



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



What we are celebrating this day is truly beyond anything men and women through all of human history, including us, could ever have imagined. Our God gave Himself completely to us, and through His profound act of self-emptying destroyed even death itself. An incredible victory has been won! And this victory is something we don't really deserve, nor could we have achieved it on our own. No, God won this victory for us for only one reason - because He loves us - not a little, not once in a while, not if we do what He wants - but continually, unconditionally and eternally. What a God we have. Alleluia!

And think for a moment about those early followers of Jesus. Imagine what it must have been like for them as a handful of them told the others, and those others told people they knew, and so on and so on. And think how difficult it would have been for them to accept what the others were telling them. And yet, little by little they began to believe something new.

We would not be here this day if those first friends of Jesus did not get the word out, spread the message, believe some incredible things. And we owe them an enormous debt of gratitude. And yet, one of the real miracles of that first Easter was not that they started to believe in something new. No, the real miracle was they began to BE something new.

And that's precisely what is being offered to us on this day, precisely what we are being invited to embrace. God doesn't just want us to believe something new and incredible but to be something new and incredible.

This sort of transformation is not some kind of automatic consequence that is independent of us. Rather, it is a precious gift, a gift we hopefully will

spend a lifetime unpacking - the kind of gift that doesn't bless us just once, but each and every day across a lifetime. But this is not a gift we are forced to accept. God doesn't seem to work that way.

- No, this is a life-changing gift that is beginning to come about.
- When we want it more than anything else.
- When we trust that God's way is always the best way.
- When we come to realize that we are dependent on God for everything.
- When we understand that we are not the center of the universe.
- When our hearts are open to grace, and therefore the changes God wants.
- When we surrender to the transforming power of God's love.
- When we accept that living as God wants is never easy.
- When humility replaces self-importance and compassion replaces judgment.
- When we believe truly that love is the only response worth giving.
- The new-life God has won for us through the saving acts of Jesus takes more than just saying that we believe. It takes a willingness to always strive to be more, to give more, and to love more. Easter is not about remaining the same. Easter is about allowing God to raise us up; to resurrect us from whatever is holding us down, or crushing our spirits, or keeping each of us from being the beautiful person God created us to be.

He is risen! Alleluia!

Have a blessed Easter everyone. Fr. Stan.



OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

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



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

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



PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	APRIL 10	9:00 AM	Ann Schlaffer
TUESDAY	APRIL 11	9:00 AM	David Svitana
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 12	9:00 AM	Deceased Member of Oswald Family
THURSDAY	APRIL 13	7:00 PM	James A. Egan
FRIDAY	APRIL 14	9:00 AM	Lucy Mellinger
SATURDAY	APRIL 15	4:30 PM	Michael Kahr
			People of the Parish
SUNDAY	APRIL 16	8:00 AM	Freda Mertz
		10:00 AM	Madeline Fedorak

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 11th** will be *the Human and Theological Virtues*.



INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burned this week for **Louis & Frieda Yandrisevits** requested by *Lois Sobchack*.

The Bells will ring this week for **Valeria Koons** requested by *Carolyn and Nick Pontician*.



MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Anna Schreiner** and **Richard Tardiff** (*father of parishioner Jane Zingelman*) who passed away this week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



FESTIVAL NEWS

Did someone mention festival games? YES! There will be lots of fun games for kids of all ages. Try your hand at the candy wheel, inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, nail and face painting, football toss and more! Hey kids! We'll have a magician and the balloon man! You and your friends will LOVE IT!



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.





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.

A PARISH CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations to our RCIA candidates who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass. We wholeheartedly welcome you and your family into our Catholic faith and family.

Roxann **Anne** Mann (St. Anne)

Dario **Carlos** Marquez (Blessed Carlos Acutis)



Jeff Herrera, John Pasalides and Nicole Pasquino will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost, May 28 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena administered by Bishop Schlert. May the hope of Easter joy sustain you in your journey of faith. GOD BLESS YOU!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." *Romans 15:13*

We Are Remembered 32nd Easter Mass to be celebrated on Wednesday, April 12

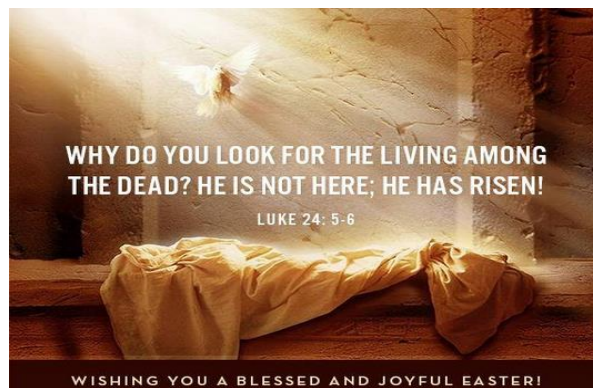
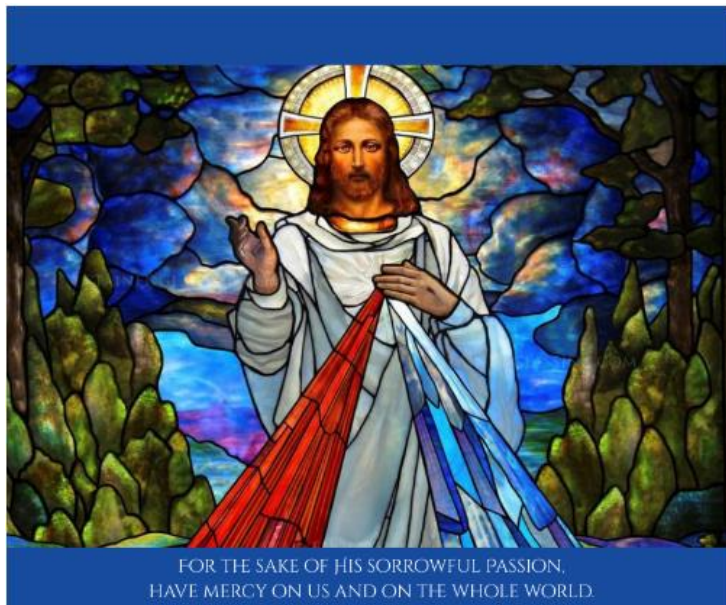
The 32nd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church. "We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry. Monday, April 3 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Today Newspaper. We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support." To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. Include: Sponsor(s) name, Donation amount, Address, Phone number, Email and Name(s) of the deceased. Rev Stanley Moczydlowski will be the celebrant and Rev. Patrick Lamb will be the Homilist.





FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming
Community
Events



DIVINE MERCY CONCERT

All are invited to join us on
the Feast of Divine Mercy
for a beautiful hour of
song, prayer, and mercy!

APRIL 16, 2023 / 2:00PM

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT CATHARINE OF SIENA
18th & TURNER STREETS, ALLENTOWN

2:00PM | Angelorum Choir with Reflections from Diary of Saint Faustina

3:00PM | Divine Mercy Chaplet

ALSO! 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Confessions

All ages are welcome to attend this free event.

Questions?
Contact Bev McDewitt1@gmail.com

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Bonanza Bingo!!!

We really hope to see you this month at St. John the Baptist Social Hall at 924 N. Front St Allentown on Sunday April 16th. *Regular bingo and all the specials will be CASH prizes.* \$15.00 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7!
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

St. Monica Ministry – St. Theresa Parish

Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed, and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return.

Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy hour taking place at St. Theresa Parish, Hellertown on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm. Displayed for prayer and veneration will be a new icon of St. Monica, created especially for the ministry by Msgr. Robert Kozel. All are warmly invited to join us as we come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Fellowship in the Parish Center will follow the Holy hour. Registration is not required.



Get ready for St. Elizabeth's...**Where: St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall
435 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall****When: Saturday, April 15, 2023****Doors open at 5:30 p.m.****Races begin at 6:30 p.m.****Cost: Only \$20.00 per person (\$25 @ the Door)****Includes: Pork BBQ, Mac & Cheese, snacks, chips, soft drinks & beer.
(Other beverages are BYOB)****Order forms may be dropped off at the school or church offices.*****Only 120 Horses available, so get your names in early!!!***

- Two ways to win:** 1) Buy a horse for \$10, name it, and if it wins the race it's placed in, you get \$50!
 2) Each game (there are 10 games) you check out the horses by name/position and place a bet on the horse you think will be win. Watch the race, cheer on your horse, and you might win big!!
 After each race, horse owner and race winner are paid out.
 All this while enjoying your time with friends, family, good food, and drinks!
It's a great night out to have a little fun and maybe win BIG...you feeling lucky??

Name: _____ Phone #: _____**# of tickets: _____ Name/# of people in your Party: _____****Your horse names at \$10.00 each:**

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

(More on reverse)

Total at \$10.00 for each horse: _____**Total # of tickets at \$20.00 each: _____****Extra donation for refreshments & paper products \$ _____****Final total enclosed: \$ _____****If you have any questions, please reach out to Trina Johns @ 610-509-0703 or trinajohns322@yahoo.com****Checks can be made out to St. Elizabeth Regional School...**

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry

SPRING FLOWER COUPON SALE

Now thru May 1, 2023

Redeemable at
Garden City Greenhouse
1422 4th Street, North Catasauqua

Coupons sell for \$15.00 each and
can be used any time throughout the year



When coupon is presented to Garden City Greenhouse Inc., the coupon holder will be able to pick from any combination of plant material for a total of \$15.00. (Examples are vegetables, bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennials). There are many different varieties and colors of flowers to choose from. If purchase is over the \$15.00 coupon value, the holder is responsible to pay the difference. Sorry, refunds cannot be given if the coupon is lost or not used.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Glover:
610 – 349 - 7791 or email her at jglover@ptd.net

Please fill in the coupon below and return it along with your payment by May 1st

Mark the envelope "Spring Flower Coupons" and mail your order to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. You will be notified when your coupons are available.

*St. Elizabeth Music Ministry
Spring Flower Coupons
618 Fullerton Avenue
Whitehall PA 18052*

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry Spring Flower Coupon Fundraiser

Return by May 1st.

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