



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Almost every problem or difficulty we face in life has two aspects. One aspect is the external part, the nuts and bolts of the problem that require us to do our best to make a wise and practical decision. What do I need to do to rebuild my trust with my wife, or husband or child? What job should I take? Should I put mom in a nursing home? How do I reconcile with a friend that I seriously offended? What medical treatment should my dad get? What kind of friends should I let my children hang around with?

However, there is often an internal consequence of the problems we face. Our challenges in life don't simply impact us from the outside. They almost always impact us on the inside too, sometimes in serious ways. And when the problems we face get hold of us from within; wearing us down, holding us back, sapping our spirits, sealing us off from the joy we long so deeply for; it can feel as if it is too much to bear. It is as if we, like Lazarus, have been placed in a tomb and a stone rolled across the entrance.

Lent is rapidly coming to a close. Holy Week is just around the corner. Pretty soon we will gather as a faith community to reflect on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. And there may be a temptation for us to see the Lord Jesus' resurrection as something that only has consequences for us when our earthly lives have ended. And that would be a shame. You see, Jesus conquered

death once and for all. That much is true. And at the end of our lives we, in faith, hope for that same thing, a continuation of our lives in, with, and for God for all eternity. That much is also true.

However, this 'new life', that Jesus is offering, is not limited to the kingdom beyond the one in which we currently find ourselves. No, Jesus died in part so that we can experience new life right now; in this time and place; no matter what is taking place in our lives. He wants us to 'come out' from whatever darkness is enveloping us, from whatever sort of tomb is confining us, from however many burial cloths are binding us.

He wants us to be free from whatever it is that prevents us from being the people he calls us to be and created us to be. The power of the resurrection may not always change the externals in our lives in the way we would like, but it can change us on the inside, filling us with a newness of life beyond anything we can imagine.

Life is what it is all about. May the power of the living God raise us up from whatever is weighing us down or holding us back and help us to live more fully than we ever have before.

- God bless you. Fr. Stan.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Rose Brosious	Bob Hartzell	Karen Wasielewski
Jim Susko	Joe Samanka	Carol Crugnale
Scott Fogel	Ronnie Bair	Phyllis Laky
Michael Malz	Erin Schoepflin	Anna Buhrmann
Marc Finucane	Karen Axt	Donna Fogel



*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

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

Wednesday, April 5 at 9:00 am



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 27	9:00 AM	Karen Hemerly Muldowney
TUESDAY	MARCH 28	9:00 AM	Charles Fonzone
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 29	9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald, Jr.
THURSDAY	MARCH 30	7:00 PM	Sr. Janice Marie Johnson RSM
FRIDAY	MARCH 31	9:00 AM	Anne Speicher
SATURDAY	APRIL 1	8:30 AM	Freda Mertz
		4:30 PM	Leona Garrity
SUNDAY	APRIL 2	8:00 AM	Joseph Krobath
		10:00 AM	Kerry Mann
			People of the Parish

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.

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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 28th** will be *Salvation and the After Life I and II*.



INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Theresa Mizenko** requested by *Janet Berger*.

COOKS WITH COLLARS – ICE CREAM PICK UP



Fr. Stan's Ice Cream will be available after all Masses Palm Sunday weekend. For those donors who pledged \$100 or more. Many thanks to all for your generous contributions.



FESTIVAL NEWS



Try your luck at some of the adult games being offered! We will have a gambling wheel, baskets of cheer, rip-off tickets, 50-50 and more! Raffle tickets will be sent to each family. Please consider buying the book for \$20. Additional tickets will be sold at the festival!

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

We will serve our monthly and final Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 2 from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, cheesy tater tots, **French toast sticks**, pancakes, Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/child, children 3 years and under are free. The item special this month will be **rice pudding** donated by the Spieker grandkids. We are most grateful to our April breakfast sponsors: **Carly, Janine, Pat & Bob**.



(Breakfasts will resume in November 2023 – stay tuned!)



LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

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!

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY EASTER FLOWER SALE



Youth Ministry will be having our annual Easter flower sale again to help with expenses of our activities. 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. As always, thanks for your support!

Extra flowers can be purchased at the parish breakfast for \$5.00 each.

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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN RETURN



Thank you so very much for participating in our parish's Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember, once your bottle is filled, return them to the vestibule of the church or the parish office. Our parish campaign will run through to April 3. Thank you for your kind generosity.

ST. ELIZABETH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 26 - 30, 2023! Join us at: "Stellar" this June where we will "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!" Welcome to the event that helps kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. Stellar points kids' eyes up to a loving, powerful God who is bigger than...well, ANYTHING!

Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM and end at 12:00 PM Noon each day.

Registration forms will be available in April at the parish & school offices or on our parish website or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

Cost is \$20 per child or \$35 for a family. Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies. Volunteers welcome! 18 and older must have clearances.



SPRING FLOWER COUPON SALE

Coming soon!!! Look for an order form for our Music Ministry Spring Flower Coupon Sale, redeemable at Garden City Greenhouse in Catasauqua. You can choose from any combination of bedding plants, vegetables, hanging baskets, perennials, or whatever your heart desires. ☺ Coupons sell for \$15.00 each and can be used anytime throughout the year.

Please pray for the following
military members currently serving.



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

LIVING STATIONS

Our 8th graders will present The Living Stations twice during this Lenten Season. Please join us in St. Elizabeth main church on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, April 5 at 9:00 am. Come and join us as we walk the path to salvation.



CHURCH HOPPING – ALL ARE INVITED!



Consider bringing your family and friends along for our annual "Church Hopping" after the 7 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. It is a quiet time when Catholics are asked to stay awake and wait with Jesus just as the apostles were asked on that night in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will travel to four other parishes and pray a decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries at each church. We will return to St. Elizabeth's at approximately 9:45 to pray (our fifth stop). All you need is a rosary and a prayerful heart! We will meet after Mass in front of the gym doors for all who are interested. Please contact Mary Spieker for more information. 610-266-0695 ext. 208.



FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming
Community
Events

Cathedral St. Catharine of Siena

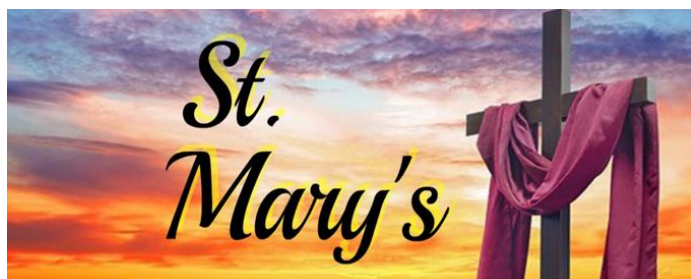
LAMENTATIONS TENEBRAE SERVICE

in Word and Song

MARCH 26 / 3:00PM

Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena
18th and Turner Streets
Allentown, PA 18104

Contact Bev McDevitt at bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com



122 Union St., Catasauqua

Lenten Dinner

Seating from 4:30 to 6:30 PM
in our Parish Center,
Friday, March 31st

Baked Fish \$14.00 in Advance
Dine-In or Take-Out (\$15 at the door).

Platter includes: Baked Cod in a lightly seasoned lemon, garlic butter sauce, roasted potatoes or cabbage & noodles, green beans or corn, roll & butter, and beverage (water, coke, diet coke, iced tea or sprite). Desserts sold separately.

for more information call: 610-264-0332 or email:
kim.stmarxs122@gmail.com

Allentown Central Catholic

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Contact Cara Meskill, Director of Admissions at 610-437-4601 x148
or cmeskill@acchs.info. Financial aid and scholarships are available.



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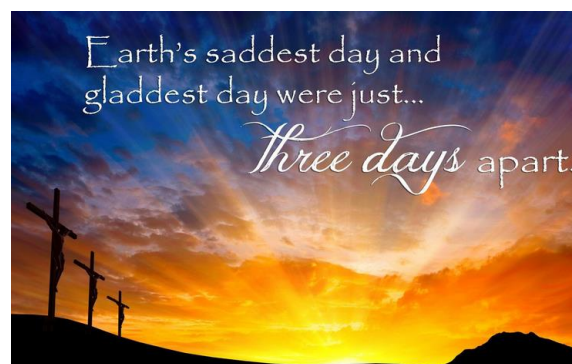
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(610) 437-4601 | www.acchs.info



Flea Market / Bake Sale

Greetings, The Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua, 210 Pine St, Catasauqua 18032 is once again having their **Spring Flea Market/Bake Sale on Saturday April 1st from 9 AM to 1 PM.** This will be held indoors so rain or shine. You may come in via the Pine St Chapel door. Look for the balloons! There will be lots and lots of goodies including but not limited to, books, household items, toys, craft items etc. Our bake sale will bring you so much deliciousness you won't want to miss it. In addition, our kitchen will once again provide breakfast and lunch items to satisfy your hunger.

For more information, please call 610-264-2595.





“Night at the Races”

March 15, 2023

Dear Friend of Saint Elizabeth Regional School,

Members of the School Board of Saint Elizabeth Regional School are preparing for the 12th Annual “Night at the Races” on Saturday April 15, 2023, at 6:30 PM. We had an amazing turnout last year, returning from our break due to Covid restrictions. It is a night for adults in our parish, friends, and family to enjoy a great night of horses, games of chance, food, and community.

We need your help! We are currently seeking donations to help us make this event a success. We have various levels of sponsorships available to help ensure a successful community event.

Platinum Level \$1000

- Full Page Advertisement in Program and listing in the Church Bulletin
- Announcement During the Event
- Company Information on Each Table (*advertisement you wish to provide*)
- Advertisement Display at the Event

Gold Level \$500

- Full Page Advertisement in Program and listing in the Church Bulletin
- Announcement During the Event
- Advertisement Display at the Event

Silver Level \$250

- Half Page Advertisement in Program
- Announcement During the Event
- Advertisement Display at the Event

Bronze Level \$100

- Half Page Advertisement in Program
- Advertisement Display at the Event

Would you consider being an event sponsor, individual race sponsor or general sponsor to help defray costs of the event? Your name and/or business will be advertised at the event. Additionally, with your donation, if your business has any promotional items or advertising flyers, we would be happy to accommodate providing them to our patrons during the event.

All monies raised at this **Night at the Races** will be used to upgrade and/or maintain our school's needs to continue to provide for our children of Saint Elizabeth Regional School.

We are looking forward to a wonderful event and we know that together, we can bring a community presence to our **Night at the Races** and make it a great success!

Please feel free to contact the school at 610-264-0143 with any additional questions or concerns, and we thank you in advance for your anticipated support. All sponsorship information must be returned by April 10, 2023, to ensure advertising at the event.

Sincerely,

Saint Elizabeth School Board

610-264-0143

433 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA 18052

principal@sercc.org

BULLETIN INFO: e-mail all bulletin submissions ten days ahead to info@sercc.org