



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



There is a story of a college professor who was completing a seminar on Greek culture and philosophy. The venerable professor asked if there were any questions and a young student raised his hand and asked, 'What is the meaning of life?' The class was convinced that this was a joke, laughter broke out and people began to stir and leave. The wise professor saw the student was serious and said, 'I will answer your question.' Taking his wallet out of his hip pocket, he fished into his leather billfold and brought out a very small round mirror, about the size of a quarter. He said, 'When I was a child during the war, we were very poor and lived in a remote village. One day on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror from a German motorcycle. I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it wasn't possible, so I kept the largest piece. I scratched it on a stone to make it round and I began to play with it, fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine, in deep holes and crevices and dark closets.' He continued...

'It became a game to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find. I kept the mirror as I grew up, occasionally keeping the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not a child's game, but a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I understood that I am not the light or the source the light. But light (*truth, understanding, knowledge, love*) is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it. I am the fragment of a mirror whose design and shape I do not know completely. I can reflect light into the dark places of this world with what I have been given, even into the darkest corners of people's hearts. Hopefully this will elicit a change in them to then go and do likewise. This is what I am about, and this is the meaning of life - to bring light to a darkened world.'

Lent is about preparing well for Easter by crucifying our old self with Christ so that we may die to sin. Easter is about rising with Christ to walk in the light of newness of life. May our Lenten sacrifices and preparation open our eyes to see the glory beyond the cross and may our lives reflect that Easter joy.

- 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	Anna Buhrmann
Marc Finucane	Karen Axt	



*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 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 20	9:00 AM	John R. Kromer
TUESDAY	MARCH 21	9:00 AM	Alexander G. Mazziotta
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 22	9:00 AM	Margaret Kratzer
THURSDAY	MARCH 23 Main Church	7:00 PM	Lucy Mellinger
FRIDAY	MARCH 24	9:00 AM	Ann Schlaffer
SATURDAY	MARCH 25	4:30 PM	Albert Minetola
SUNDAY	MARCH 26	8:00 AM	John Schuster
			People of the Parish
		10:00 AM	Helen O'Donnell

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.

Lenten Adoration and Reconciliation* Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Multiple confessors will be available.*

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 21th** will be *the Ten Commandments # 4- 10.*



INTENTIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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



FESTIVAL NEWS



Food, Food, Food – hot dogs, hamburgers, potato pancakes, steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, perogies, French fries, cabbage and noodles, waffles and ice cream, snow cones, funnel cakes! Hungry yet?

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

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

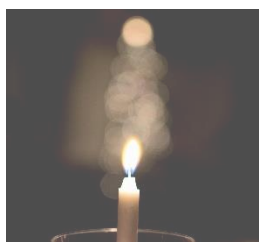
St. Elizabeth Regional School, 431 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA 18052. Thanks for your support!

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.

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/>.

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. As always, 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 jglover@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.*



ST. ELIZABETH'S 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 kid's eye 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.



FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming
Community
Events



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

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

St. Mary's Basket Social

Parish Center 122 Union Street, Catasauqua

Friday March 24th 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Saturday March 25th 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

and Sunday March 26th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tickets on sale at the door. Advance tickets by March 23 buy 5 get 1 free.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

For more info., please call 610 264-0332 or 610 264-9383

Please join the Helpers in Allentown for the Feast of the Annunciation March 25!

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Pilgrimage begins with Confession at **7:30 am** and Mass at **8:00 am** followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Procession to Planned Parenthood facility in Allentown on 9th St. where we pray the Rosary petitioning for our Blessed Mother's intercession. The pilgrimage will conclude with Reposition at 11:00 am & Fellowship afterwards.

Please **RSVP** by email to Hogpi@proton.me so that we may know how many prayer books to print and how much food to prepare. Please indicate in your email in which one (ones) you wish to participate.

Procession and Rosary only

• Volunteer: Food _____ Other _____

• Entire pilgrimage (Mass, Procession, Rosary and Fellowship)

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We Are Remembered Ministry

32nd Annual Easter Mass

Wednesday, April 12th 2023 at 7:00 PM

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Whitehall, PA



A Diocese of Allentown
Ministry

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to mark the 32nd Year of the "We Are Remembered Ministry", we invite you to gather and celebrate our Annual Easter Mass. The Ministry has returned to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall and the parish family is delighted to welcome our guests to remember and celebrate the lives of so many of our loved ones who have passed on. Please indicate on the enrollment form if you plan on joining us for this very special Liturgy.

We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one. As a sponsor, it is important that you enroll the name of your loved one(s) each year. This will ensure their inclusion in the enrollment list appearing in AD Today after the Anniversary Mass. As always, "The Book of Remembered" will be available for your remembrances from 6 - 6:50 PM and again after the Mass.

Friends of the "We are Remembered" Ministry will provide a lovely social & spring flowers/gifts after Mass in the parish hall. If you'd like to help, please contact us at email: dirreled@sercc.org (include your phone #).

Directions: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church is located on the corner of Fullerton Avenue and Pershing Blvd., 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall (Near the RT. 22 ramps)
Ample parking is provided in the Pershing Blvd. parking lot across the street.

The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayer!

We ask a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation.

Please Mail & Make Checks Payable to to ➡ St. Elizabeth Church
Mass of Remembrance
618 Fullerton Avenue
Whitehall, PA 18052

Enrollment Deadline: Monday April 3rd



32nd We Are Remembered Anniversary Mass Enrollment

Sponsor(s) Name _____ Donation Amount \$ _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Will you attend the Anniversary Mass? ☐ YES (Number of People Attending _____) ☐ NO

Name(s) of the Deceased (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) ↓

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