



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



We all are walking on our individual journeys through life dealing with many questions that arise, either by ourselves or with others. Sometimes it is difficult to deal with our questions. Sometimes our questions are difficult. Sometimes our difficulties cause us to question. Many times, we ask: "Where is God in all of this?"

In the Gospel we find the disciples at first failing to recognize Jesus and in the end, they recognize Him. What happened? Why did they at first think He was a stranger? Then, later come to realize who He really was.

What seems to be controlling this question of how we see people? Obviously, we're not talking here about simply seeing with our eyes, we're talking, rather, about seeing with our hearts. We are dealing with seeing at deeper levels of knowing and understanding. That's something we all know about. For instance, recall how you saw and understood your parents when you were a child. Then think about how you saw your parents when you were a teenager. The way you saw them changed, didn't it? Now think about how you as an adult see and know and understand your parents. It's hugely different, isn't it?

What changed? Did they change, or did you change? I think we all immediately know it is we who changed, not our parents. Their love, care, and concern for us remained constant. It was our acceptance of their love, care, and concern that went through different stages. It was the way we saw them that changed. And maybe the way we see them even now is still changing.

Isn't that likewise true with others whom you love? I think it was also true with the Jesus' disciples. The disciples walking on the road to Emmaus were talking about all of the stupendous events that had occurred surrounding the crucifixion and death of Jesus. They were terribly upset because they had thought Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah that God had sent and look what had happened! They were dazed and bewildered by it all; they were trying to make sense out of it all. Where was God in all of this, they wondered?

The Gospel account then takes us to the one thing that opened their eyes, the event that allowed them to make all the connections, the central piece in the puzzle that opened their eyes. It was the breaking of the bread. The critical thing that occurred was when the "Stranger" who was among them took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them to eat. Suddenly their eyes of recognition were opened. They no longer saw Him with just their eyes, but they recognized Him with their hearts. They saw Him with their newly awakened faith. They recognized Him because they encountered Him in a totally different light. They saw Him now in that event where He promised to be with them always. Knowledge, you see, isn't based simply on the acquisition of facts, information, and data. True knowledge is seeing things based on wisdom and understanding, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to you and me in ways we least expect. May we open our hearts to truly recognize His presence. God bless you. Fr. Stan

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Rose Brosious	Carol Crugnale	Bob Hartzell
Jim Susko	Anna Buhrmann	Karen Wasielewski
Scott Fogel	Joe Samanka	
Karen Axt	Michael Malz	
Donna Fogel	Marc Finucane	



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

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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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	APRIL 24	9:00 AM	Paul and Mary Reinsmith
TUESDAY	APRIL 25	9:00 AM	Lucy Mellinger
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 26	9:00 AM	Kathleen Oswald
THURSDAY	APRIL 27	7:00 PM	Ann Schlaffer
FRIDAY	APRIL 28	9:00 AM	Bill Speicher
SATURDAY	APRIL 29	4:30 PM	Joseph Macaluso
SUNDAY	APRIL 30	8:00 AM	Jack Wiggins
		10:00 AM	John Potylycki, Sr. People of the Parish

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 the host can be prepared.

Call our parish office at 610-266-0695

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 25th** will be *Disciples and Mission, closing Mass*.

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Honey Redmond** requested by *Her Family*.



The Bells will ring this week for **Honey Redmond** requested by *Her Family*.



MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Phyllis Laky** (wife of parishioner *John Laky*) and parishioner **Catherine Sinkovits** who passed away this week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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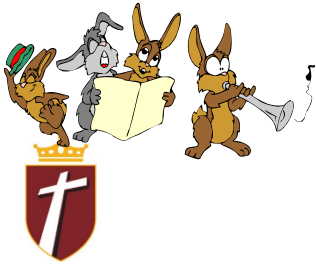
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Only seven weeks until the Parish Festival - You won't want to miss our festival entertainment – Friday, June 9 is “Common Bond” and Saturday, June 10 “Flirtin’ with the Mob” will serenade us with their hits!

LIVING...as Disciples

SAVE THE DATE – GOLF TOURNAMENT

GOLF TOURNAMENT
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.

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!

OPERATION RICE BOWL – CHILDREN'S DONATION BOXES

Many thanks to our dear children of the parish for giving so generously to Operation Rice Bowl this year. Together our school and PREP children donated a total of \$843.78. All donations will be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services to help fund their efforts of bringing food and drink to the hungry of this world. We thank you for supporting this important ministry.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!



Our Baby Bottle Campaign for Cay Galgon Life House (previously Mary's Shelter) was a wonderful success! We collected a total of \$3,146.68. Many, many thanks to all who participated in this important fundraiser to benefit this important outreach for the sanctity of human life!

UPDATE ON THE PIPE BURST

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM:

Baptisms are currently being celebrated on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents may contact the parish office as soon as they learn that a child is on the way but should contact the parish office at least 2 months prior to the Baptism to register for the Baptism Class.

FIRST PENANCE / EUCHARIST:

Normally received in 2nd grade. Enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least 2 years before reception.

CONFIRMATION

Normally received in 8th grade. Enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least 2 years before reception.

MARRIAGE:

At least six months before your anticipated wedding. Contact the pastor for a meeting to go over information regarding scheduling and the preparation process.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact our parish office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or during serious illness. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound monthly.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: (R.C.I.A.)

Is Jesus inviting you to join His Church? Do you want to become Catholic? Contact the parish office to learn more about this process. We look forward to journeying in Faith with you.



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The carillon has been replaced – it is nice to hear the bells ringing again. The main church, which had not received significant damage, has developed an issue with calcification of the wall causing lime build up which must be removed. In the coming weeks we will close off the exit door at the Mary altar which will affect access by way of the walkway between the parish hall and the main church. Please use an alternate door and thank you for your patience.



FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming
Community
Events



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Tir na n'Og
Division 1, Lehigh County

2023 Golf 'Fore' Hope Charitable Outing

The outing will be on May 12th. The cost is \$125 per player. Start time is 9:00 AM shotgun at the Green Pond Country Club. The address is 3604 Farmersville Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18020. Scramble Format - Lunch at the turn and Dinner & Awards afterwards. There will be Prizes, Giveaways, Beverages, Lots of FUN!

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.

St. Francis Center Gala and Silent Auction

St. Francis Center for Renewal invites you to raise anchor and join in the celebration of their 13th annual Gala & Silent Auction: "Cruising" to Mexico. The celebration is set for 7:00 - 9:30 PM on Saturday, May 6 at Mullen Hall in Bethlehem, PA. For more information & to purchase tickets, please visit their website at <https://www.stfrancisctr.org/2023-gala-silent-auction> or call at 610-867-8890.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday May 13th, 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

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ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.



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**St. Elizabeth
"Stellar"
Vacation Bible
School
435 Pershing
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Families are invited to

"STELLAR"...Where we SHINE with the light of Jesus Christ!

Mark your calendars now for this awesome adventure!

New friends * Amazing experience *

Creative crafts & games * Surprising adventures *

Incredible music!



**This week-long event is for
children ages**

**4 thru entering 5th grade in
the fall.**



The Cost is only \$20.00 per child or \$35.00 for families.

June 26 - 30, 2023 8:45 AM – 12 Noon each day!

Make checks payable to "St. Elizabeth"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**A great way for our new 8th graders to
fulfill Confirmation service hours!**

Questions? Please contact: Mary Spieker @

610-266-0695 ext. 208 or Email:

dirreled@sercc.org



***Please fill out forms completely.
MAIL or drop off form AND payment to:***

St. Elizabeth Parish - VBS, 618 Fullerton Avenue,
Whitehall, PA 18052

***All Attendees & Volunteers please fill out
release/medical/picture form.***

Adult Volunteer's children are FREE!



St. Elizabeth's Vacation Bible School

June 26 – 30, 2023

Join us at: **"STELLAR"** this June where we will discover Bible stories that help us experience, see, hear and touch like we are really there! Experiences include team-building games and unforgettable Bible songs that your kids will sing all summer long!!

Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM

and end at 12 Noon each day. **Registration forms are also available at the parish office or on our parish website or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208.**

Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies.

Volunteers welcome!

