach

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:45 – 4:15, Sunday 7:15 – 7:45 am, 9:15 – 9:45 am and by appointment during weekdays.

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 **March 7th** will be *Supernatural Things #2*.



INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Colette Semler** requested by *Keglovits Family*.



MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Noris Pitty Grisafi**, who passed away this week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.





LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

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**.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On **Tuesday, March 7th** at 4:30 pm, Bishop Alfred Schlert, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish Confirmandi. Please join us in welcoming him on this joyous occasion. We ask you, our parishioners, to keep these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare to open themselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to come to the Confirmation Mass.



As the Bishop is present for his canonical visitation, the following indulgences may be gained:

- A plenary indulgence to the faithful who assist at ceremonies at which the bishop presides during his pastoral visitation.
- A partial indulgence to the faithful who make a visit to their parish church at the time of the bishop's visitation.

YOUTH MINISTRY IRISH FLOWER SALE



St. Patty's Day is in the air...regardless of what the groundhog says. Youth Ministry will be selling Irish flowers of mini-daffodils and shamrocks (Oxalis) at the March 12 breakfast for \$5 each. Stop by our youth table for a drop of Irish sunshine. A sure sign that spring is in the air!

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:

- 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!

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.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

2nd Last one for this Season! Don't miss out! We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday,



March 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 leprechaun! The Special Breakfast Treat this month are Pots of Gold (mini quiche). Many thanks to



our breakfast sponsor: Summer Breeze Salon – Fogelsville

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BLESSED CANDLES FOR A \$5.00 DONATION



Stop by the parish office to request your blessed candles. Although they are especially used for Candlemas Day, it is appropriate to leave the blessed candle in a prominent place in your home or on a prayer table any time of year. This reminds you of Jesus, light of the world, and invites you to prayer. Another way to use blessed candles is to bring them out during severe weather to protect your home and loved ones. Additionally, their association with the "Light of the World," blessed candles are a powerful sacramental to use against evil. Remember to dispose of them properly as any blessed object by burning or burying them. Here's what to do with blessed candles <https://aleteia.org/2019/02/03/heres-what-to-do-with-blessed-candles/>.

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.

BASKET SOCIAL – ONLY EIGHT MONTHS AWAY!

Are you a bargain hunter? Do you see great deals that you just hate to pass by? You can start collecting items now for our **14th Annual Basket Social** coming in October. The committee is also looking for various basket and item donations to create our beautiful, over-stuffed baskets. Feel free to drop off bargain winter, valentine, or just about any non-perishable item to the church office. We'll store them safely away for the Social. Thanks for your continued support!



Family Scouting - Cub Pack 74!!

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena Location

For Boy and Girls - Ages 5 – 10 meetings are on Sunday evenings from 6 – 7:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to take leadership roles. Family Fun events include Rocket Shoot, Pinewood Derby, Rain gutter Regatta, Hikes, Summer Day Camp, Fishing,

Family Outdoor Activities, and much, much, more... Call or e-mail for information: 610-509-5757, cmpack74@gmail.com

Girl Troop 74 & Boy Troop 74

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena Location

For Boys and Girls -Ages 11 to 17 meetings are on Sunday evenings from 6 – 7:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to take leadership roles. Learned Life Skills include Merit Badges, Pioneering, Fire Building, Cooking, Historical Hikes, Summer Camp, Leadership Roles, First Aid, Knots, Axe/Knife/Saw Skills, just to name a few... Call or e-mail for information: 610-509-5757, cmpack74@gmail.com

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday March 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.

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.

March 10th – Tavern Battered Cod

March 17th – Stuffed Flounder or Corned Beef & Cabbage

March 24th – Tavern Battered Cod

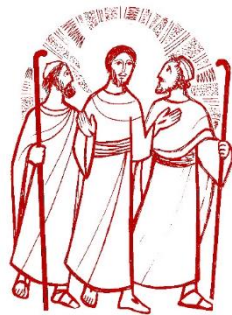
March 31st – Crab Patties

Community Breakfast

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Knights of Columbus #14464 will be sponsoring their famous Community breakfast on March 19th in the Auditorium, 117 Washington St., Bath. All of your favorites plus desserts and drinks. March special will be crepes with hot fruit. 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults \$11, children \$5, under 6 free.

We Are Remembered 32nd Easter Mass to be celebrated on Wednesday, April 12

The 32nd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan “We Are Remembered” Ministry will be celebrated by Reverend Stanley Moczydlowski on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall.



“We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one,” says the ministry. Monday, April 3 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Today Newspaper.

We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. “The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support.”

To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. Include: Sponsor(s) name, Donation amount, Address, Phone number, Email and Name(s) of the deceased.

Meat & Bonanza Bingo!

We are doing something special this month! On March 19 *Regular bingo prize will be a package of FOUR different MEATS from Kotsch's Meat Market and the specials will still be CASH prizes.* Bingo will be \$15 for 20 games at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front St Allentown. Doors and Kitchen Open at noon, Bingo begins at 1:00 pm. First come – first serve seating. Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Fish Dinner

St. John Fisher parish will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, March 10th, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The platter includes breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or haluski, roll and butter, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$13.00, Children (Ages 5 to 10) \$5.00. For tickets call Annette at 610-533-2109. Tickets at the door will be \$15.00.

Catholic Charities 50/50 Raffle tickets are selling fast, and the jackpot is growing!

Get yours before they're gone!

Have you reserved your spot yet for the 15th Annual Gala? This year's Gala Honorees are Rev. John M. Gibbons and Paul & Patty Huck. Join us Sunday, March 12 at De Sales University.

You will not want to miss this year's “celebrity” auctioneers!! For details, visit our website at <https://www.catholiccharitiesad.org/gala/> or contact Julie Scheck at jscheck@allentowndiocese.org, 610-435-1541, ext. 342 or 610-871-5200, ext. 2216.

Easter Flower Sale



All plants are priced at \$4.00 per plant and grown at Garden City in Catasauqua. All pre-ordered plants can be picked up either Friday, March 31, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the parish office or on Palm Sunday, April 2 in the parish hall between 8:30 – 11:15. For School families please indicate below if you want the plant sent home with your student.



The size of these plants makes them a perfect gift for shut-ins, office staff and neighbors. Drop off orders at office or collection basket. All Proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry!

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Deadline for ordering: Monday, March 20, 2023 (include payment)
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Name _____

Phone _____

All plants are \$4.00 each

Please indicate the number for each color or kind ordered.

Hyacinth

White _____

Pink _____

Purple _____

Mini Daffodils _____

Tulips

Red _____

Pink _____

Purple _____

Yellow _____

Orange _____

Please indicate the number for each color ordered

Total number of plants ordered: _____

Total cost due: \$ _____

Date you will pick up pre-ordered plants:

Friday, March 31st _____

Parish Office: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Palm Sunday, April 2nd _____

Parish Hall from 8:30 – 11:15 AM

<p>If being sent home with a student on Friday, please write name and grade.</p> <hr/> <p>Grade _____</p>

Payment should be included with your order. Make checks payable to Saint Elizabeth Parish.

Order deadline Monday, March 20, 2023

Please return forms to Mary Spieker at St. Elizabeth Rectory.

Payment enclosed Check _____

Cash _____





Friday, March 24, 2023

\$13.00 each

***Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Roll
Macaroni & Cheese available for \$3 per container***

***Dinner served between 4:00 and 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
435 Pershing Blvd. ✧ Whitehall, PA***

TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$1.00.

Please fill out the information below and return along with your payment to:

***Saint Elizabeth Church * 618 Fullerton Avenue * Whitehall, PA 18052
Mark the envelope "Fish Dinner"***

For more information, please call 610-349-7791 or email jglover@ptd.net

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Lenten Fish Dinner - Return by March 20th

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'd like _____ Fish Dinners @ \$13 each \$ _____

_____ Mac & Cheese @ \$3 each \$ _____

_____ Take out @ \$1.00 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____

I'd like to help with costs Here's an additional \$ _____



**St. Elizabeth Music Ministry
is selling**

Apricot, Lekvar, Nut, Poppyseed,
Pumpkin Cheese and Raspberry Rolls from
Country Cottage Bake Shop
Tamaqua, PA

Easter Nut Roll Sale

Cost: \$17 each

All freeze very well!

Orders due: Monday, March 20th

Payment must accompany your order.
checks payable to "St. Elizabeth Music Ministry"

Just clip the entire order form on the right side of
this sheet, put it in an envelope with your payment
and place it in the collection basket at church,
(please mark the envelope "Nutroll Order")
you can also turn the orders in at the Parish Office
or mail them to:

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry
Attn: Joan Glover
618 Fullerton Avenue
Whitehall PA 18052

Keep this side as a reminder of your
pick-up date and time.

Saturday April 1st
9 - 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

435 Pershing Boulevard * Whitehall, PA 18052

If you have any questions,
please call 610-349-7791

Thank you!

Saint Elizabeth Music Ministry



Saint Elizabeth Music Ministry
Easter Nut Roll Sale
Order Form



\$17 each

Orders due: **March 20th**

Pick up Date:
Saturday April 1st
from 9 - 11:30 am - Parish Hall

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

<u>Flavor</u>	<u>How Many</u>		<u>Total</u>
Apricot	_____	x \$17 =	_____
Lekvar (Prune)	_____	x \$17 =	_____
Nut	_____	x \$17 =	_____
Poppyseed	_____	x \$17 =	_____
Pumpkin Cheese	_____	x \$17 =	_____
Seedless Raspberry	_____	x \$17 =	_____
Total # of Rolls	_____	x \$17	_____

Payment must accompany your order
Checks made payable to
St. Elizabeth Music Ministry

Thank You!

