

## From the Pastor's Desk



'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' With these words of Jesus as part of his conversation with His Apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals His unique relationship with God the Father. Jesus is unpacking the unique nature of the Holy Trinity to the Apostles, but they will not begin to grasp it until the Holy Spirit brings them into a deeper understanding after Pentecost.

If we understand that Jesus is not simply a wise teacher or a religious leader, then we can see that He can reveal the Father to us in a way no other person can. Jesus is fully divine and fully human. When He gives His life for us, His sacrifice is greater and more profound than any other martyr, for any other cause. In His resurrection, and in part in the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals Himself to be more than a prophet or even an angel. God sent His Son to take up our sins and to offer salvation that could only be achieved by an infinite sacrifice.

Because our faith teaches that it is Jesus who redeemed the world - that He came to heal and save all of humanity - we not only begin to understand Christ's great commission to go out to all the world, but we should desire what He does. That is, it is our mission to continue what He began by preaching the Gospel to the world.

These realities should challenge us to do two things: to commit ourselves to sharing the Gospel of Jesus with others, and to pray for the work of missionaries and preachers around the world. We know that Jesus is the king of heaven, and to live in the joy of heaven, we must submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus. We must work and pray to help all people find Jesus' presence now in the Eucharist, and to be united to Him forever in heaven.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

#### **OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Rita Kline Scott Fogel
Maureen Calder Karen Axt
Rose Brosious Donna Fogel
Jim Susko 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.

REMEMBER
MOTHER'S DAY
is Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>





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## PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services			
MONDAY	May 8	9:00 AM	Philip Handlon
TUESDAY	May 9	9:00 AM	Richard Tardiff
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald, Jr.
THURSDAY	MAY 11	7:00 PM	Laurie Hohl
FRIDAY	MAY 12	9:00 AM	Kathryn Talianek
SATURDAY	<b>MAY 13</b>	4:30 PM	Living and Deceased Mothers
			People of the Parish
SUNDAY	<b>M</b> AY 14	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers
		10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers

#### 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 **Dot and Vince Yarnall** requested by *the Mascari Family*.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Eva Wolfer** 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 keep the parishioners of Sacred Heart parish in our prayers as we mourn the loss of **Rev. George Winne**.

#### PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Please send in your "Festival Friends" sheet; just drop it in the collection basket or bring it in to the parish office. We'll also need wine or liquor donations for our Basket of Cheer raffle. So, if you have anything at home you don't need, please consider donating it to our raffle. Just drop it off at the parish office. Reminder the Parish

Festival is Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th!

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## LIVING...as Disciples

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 at: 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.

#### 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	2		

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School		
Honors		

Name of School of Continuing Education, if applicable.

The deadline to submit names is June 1st.



"Sing for America" presents

Madagascar: The Musical at

St. Elizabeth Regional School!

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Show Times:

2:00 pm and 7:00pm

Tickets will be for sale at
the door: \$10



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COMMUNITY

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

#### Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. 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.

#### 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  $19^{th} - 21^{st}$ , 2023.

Deadline for registration is May 12th.

#### St. Francis Center Gala and Silent Auction

St. Francis Center for Renewal invites you to raise anchor and join in the celebration of their 13<sup>th</sup> 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.stfrancisctr.org/2023-gala-silent-auction or call at 610-867-8890.

#### Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### 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.

#### Whitehall Coplay Hunger Initiative

All are welcome to the community meal being served at St. John's Lutheran Church, 835 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Whitehall on May 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 610-533-1357.

#### Spring Fling - Basket Raffle

On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Paul Parish Center 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown there will be a basket raffles, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you have any questions, please call Joan Glover at 610-349-7791.



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### DOORS OPEN AT 1:00PM, BINGO STARTS AT 1:30PM

All ages are welcome to attend!

Please note: The kitchen will NOT be open but you may bring your own beverages and snacks.

(Bring your Own Dabbers!)

## TICKETS: PRE-SALE- \$25.00 AT THE DOOR- \$30.00

Tickets include 12 games of Bingo.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD for additional chances to win.

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# The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish



Congratulations to all our children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6, 2023. They all studied and practiced very hard to be ready to receive Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

May you always live in the peace and love of Christ and come back to feast at His Table often.

#### God bless you!

Alianah Amador Maximiliano Aviles

Eve Carver Adrianna DeJesus

Valentina DeJesus Caia Ellison

Jayden Fermin Jeremiah Fermin

Wesley George Braelyn Keeney

Francesca Markulies Kennedy Markulies

Giuseppe Mazzola Jr. Gabriel Moyer

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Talya Waithaka

