



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The first line from today's second reading from first Peter is one which should immediately catch our attention. 'Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ'.

Although this seems like a nearly impossible request to live out, Peter seems to be specifically addressing a particular kind of suffering - one which arises simply when we strive to do the right thing, when we try to live out our calling as followers of Jesus.

'If you are insulted for the name of Jesus, blessed are you.'

In the time of Peter, one's life could be in jeopardy just for admitting one was a disciple of Jesus. Sadly, in some parts of the world it is still that way. But this same idea applies more broadly for the consequences that sometimes arise each and every time we choose to act kindly, generously, justly, and lovingly. We only have to look at the cross to know that sometimes, just doing the right thing - the loving thing - can cause us to experience a great deal of sorrow, disappointment, and pain.

But does this mean we can and should rejoice? What could possibly bring us joy in the midst of our suffering? Maybe by helping us recognize the courage it took for Jesus to walk the path He did. Maybe by helping us realize just how much Jesus loves us. Maybe by helping us draw some comfort from knowing that we are in a small way imitating our Lord - the One who shows us what a holy and authentic life looks like. Maybe by helping us feel closer to and more united to our Lord, Savior, Brother, Friend.

This of course, is just a partial list. And we must acknowledge that some or many of life's crosses do not always arise as a consequence of doing the right thing - illnesses, disasters, financial troubles, broken relationships and marriages, deaths of loved ones - these things can be tremendously hard to endure. Yet, maybe, these things too can be transformed by the love of God which trumps all things and has power over even the heaviest of disappointments and sorrows - power over even death itself.

Rejoice in our sufferings? Maybe we aren't there yet. So maybe we should look at those words of Peter not so much as a statement of fact, nor as a kind of moralizing but rather as a kind of prayer, a kind of hope, a kind of sincere desire of the heart.

So, let me conclude with this prayer.

Lord Jesus - you know well that life can be hard. And you know precisely what each of us is experiencing. You know our crosses. And we believe that you want nothing more than to bring us comfort and strength and peace - and joy. Real and lasting joy. Help us to learn how to rejoice (even in a small way) each time we are asked to carry a cross, whether it be heavy or light. And may we never, ever forget just how much you love us and how far you are willing to go to pour that love into our hearts, our minds, our very lives. Amen.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

William Santiago	Michael Schwentner	Scott Fogel	Donna Fogel
Debra M Cavauiolo	Annette Susko	Jim Susko	Carol Crugnale
McKayla Pavie	Rita Kline	Rose Brosious	Anna Buhrmann
Scott Geiger	Karen Axt	Maureen Calder	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.

The Parish Office will be closed for
Memorial Day, May 29th



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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY
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MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	MAY 22	9:00 AM	Harry L. Hofelich Jr.
TUESDAY	MAY 23	9:00 AM	Phyllis Laky
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	9:00 AM	Dorothy Folajtar
THURSDAY	MAY 25	7:00 PM	Pauline & Frank Brutchak
FRIDAY	MAY 26	9:00 AM	John Beacher
SATURDAY	MAY 27	4:30 PM	Catharina Rieker
SUNDAY	MAY 28	8:00 AM	Rosa Hernandez
		10:00 AM	Ellwood & Helen Schell
			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.

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Raymond Semler** requested by the *Keglovits Family*.



MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **military member parishioners of St. Elizabeth parish** who have passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Do you have some bottles of wine, brandy, whiskey, or other spirits that you know you won't drink? How about donating them to the Parish Festival for our Baskets of Cheer? You can drop them off at the parish office beginning June 1st. If we have enough bottles to fill more than two baskets, then we'll make more baskets to raffle off. Thank you! Cheers! Reminder the Parish Festival is Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th!

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Thank you to the many families from our parish who helped sell and purchase the lovely flowers after the Masses over Mother's Day weekend. We collected \$795. All donations are sent to Pennsylvanians for Human Life to support the cause to defend life. A special thank you to our flower sellers: Jane Andrew, Charlotte Bryk, Ann Frankl, Annie Kern, Roxann Mann, Erin Schoepflin, Lois Sobchack, Christina Tran & Family, and Carol Vasquez.



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LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY
COMMUNITY

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 \$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.

SAVE THE DATE – GOLF TOURNAMENT

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.

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



ST. ELIZABETH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 26 - 30, 2023! Join us at: "Stellar" this June where we will "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!" Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM and end at 12:00 PM noon each day.

Registration forms are available 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.



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
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Events

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2023 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of people in our community. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!



Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

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

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

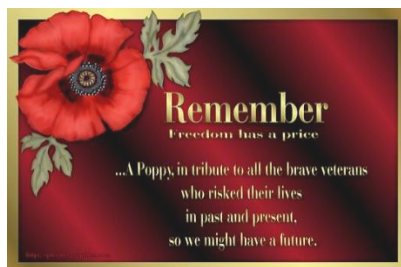
International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

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.



Poppy Sale



Members of Catholic War Veterans (CWV) Post 454, Northampton will conduct their Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses on May 27 - 28. Your donations will benefit hospitalized veterans, and local CWV sponsored community functions, including tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools. We thank you in advance for your generosity! Catholic Veterans interested in joining CWV Post 454 may request a membership from any member during this Poppy drive or call the Post at 610-261-2055 for more information.



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St. Elizabeth Parish Festival



Small Game of Chance License #0158R22

The Parishioners of
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
welcome you to our parish festival on

Friday, June 9 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Saturday, June 10 from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**on parish grounds (Pershing Blvd.)
near Rt. 22 & Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA**

Featuring: our Famous
Halupki Dinner on
Friday and Saturday

FUN



Ethnic and Festival Foods
Live Bands - Raffles
Children's Entertainment -
Adult & Children Games
Refreshments - Desserts

COMMON BOND - Friday Evening
FLIRT'IN with the MOB - Saturday Evening

Balloon Guy & Strolling Magician
Friday & Saturday Evenings



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Dear Parishioner:

Please place this flyer on the bulletin board at work or on a bulletin board at your local grocery store, restaurant, gas station, etc.

Help us get the word out that the party is starting at St. Elizabeth's Parish Festival on June 9 & 10.

Thanks a bunch!



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