



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The Samaritan woman at the well in the Gospel experienced a true conversion. The Samaritan woman, whether she was fully aware of it or not, was thirsting for God. We too, whether consciously or not, are thirsting for the same God. St. Augustine once pointed out about that this woman could not have thirsted for God unless He was thirsting for her soul. He said, 'He who was asking for drink, was thirsting for the faith of the woman herself'.

A thirsty Jesus goes to the well. He sees a woman who thirsts even more. Jesus thirsts for people who need him, even if they do not acknowledge him. One of the last words from the cross that Jesus spoke was 'I thirst'. He was not merely talking about water. He was speaking about the overpowering desire within Him to bring God's love into the world.

In the 1940's, a nun working in Calcutta was struck by the thought of God thirsting for human souls. Meditating on Jesus' words, 'I thirst', she heard the call to serve the poorest of the poor. In the silence of contemplation, the cry of Jesus from the cross spurred Mother Teresa to seek out Jesus in the poor.

Because of her experience, Mother Teresa instructed the words, 'I thirst' should appear next to the cross in all

her communities around the world. Jesus thirsts for our faith. He desires that we come with Him. He is the only one who can fill our heart and quench our thirst.

We thirst. That is very good. It is part of the human condition to thirst for God. St. Augustine also wrote that 'Our hearts are made for you O God and cannot rest until they rest in you'. We will always thirst for a greater presence of God. We seek this presence throughout our lives, particularly in the love of others, in the love of family, in the love of those reaching out to us for help. We seek God in the love of a marriage and children, in the comfort of a parent's love. We thirst for a greater presence of God in our reading of the Word of God and in the sharing of the Eucharist.

Christ thirsts, and so do we. Allow time to be with the Lord, to be strengthened and refreshed, to be transformed and molded. A woman at a well is thirsty. A thirsty Jesus joins her. A thirsty people, you, and I, are also present at that well. Jesus provides the living water of his Word, his forgiveness of Himself in the Eucharist. Jesus in His love can free us from our infirmities, heal our sickness, quench our thirst, and give us peace.

- God bless you. Fr. Stan.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Rose Brosious

Bob Hartzell

Karen Wasielewski

Jim Susko

Joe Samanka

Josie Levine

Scott Fogel

Ronnie Bair

Phyllis Laky

Michael Malz

Erin Schoepflin

Marc Finucane



*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 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



PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	MARCH 13	9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald, Jr.
TUESDAY	MARCH 14	9:00 AM	John Beacher
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 15	9:00 AM	Rose & Harry Parker
THURSDAY	MARCH 16	7:00 PM	Catharina Rieker
FRIDAY	MARCH 17	9:00 AM	Michele Cole
SATURDAY	MARCH 18	4:30 PM	Fred Stankavish
			People of the Parish
SUNDAY	MARCH 19	8:00 AM	Margaret Harakal
		10:00 AM	Helen Gierula (100 th Birthday)

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 14th** will be *the Ten Commandments # 1- 3*.



INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Catherine Brennen** requested by *Maria Sweeney*.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



COOKS WITH COLLARS NEWS



I would like to thank everyone who participated in Cooks with Collars. Those who were involved in the production of the video and those who contributed so generously. Our parish raised \$11,960 which will go toward repairing the damage caused by the burst frozen pipe.

I am happily making ice cream and will announce shortly how those eligible donors can collect their treat.

God Bless you, Fr. Stan

COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Elizabeth will host the Whitehall-Coplay Food Initiative dinner on Tuesday, March 21st between 4:00 & 6:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome.





LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

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!

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

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



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

The **NEXT** Breakfast will be the first weekend of April. April 2nd – Please mark your calendars.

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:

- 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

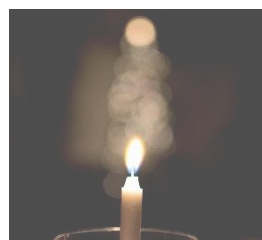
St. Elizabeth Regional School, 431 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA 18052. Thanks for your support!

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.

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/>.

DON'T FORGET DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Day Light Savings time begins this Sunday, March 12th.



YOUTH MINISTRY EASTER FLOWER SALE



Youth Ministry will be having our annual Easter flower sale again to help with expenses of our activities. All plants are priced at \$4.00 per plant. All pre-ordered plants can be picked up either Friday, March 31, from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the parish office or on Palm Sunday during the parish breakfast, April 2, in the parish hall from 8:30 – 11:15. The size of these plants makes them a perfect gift for shut-ins, office staff and neighbors. Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 20th. Thanks for your support! *Extra flowers can be purchased at the parish breakfast for \$5.00 each.*

LENTEN FISH DINNER – FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Our annual Lenten Fish Dinner is coming up! Order forms are available on-line at the parish web site or at the parish office. **Return forms and payment to St. Elizabeth Parish office by March 20.** The menu includes Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Coleslaw & Roll. Macaroni & Cheese is available for \$3 per container. Cost is \$13.00 per meal. Dinners are served between 4:00 & 6:00 PM. Take out is available for an additional \$1.00. For more information, contact Joanny at iglover@ptd.net or 610-349-7791. ***Sponsors for the fish dinner are greatly appreciated!***



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!



FRIENDLY VISITORS



Prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver Easter gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living or nursing home facilities and those who are homebound. Gifts can be picked up at the church office between 9:30 am & 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 30 or 9:00 am to noon Friday, March 31 for delivery.

Please contact Pat at 610-393-8107 if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our shut-ins. Thank you.

ANOINTING MASS

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:8

All who are infirmed, anticipating surgery, or suffering from mental or terminal illness are welcome to attend a special Anointing Mass at St. Elizabeth's on Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 pm. Parishioners and guests are asked to be seated in the middle sections of the church in every other pew. *Father Stan Moczydlowski will be our celebrant.*





FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming
Community
Events

Cub Scout Pack 74 and Boy Scout Troop 74

SIGN UP EVENT Sunday, March 12 at 6:00 – 7:30 pm

The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Parish Activity Center, 1825 W. Turner St.

Cub Scout Pack 74

Open to Girls and Boys

Grades k thru 5th

Boy Scout Troop 74

Open to Boys

Ages 11-17

No BSA Membership Fee - Participation Incentives for Free Gear - Info: 610-509-5757 or cmpack74@gmail.com

Blue Star Mothers Thank You

We were able to send 75 boxes of assorted hygiene products, healthy snacks, puzzle books and assorted treats to our military serving overseas. They have written thank you letters and are very grateful for your generosity.

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 Church.

"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

Lenten Mission

Join Holy Family Parish (410 W. Center Street, Nazareth 18064) for our Lenten Mission on March 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 pm. Our Lenten Mission will be presented by Fr. Patrick Lamb, Pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish in Northampton. Father will speak on the theme: How the 12 steps of any recovery movement can enhance our spiritual lives. You do not have to be an "addict" to benefit from the twelve steps. Father Lamb will take us through the steps to deepen our spirituality. All are welcome to join us!

St. Mary Grab n Go...Heat n Eat

Enjoy an oven ready, freshly prepared, individual portion of our homemade Shepherd's Pie with a side salad. Meals are \$12 each. Orders are due by March 12th and pick up is March 17th in the church hall at 122 Union St, Catasauqua between 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Call 610-264-0332 to order.

The following Candidates have received **The Sacrament of Confirmation**
Administered by Bishop Alfred Schlert at **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish**
on **March 7, 2023.**



Anya **Cecilia** Bogucki
Tanner **Christopher** Buchmoyer
Kerigan **Catherine** Dreisbach
Bryce **Pio** Eckert
Brogan **Stephen** Emery
Valery **Elizabeth** Ferreira
Eric **Michael** Frankl
Justin **John** George
Morgan **William** Giberson
Julia **Jadwiga** Gloc
Angeline **Genevieve** Johns
Dominic **Sebastian** Johns
Aiden **Nicholas** Johnson
Abigail **Rose** Kneller
Ava **Maria** Kneller
Jenna **Catherine** Le
Justin **Sebastian** Marquez
Elyas **Michael** Naddour
Andrew **Andrew** Nguyen
Nha-Quyen **Anna** Nguyen
Chase **Francis** Reightler
Morgan **Blaise** Robbins
Ashton **Blaise** Schwoyer
Luca **Charles** Sciortino
Royce **Michael** Wininger