



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



No matter what year we are in liturgically, on the fourth Sunday of Easter we will always hear about the Good Shepherd even though the readings are different. This Sunday is also known as 'Vocations Sunday', a day when our church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors to lead the Christian communities. Good shepherds know their sheep and their sheep know them. That requires relationship. The shepherd of the biblical Middle East had an intimate relationship with his flock. He would take them out to pasture each day and spend all his time with them. In the evening he would take them back to the enclosure where they would be safe from animals preying on them. He knew each one individually and would notice immediately if even one was missing. Jesus' parable of the Lost Sheep would have resonated perfectly with his hearers. When you ponder the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd it is so wonderful to know that we are regarded as unique and special in the eyes of God. We need to feel that comfort in a world that depersonalizes us as individuals and discounts the love that our God can bring to our lives.

The figure of the Good Shepherd gives us the beautiful image of how God relates to us. The shepherd lays down his life for his sheep as Christ did for us. The shepherd calls his sheep and sees them as unique and precious. The shepherd wants us to heed his call, but also to love one another as he loves us. That means that we must be a shepherd to one another as well.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday remember to appreciate the uniqueness of individuals as Jesus does. Remember to pray and listen to God's call and nurture and develop those gifts for the good of God and others. Let's take time to reflect on our own Christian vocation to share His good news wherever we are and let us also commit to help God to do His work in encouraging, supporting and promoting, and thus shepherding those young people whom God is calling to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

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.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30th also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.



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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	MAY 1	9:00 AM	Freda Mertz
TUESDAY	MAY 2	9:00 AM	Noris Grisafi
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3	9:00 AM	Dorothy Folajtar
THURSDAY	MAY 4	7:00 PM	Lucy Mellinger
FRIDAY	MAY 5	9:00 AM	Memorial Fund <i>Divine Mercy</i>
SATURDAY	MAY 6	8:30 AM	George Rapp
		10:00 AM	First Holy Communion
		4:30 PM	George and Anna Puhak
SUNDAY	MAY 7	8:00 AM	Freda Mertz
		10:00 AM	Theresa Mizenko

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

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **those contemplating Holy Orders** requested by the *parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish*.



The Bells will ring this week for the **Call to Vocations** requested by the *parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish*.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Festival Friends – any amount helps defray costs. There are so many little things needed for our festival to be a success. Printing and mailing costs, advertising, all of the food, beverages, dinner specials, the bands, kids' games to include the magician and balloon guy. Can you spare \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to help pay for some of the items we need to make this festival a success?

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MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

PRAYERS FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS



Twenty-three of our young children from St. Elizabeth Regional School and our Parish Religious Education Program are preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 6. Please keep them in your prayers. May they always know the peace and love of Jesus through this most Holy Sacrament now and always. Thank you for your prayers and caring support.

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

Our 2024 Confirmation class will be selling delicious hoagies and sandwiches from Island Express to help fund a bus to the Padre Pio Shrine in October for their Confirmation Retreat. The hoagies and sandwiches come in a wide variety. Order forms are available at the school and parish offices or on the parish website. www.sercc.org Prices are \$4.00 and \$5.50 per item. Orders are due by Wednesday, May 10 and pick up is Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 am in the parish hall.



PURSE BINGO



St. Elizabeth Regional School will host a Purse Bingo on Sunday, May 21st at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All ages are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$25 pre-sale and \$30 at the door. Tickets include 12 games of Bingo. Raffle tickets will be sold for additional chances to win. Please bring your own dabbers, beverages, and snacks. For more information, please call the school. 610-264-0143

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 two 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 two 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 two 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.

Please pray for the following military members currently serving.

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



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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.

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 is starting. 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.stfranciscctr.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 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.

Whitehall Copley Hunger Initiative

All are welcome to the community meal being served at St. John's Lutheran Church, 835 3rd St., Whitehall. For more information call 610-533-1357.

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ST. ELIZABETH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER
 Parish Name: St. Elizabeth Parish & Regional School

Participant's Name: _____ Age & Grade in Sept. _____

Please check one:

Participant _____ Volunteer _____ Email Address: _____

Birth date: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's name(s): _____

Home address: _____

Cell phone: _____ Emergency phone: _____

I (we), _____ grant permission for our child, _____ to
 (Parent or guardian's name) (Child's name)
 participate in this parish program:

Saint Elizabeth Vacation Bible School – “Stellar” June 26 - 30, 2023

This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish/school employees and/or volunteers from (name of parish/school) Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. I also give my permission for my child's picture/video to be taken as a part of youth ministry activities & to be used in any promotion of parish youth activities including the website. *(Details regarding multimedia usage found on the back of this form)*

My (Our) child understands and agrees to abide by all rules and regulations established by the parish/school.

As parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s), I (we) remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by my (our) child. In consideration for my (our) child's participation, I (we) and my (our) child, agree and understand that we assume the risks inherent in the field trip or other activity outside of my (our) child's school, and with full knowledge of the risks, we, and our heirs, successors and assigns, release and agree to hold harmless and defend, The Diocese of Allentown, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L., the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown Charitable Trust, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Charitable Trust, and the _____ (Name of parish/school) respective members, trustees, directors, officers, employees and representatives, including chaperones, volunteers or any other representatives associated with that activity (all of whom are separately and collectively referred to as the Diocese) from claims from or related to my (our) child's participation, or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I (we) agree to compensate the Diocese for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the Diocese in any action brought against the Diocese as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim results from the negligence of the Diocese.

We have read carefully this entire (pages 1 and 2) Parental/Guardian Permission Form & Release and agree to its terms and intend to be bound hereby.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

If siblings are attending, do you want them to be together in the same group? YES _____ NO _____

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ST. ELIZABETH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE
MEDICAL MATTERS**

I (we) hereby warrant that to the best of my (our) knowledge, my (our) child is in good health, and I (we) assume all responsibility for the health of my child.

Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of an emergency, I (we) hereby give permission to transport my (our) child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I (we) wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me (us) at the above numbers, contact:

Name & relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Family doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Information:

Health Plan Carrier: _____

Group #: _____ I.D. # _____

Subscriber's Name: _____

Please do not send your child if they are sick.

Medications: My (our) child is taking medication at present. My (our) child will bring all such necessary medications, and such medications will be well-labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage, are as follows:

I (we) hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as non-aspirin products such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen or throat lozenges) to be given to my (our) child, if deemed appropriate.

Specific Medical Information: The parish/school should be aware of the following medical conditions. (The parish/school will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.)

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.) _____

Immunizations: (Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization): _____

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? _____

Any physical limitations? _____

Has child been recently exposed to contagious disease or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chicken pox, etc.?

If so, date and disease of condition: _____

Other medical conditions of my (our) child: _____

MULTIMEDIA USAGE: By signing these permission forms I/ we, hereby consent to the use of any video tapes, photographs, slides, audio tapes or any other audio or visual reproduction in which the above named individual may appear by the SCHOOL/PARISH running the trip and the Diocese of Allentown. I understand that these materials may be used for the promotional purposes including recruitment and fund-raising efforts or general publication. Promotion may include but is not limited to slide presentations, photo displays, Internet promotions, electronic multi-media or billboard display. I agree that the photograph/ image shall be free for use and release the SCHOOL/PARISH and the Diocese of Allentown, its employees, volunteers and agents for any liability connected with the use of said photograph or image.



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Organization Name: St. E's Confirmation Class 2024 Due Date: Wed May 10 Delivery: Sat May 20 Seller: Confirmation Class Phone: 610-266-0695 x208

Hoagies By Island Expressions 9" Sub and Sandwich *Fundraiser

Price	5.50	Italian Everything	5.50	Italian Onion No Pepper	5.50	Italian Pepper No Onion	5.50	Italian plain	5.50	Turkey Everything	5.50	Turkey Onion No Pepper	5.50	Turkey Pepper No Onion	5.50	Turkey Plain	5.50	Roast Beef	5.50	Tuna	5.50	Pastrami Swiss Cheese	4.00	Ham & Cheese	4.00	Turkey & Cheese	Total Due	
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Catholic Vocations



Holy Orders



Religious Sister



Religious Brother



Holy Matrimony

Coloring Page for Children of All Ages.



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