

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Today's readings speak of the community to which the Holy Spirit came, the same community of which we are members. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the Spirit dispelled fear and doubt and instilled in people special gifts - especially the ability to speak and to understand others, but these gifts are given for the common good. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of one body that has many members, adding that we are all one through baptism. We hear further in the Gospel how Jesus sent the Spirit to hold us together as a community of faith. But how these gifts are used and to what extent they build our community is in our hands.

One of the more difficult realities of today's world is that we are surrounded by a culture of individualism. Generally, we do not think broadly and generically, considering common good in our efforts. But, if we are not willing to give of ourselves, then the community we build will never be effective or grow. On the other hand, if we give fully and cheerfully, then others around us will respond in kind and the community we build will be strong and vibrant.

On Pentecost Sunday we must pause and consider our contribution to the community of faith. Do we expect the community to do all things for us, or are we willing to do our share? Are we givers or takers with respect to the many responsibilities that our community of faith must meet? Somehow in our highly complicated and overly busy world we lose the big picture and focus on the micro (ourselves), not on the macro (the world). "True strength is not found in being stubborn or arrogant. It is found in allowing the Holy Spirit to dwell in one's heart so that one might be open to the Spirit's promptings. It is that Spirit who frees us from our selfishness, for the Spirit reminds us that God is supposed to be the center of who we are and what we do." (Rev. Jude Winkler OFM Daily Meditations with the Holy Spirit).

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Bob Kulhamer

William Santiago Debra M Cavaiuolo McKayla Pavie Scott Geiger

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Scott Fogel Iim Susko Rose Brosious

Maureen Calder

Donna Fogel Carol Crugnale

Anna Buhrmann 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

PARISH FESTIVAL

Do you have a few hours on Sunday, June 11? We could use a few good hands to pack up and store the festival equipment in the garage. Going from the Parish Hall to the garage in the rear

of the parking lot on Pershing. Call Ioan for more info 610-349-7791



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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services				
MONDAY	MAY 29	9:00 AM	Richard Tardiff (Main Church)	
TUESDAY	M AY 30	9:00 AM	Phyllis Laky	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 31	9:00 AM	Michael Oswald	
THURSDAY	JUNE 1	7 :00 PM	Teresa Tardiff	
FRIDAY	JUNE 2	9:00 AM	Enrollees of the Memorial Fund	
			Divine Mercy	
SATURDAY	JUNE 3	8:30 AM	Grace Lutzi	
		4:30 PM	Lucy Mellinger	
SUNDAY	JUNE 4	8:00 AM	Harley Stewart	
		10:00 AM	Trescak Family	

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 **Joe and Mary Louise Gnall's 50**th **Wedding Anniversary** requested by the *St. Elizabeth Staff*.

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



We need bakers! Do you have a favorite recipe that everyone loves? Or how about "Mom's" or "Grammy's" famous recipe? What about that frozen Nutroll still in your freezer? Why not share some of those delectable treats with the rest of the parish?

Our Parish Festival will feature a bake sale each night and we'd like to try your favorite baked goods. We ask that those whose last name begins with A – M bring your treats to the Parish Hall on Friday (June 9) and those whose last name begins with N – Z bring them on Saturday (June 10). If the baked goods arrive by 2 pm our volunteers can get them ready for the sale. If you can wrap things up yourself (i.e., cookies, cake slices or brownies in a bag) that would be great; it would save a lot of time on our part. Whole cakes and pies are a nice treat to take home. Thanks in advance for donating your time and talent to the festival. Reminder the Parish Festival is Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th!

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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:

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Student's name		
Grade	_	
School		
Honors		

Name of School of Continuing Education, if applicable. The deadline to submit names is June 1st.

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.

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.

SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS

Thank You and Best Wishes to our Senior Altar Servers.

We thank our four senior altar servers as they graduate from high school, we are grateful for their many years of service to the parish. They will be honored at the 10:00 am Mass on June 4th. We are very proud of you. May our dear Lord, Jesus Christ bless and protect you always as you move on in your life and faith journey.

Matthew Braun, Windry Taveras, Vincent Tran, Kaitlynn Wied.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES On Sunday May 28, Pentecost, the following parishioners were confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Sienna.

Jeff Herrera John Pasalides Nicole Pasquino

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

CLOW FOR CHILDREN



Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program, presented during the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday, will be on summer break from Memorial Day to September 10th. We thank our many volunteers who faithfully serve the children of the parish by presenting God's Word to them from a child's point of view. At this time, we would like to thank the following catechists in this ministry: Donna Fogel, Tracy Kneller, Teresa Mosser, Wendy Ohlsen, Jessica Robinson, and Erin Schoepflin. May our dear Lord bless you for the generous

giving of your time, genuine love, and care for our parish children.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

As of today, St. Elizabeth parishioners have contributed \$\$21,476 to the 2023 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. This represents 10 % of our total number of registered families. With 100% participation, we can make a major impact on the lives of friends, families, and neighbors in need. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge

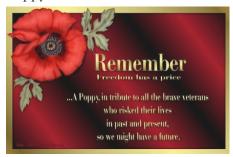


form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Cash Bingo

Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center St., Nazareth is hosting a Bingo. The doors open at noon and the first game starts at 12:45 pm on Sunday, June 4th. The fee is \$20 at the door. There will be 15 games with plenty of specials and 50/50 Raffle. See you there! Call (610)759-0870 Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 1pm for more info.

St. John's June Swoon Dance

St. John the Baptist Church is hosting a dance in the Social Hall 924 N. Front St. Allentown Saturday June 3rd. An Oldies Dance Featuring CHASBAND; the cost is \$5 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open. Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30. Questions call Bill Drost 610 – 432 – 3505.



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St. Elizabeth Parish Festival June 9 – 6 – 10 pm June 10 – 5 – 10 pm



FESTIVAL MEETING

There will be a short meeting for Volunteers and Festival Stand Captains on Sunday, June 4 at 11 am in the Parish Hall. It should only last about ½ hour and we'll go over what will be expected of you while working at the Festival. Afterward, we'll need help moving items from the garage to the Parish Hall.

Festival Set-Up Help

We will need lots of help moving and setting things up for the Festival. If you can help on any of the following days, please join us at the appointed time.

- Sunday June 4th at 11:30 am. Move festival items from the garage over to the parish hall.
- Wednesday June 7th at 5:30 pm. Set up tents and stands; move items to appropriate places. Food prep.
- Thursday June 8th at 5:30 pm. Festival preparation & Halupki prep.
- Friday June 9th at 9 am. Final set-up and food prep; set-up stands if needed.
- Sunday June 11th at 9 am. Extra festival food sale in Parish Hall. We will need help cleaning up the kitchen too.
- Sunday June 11th 11 am–3 pm. Extra help is needed to tear down, pack, and move items to garage and cleanup of kitchen, hall, and festival grounds.

Food Preparation

Can you spare a few hours helping us prep food or make halupki for the Festival? Join us on Wednesday, June 7th beginning at 6:30 pm, when we'll be prepping food for the festival (i.e. chopping or slicing vegetables for the different food stands). Just stop by with your aprons,



cutting boards & knives, ready to work.

On Thursday, June 8th again at 6:30 pm, we'll need help to stuff and roll cabbage for our halupki dinners. Come on out, meet new people and join in the fun!

Festival Bake Sale

Our Parish Festival Bake Sale is always a big hit! Please bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall if your last name begins with A-M on Friday (June 9) or Saturday (June 10) if your last name begins with



N-Z by 2 pm, so our volunteers can get them ready for the sale. Thanks in advance for donating your time and talent to the festival.

> Food, Games, and Fun for Everyone! Come out and join us!!!

STAND CAPTAINS

Adult Games Jerry Padden Bake Sale Irene Snyder Beer Stand Jeff Jurasits Cabbage & Noodles, Potato Pancakes Cindy Keglovits Funnel Cakes Mary Jean Potylycki Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Ken & Linda Snyder Hot Dogs Bob & Patti Sheehan Tracy Kneller Kids Games Nancy Hendrickson Kitchen Help & Prep Deb Schuster Perogies & French Fries Joan Glover Sausage Sandwiches & Steak Sandwiches Joanne Buckfeller Snow Cones Vicky Robbins Waffles & Ice Cream Trina Johns

Volunteers

Would you like to help at the Festival? Please call the Parish Office at 610-266-0695 and leave your name & number. Someone will get back to you about availability.

- Many volunteers are needed for the kids' activities! It's a great way for students to get community hours.
- We especially need help on Sunday, June 11 for cleanup of the Parish grounds.

Games and Entertainment = Fun for Everyone

- Kids Games include a Bounce House, Obstacle Course, basketball & football toss, candy wheel, Spin Art, duck pond, and face painting, to name a few.
- Adult Games are a big hit! Featured are the Money Wheel, a 50/50 drawing each evening, a Basket of Cheer & tear-off tickets. Must be 21 to play!
- The Balloon Guy and Strolling Magician will be with us on both evenings.
- Bands: Common Bond will play on Friday evening and Flirtin' With the Mob on Saturday evening.

Basket of Cheer Raffle

We're in need of unopened bottles of wine or liquor for our raffle. Please drop them off at the parish office.



Raffle Tickets and Festival Friends

Please continue to send in your raffle tickets and Festival Friends donations. If you own a business and would like to be a Festival Sponsor, please call Joan Glover at 610-349-7791 for sponsor levels and amounts. Festival Friends and Sponsor names will be on display that weekend.



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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 Cocca	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.



"To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day."

