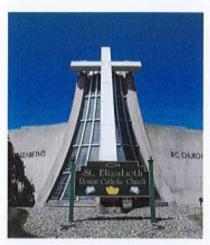
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052



Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski Pastor

Parish Registration

Roman Catholics living in the parish boundaries should be registered with St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Registration and regular participation at Mass are required for the administration of the Sacraments, Certificate of Eligibility, and attendance in C.Y.O. and P.R.E.P. Please register at the parish office. Registration packets are also located in the church foyer and on the church website.

Sacraments

Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 PM and by appointment.

Baptism - First Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office early in the pregnancy to begin arrangements. Family must be registered with the parish. Preparation class for parents is held monthly.

Marriage - Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of their proposed wedding in order to set a date with the priest. Either the groom or bride should be a registered parishioner and practicing at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic? Please contact the parish office for information and scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick – Hospitals are visited on a regular basis. Please call the parish office to report emergencies.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors – You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. All requests for 'Certificate of Eligibility' are to be made well in advance to the parish office.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)

Thursday: 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM (1st Saturday Only)

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin and Website

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If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service by calling 800-276-1562.

Wills and Donations

Please consider designating Saint Elizabeth Catholic Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can be extended to future generations.





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Both men in today's gospel were surprised by their find. In this way, the man discovering buried treasure, and the merchant finding the pearl of great price, were alike. In other respects, the men were quite different.

The first man is a day laborer plowing his employer's field. One day his plow catches what he at first takes for a rock. Investigation shows it to be a pottery jar filled with gold and silver coins. He realizes that this unexpected find can change his life, giving him the first financial security, he has ever known.

He realizes that he has a problem. The law of the day said that buried treasure belonged to the person on whose property it was found. Rather than carrying off the treasure at once, the man carefully buries the jar again and finishes his day's work. Later, he makes his employer an offer for the field. When his offer is accepted, the man is overjoyed. The purchase has cost everything he has. The treasure, which is now his, however, is worth far more.

The merchant is different. He is looking for treasure. Years of buying and selling have sharpened his eye and refined his taste. One day, walking through a bazaar, he sees a pearl so large and flawless, that it takes his breath away. Buying it will mean the sacrifice of all he owns. But no matter. When you have found perfection, no price is too high to pay.

'God's kingdom is like that', Jesus is saying. Neither of these two men thinks for a minute of the sacrifice he is making. Both think only of the joy of the new possession.

Must we pay a price to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ? Of course. Sometimes the price is high. But when we think only of the cost of discipleship, we make our religion grim and forbidding. In these two little parables, Jesus is emphasizing not the cost, but the infinitely greater reward.

St. Augustine was a man who also was joyfully surprised at his great find. All through his twenties, the intellectually brilliant Augustine was searching for the highest philosophical truth, and he found it in Christianity. He wanted to be a Christian, but he was unable to give up his life of indulgence. After God granted him the grace of conversion, Augustine wrote that what he had sacrificed for Jesus Christ, was nothing compared to the treasure he had gained.

'How sweet did it become to me all at once to be without those trifles!' Augustine writes in his *Confessions*. 'What I previously feared to lose, was now a joy to be without. For you cast them away from me, your true and highest sweetness. You cast them out and entered in yourself, sweeter than all pleasure.'

As followers of Jesus Christ, we know that discipleship can have its costs. But we also know that the cost is nothing compared to the joy that it will bring.

God bless you. Fr. Stan.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS* If admitted to the hospital or ER, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit.

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Do we have your current email address? Phone number? Stopped your land phone line? Or have you moved? Not getting your envelopes? Have self-sustaining adults living at home?

Please check with the parish office to make sure any changes you may have made in the last year or two are recorded with the parish.







PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services			
MONDAY	July 31	9:00 AM	James Pester
TUESDAY	AUGUST 1	9:00 AM	Howard Sweeny
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 2	9:00 AM	Phyllis Laky
THURSDAY	AUGUST 3	7 :00 PM	Amelia DalMaso
FRIDAY	AUGUST 4	9:00 AM	Memorial Fund Enrollees
			Divine Mercy
SATURDAY	AUGUST 5	8:30 AM	Michael Oswald
		4:30 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	AUGUST 6	8:00 AM	Bill Kaufmann
		10:00 AM	Philip Handlon

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.

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.

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer **the parish office** will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Fridays until the week of September 5th.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment starting Tuesday June 13th. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at principal@sercc.org

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN NEWS

The Latest News from the Diocese of Allentown, Gospel Reflections | Sunday Mass can be found at https://ad-today.com/live2/

Intentions

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **John Krempasky** requested by *Joan Glover*.



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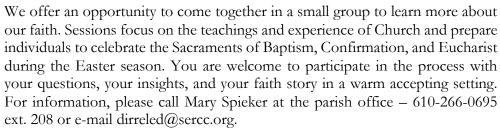
It's time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket idea! Mark your calendar for our 14th Annual Basket Social during Columbus Day Weekend, October 6-7-8! Bargains are EVERYWHERE! Start collecting your items now. Each basket needs to be worth at least \$35. Feel free to drop off

any non-perishable items from 9 am to 3 pm at the parish office for our spectacular committee to make up a basket for you. Please be sure to have your name on your donations. Thanks for your continuous support!

R.C.I.A. CLASS

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child age seven or older who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We have dedicated groups of volunteers who get together and clean the church once a month as crews of three or four volunteers. We need a few more people or a new crew to help keep the interior of the church clean and tidy.

Currently the crews clean on Monday morning however if you want to do an evening or Saturday morning, we can arrange for you to help.



Please don't make us ask Fr. Stan and Fr. Potts to clean!

Contact the parish office for more information or to express your interest in helping. 610-266-0695

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.





FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL STARTS



August 28 - Grades 1 - 8

August 30 – K & Pre-K

September 1 – CLOSED for Labor Day

September 5 – Classes resume

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.







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