



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



May 13th is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted.



The central meaning of the message of Fatima is nothing different from what the Church has always taught: that is, to quote Pope Benedict XVI, "the exhortation to prayer as the path of 'salvation for souls' and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion."

This weekend we also celebrate Mother's Day, and we give thanks to that awesome vocation of love. Moms love us and want the best for us, and that's especially true of our Blessed Mother. Mary exhorted the children to pray the rosary and identified herself as "The Lady of the Rosary" to the children.

Listen to Mary. Pray the rosary and offer sacrifices for the peace that our world so desperately needs.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful moms and God bless you, Fr. Stan

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Michael Schwentner
Annette Susko
Rita Kline
Maureen Calder
Rose Brosious

Jim Susko
Scott Fogel
Karen Axt
Donna Fogel

Carol Crugnale
Anna Buhrmann
Joe Samanka
Karen Wasielewski



*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? Please call 610-266-0695. After hours use ext. 310 the emergency voice mailbox.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY
to all the mothers of the Parish



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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
SACRAMENTS
DEVOTIONS

MASSES / SERVICES

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| MONDAY | MAY 15 | 9:00 AM | Valeria Koons |
| TUESDAY | MAY 16 | 9:00 AM | Anna Tauber |
| WEDNESDAY | MAY 17 | 9:00 AM | Stephen Brosky |
| | | 6:30 PM | Helen Pramik |
| THURSDAY | MAY 18 | 9:00 AM | Freda Mertz |
| | | 12:15 PM | Ann Schlaffer |
| FRIDAY | MAY 19 | 9:00 AM | Noris Grisah |
| SATURDAY | MAY 20 | 4:30 PM | John Komperda |
| SUNDAY | MAY 21 | 8:00 AM | John D. Rubino |
| | | | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:00 AM | Oswald Family Deceased Members |

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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.

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **the mothers of the Parish** requested by the *Staff of St. Elizabeth Parish*.



The Bells will ring this week for **the deceased mothers of the Parish** requested by the *Staff of St. Elizabeth Parish*.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

St. Elizabeth Parish will pray along with others in the Diocese of Allentown as we mourn the loss of **Most Reverend Bishop Edward Cullen**.

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Volunteers! One of the major things we need is volunteers for each night. With all the food and drink stands, games, etc., we'll need lots of folks to help. We'll also need help setting up, cleaning up, and tearing down. If you've volunteered already, thanks! If not, call Joan Glover @ 610-349-7791 to offer your help. Reminder the Parish Festival is Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th!



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LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

Our 2024 Confirmation class sold delicious hoagies and sandwiches from Island Express to help fund a bus to the Padre Pio Shrine in October for their Confirmation Retreat. Pick up is Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 am in the parish hall.



HONORING ALL GRADUATES

Please submit the following information, if you have a student who is graduating from high school and/or college for the parish bulletin:

2023

Student's name _____

Grade _____

School _____

Honors _____

Name of School of Continuing Education, if applicable.

The deadline to submit names is June 1st.

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 office. 610-264-0143

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.

SACRAMENTS

New to the parish? – Register as a new member to receive Sacraments.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Baptisms are currently being celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Registered parish members 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. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for two years before reception.

CONFIRMATION

Normally received in 8th grade. Parish member's 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.



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FELLOWSHIP...as *Disciples*

Upcoming
Community
Events

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

On this Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance, mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences, and may have fallen on hard times and come to the Diocese for assistance. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

Bishop Schlert will celebrate Mass on the grounds at Resurrection Cemetery on Saturday, May 27 beginning at 10:00 am in commemoration of Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, please contact Resurrection Cemetery at 610-866-2372 x 3.

Flowers after Mass

Pennsylvania for Human Life will have flowers available for sale after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. All donations are used for Pro-Life Education--Generation Life speakers, buses to the March for Life, 40 Days for Life campaigns, fair booth expenses & brochures, etc. Reward every Mom with a beautiful gift and help save more lives. Thank You.

Spring Fling - Basket Raffle

On Sunday, May 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Paul Parish Center 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown there will be a basket raffle, food & more! Come and have a good time.

Packing for the Troops

The Blue Star Mothers of the Lehigh Valley, Chapter PA201, will send care packages to deployed troops worldwide in a few weeks. Our primary collection focus, this time is **plain, white, or black athletic socks**. If you'd like to help, please bring the socks (with no markings, lines, or logos) and place them in the container in the church foyer. **Items must be received by May 23rd**. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you have any questions, please call Joan Glover at 610-349-7791.

What is the St. Monica Ministry?

The St. Monica Ministry is both a dedicated community and a prayer network offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. The ministry sponsors a Holy Hour of Petition and Hope on the second Wednesday of each month. Holy Hours are held at St. Theresa's in Hellertown, beginning at 6 pm. Fr. Bernard Ezaki will be presiding on June 14. For more information, please email Celeste at StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

May Bonanza Bingo!

Last Bingo this season! St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall 924 N. Front St Allentown. Sunday May 21st Regular bingo and all the specials will still be CASH prizes. \$15 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

International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

St. Mary (BVM) Parish will host the Virgin Statue of Fatima on May 21st at 122 Union St. in Catasauqua. For more information call 610-264-0332.

St. Ursula Parish will host the Virgin Statue of Fatima on May 27th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at 1300 Broadway in Fountain Hill. For more information call 610-867-5122.



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