



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Thomas was not there when Jesus visited the apostles after his resurrection. On hearing of the visit he said, 'No way!' or, as the text reports, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.' When Jesus appeared again and told Thomas to put his finger and hand into His wounds, Thomas responded with 'My Lord and my God!' Of course, he believed. Who wouldn't?

Today Jesus doesn't appear to us and tell us to touch His wounds. But, as He invites Thomas to do just that, He proclaims a message that may be a source of hope. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' Jesus was talking about us - we are blessed because we believe in Him even though we have not seen Him.

We may take this even further. If we live as Jesus commands, we might see Jesus here and now. But where? In each other. Through our baptism we become children of God. We become brothers and sisters of Jesus, and so Jesus is in us here and now. Some of our brothers and sister in Christ manage to demonstrate this

more obviously. Dorothy Day, in how she dedicated her life to the poor, shows Jesus in her life. Archbishop Oscar Romero did the same in El Salvador and Mother Theresa in Calcutta. Think of the people whom you know make Christ known in how they live and in how they are with others. In seeing them we see Jesus.

We must see this in others. We must remind ourselves that Jesus is in these people around us. And, going one step further, we must ask ourselves if others ever see or experience Jesus in us. In you. In me. Sometime this week look into the mirror, look into your eyes reflected at you. Ask Jesus to help you to reflect His face, His life, and His love to others. And remember that when Jesus is with you, so much is possible.

Teresa of Avila beautifully reminds us in her prayer; "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

God bless you, Fr. Stan

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

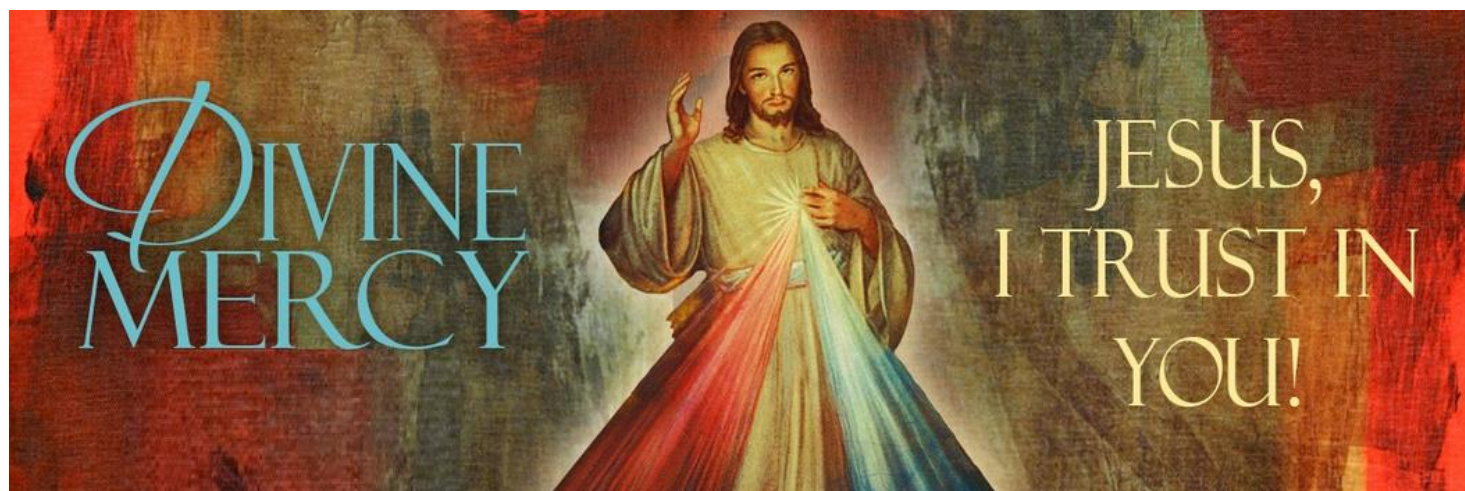
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*NOTE: If admitted to the hospital or ER, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit.





PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
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MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	APRIL 17	9:00 AM	Paul (Jim) Reinsmith
TUESDAY	APRIL 18	9:00 AM	Noris Grisafi
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 19	9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald Jr.
THURSDAY	APRIL 20	7:00 PM	Margaret and Joseph Felix
FRIDAY	APRIL 21	9:00 AM	Betty Biss
SATURDAY	APRIL 22	4:30 PM	Bronislaw and Josef Gorz
SUNDAY	APRIL 23	8:00 AM	Carmela Stephenson
		10:00 AM	People of the Parish Michael Kahr

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 **April 18th** will be *the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit*.



INTENTIONS

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

The Bells will ring this week for **R.C.I.A. Candidates** requested by parishioners of St Elizabeth.



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 so host can be prepared.

Call our parish office at 610-266-0695

Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 310 for the emergency voice mailbox.

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Spring is in the air! Just right around the corner is our parish festival! Please look for your letter coming in the mail soon for **"Festival Friends" and Raffle tickets**. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted to help defray costs. We greatly appreciate any help you can give for our festival to be a big success! Save the date – Festival Friday June 9th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm and Saturday June 10th from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Please visit us at: sercc.org

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

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



LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

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.

The 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.



SAVE THE DATE – GOLF TOURNAMENT

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SEPTEMBER 30TH | WHITETAIL GOLF COURSE
Fundraiser to benefit St. Elizabeth Regional School



Mark your calendars for the St. Elizabeth Regional School Annual Golf Tournament which will be held September 30th at 1:00 pm at the Whitetail Golf Course. Know a business who would like to sponsor this event? Levels of sponsorship are available. Have a foursome or need a player? Contact Jason Kahr, jkahr2@gmail.com or the school office for more details 610-264-0143.

MUSIC MINISTRY THANK YOU

The voices raised in praise this Lent and Easter season were a joyful accompaniment to our services. Time and again, people come from other churches to be here at St Elizabeth to enjoy our parishioner's wonderful voices raised as one!



FRIENDLY VISITORS

A big **Thank you** to all of the following who volunteered to organize and deliver Easter Gifts to our shut-ins:

Rose Balliet	Joanny Glover	Jonathan Mordosky	Nancy Svitana
Tracy Casari	Emmeline Hadeed	Rudy Savelli	Carol Vasquez
Eugene Christman	Bob & Mary Ann Kulhamer	Annette Stankavish	

Thank you also to Mary Spieker, St. Elizabeth's office staff, and our St. Elizabeth students including our P.R.E.P. students for the beautiful handmade cards. A total of 32 gifts were delivered to our shut-ins.

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO OUR CHURCH DECORATORS

Please let our church decorators know how much you appreciated the beautiful Easter arrangements they created. Bob Kulhamer and his team of dedicated volunteers create such stunning arrangements that people come from other parishes during the holidays just to see what St Elizabeth has to offer. We are blessed to have their talents in our parish!





FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming
Community
Events

St. Mary's Spring Fling BINGO

\$\$\$ Jackpot

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

SECOND & UNION STREETS, CATASAUQUA

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 @ 1:00 PM

- \$15 for 15 games, 6 Specials AND a Special Jackpot Game
- Doors & Kitchen open at 11:30
- Seating is First Come - First Serve.
- Our Kitchen will offer Snacks and your Bingo Favorites .. (you may BYOB but please no other outside food or beverages.)
- Bring your daubers ☺ No hardboards.
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BINGO

Sunday, April 23rd at the Holy Family Parish Center (508 W. Center St, Nazareth) \$20 entry. 15 games with plenty of specials & 50/50 Raffle. Doors open at Noon; First Game at 12:45. See you there!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at carolswavely@ptd.net. The retreat will be held May 19th – 21st, 2023.

Deadline for registration is May 12th.

Because We Are Catholic

The annual diocesan appeal will begin later this month. Mailings will be sent to your homes. Donations should be sent directly to the diocese. However, you may also place them in our weekly collection, and we can send them to the diocese on your behalf. St. Elizabeth parish has also added a donation "envelope" to our online offerings for your convenience. Our parish goal has been set to \$55,891 for 2023.