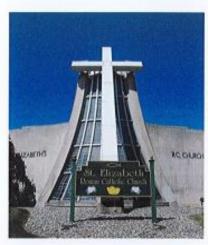
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In our relationship with God, we want and expect to have experiences of God that are unmistakable, dramatic, outstanding and obvious. Elijah, in today's first reading from the first Book of Kings, seems to have been just such a person from what we can tell. God tells Elijah to get ready because He will be passing by. Most likely Elijah was pretty certain that, if God was going to come to him, He would do so as in the past, as in the stories of old - in powerful, loud, exciting acts of nature or through some dramatic gesture. Yet, had he not been prompted by God in the first place, he never would have been ready to encounter Him in something so gentle, so benign, so ordinary as a tiny whisper; a tiny breath of air outside the entrance to the cave. Elijah expected God to come to him in one way. And God surprised him by choosing another.

I don't have to tell you that the vast majority of our life experiences are 'ordinary'. Much of life involves doing the same thing over and over again. And none of that is a bad thing. It's called life. And yet, unfortunately, it's easy to not think much about God during most of that. And it's even more difficult to be prepared to encounter God - to actually have and experience of Him - as we go about these 'ordinary 'things.

The 'dramatic' experiences are easy. Most of us go into them fully expecting to have an experience of God, fully expecting to feel close to God, fully expecting to know something holy was happening. The day you got engaged, the day you got married, the day your children were born, they day you got the big promotion - these are times when it is easy to feel God's presence. It is why retreats can be such powerful things. I know they have been for me. We go on retreat fully expecting to have an

experience of God, and we are rarely disappointed. Years later, people talk about retreats as special moments, when they felt incredibly close to God. And that is a beautiful thing.

And yet, God isn't simply just on retreat with you and me. Nor is he just there in engagements or the birth of a child. He's also there at the family movie night when you're curled up on the couch with the kids. He's in our visits to our elderly parents at the Senior Living Center. He's at the countless athletic events we find ourselves at. He's even with us when we grocery shop or when we are painting a bedroom or stuck in traffic or whenever or in whatever.

God is in all those things, all those whispers, that can pass by undetected if we don't pay attention, if we're not expecting it - expecting God.

And while most of us live lives that can hardly be described as exciting, what we're really talking about are the 'externals' of our lives. And yet, what makes faith 'exciting', what makes life 'exciting' are not the things that happen to us from the 'outside', but rather because of what God can do to us on the 'inside'. The changes only He can make in our hearts and souls and minds - so that we are able to find meaning and purpose and goodness and hope in the 'everydayness' of life. In other words, being able to find God everywhere we look is what is truly exciting, is life changing, and is everything but 'boring'.

But it takes faith. It takes paying attention. It takes expecting to find God and experiencing Him not simply once in a while, but every second of every day, in every whisper that calls out to us.

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 or need an Anointing.

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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services			
MONDAY	AUGUST 14	9:00 AM	Kathleen Oswald
		6:30 PM	John Beacher
TUESDAY	AUGUST 15	9:00 AM	Donald Saccani
		12:15 PM	John Potylycki, Jr.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 16	9:00 AM	Philip Handlon
THURSDAY	AUGUST 17	7 :00 PM	Patricia Robbins
FRIDAY	AUGUST 18	9:00 AM	Annette Yurish
SATURDAY	AUGUST 19	4:30 PM	Helen Konapelsky
SUNDAY	AUGUST 20	8:00 AM	Kedl Family Deceased Members
		10:00 AM	Rosa Hernandez
			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.

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.

The school office will be open starting August 14th or by appointment. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at principal@sercc.org

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Marie Frassinelli** requested by *Rosemary Macaluso*.



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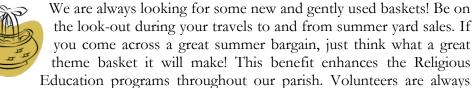




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welcome to help make our social fun and successful. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office – 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Thanks for your tremendous support!

RCIA

Have you or someone you know ever considered the Catholic Church as a means of continuing your journey of faith? Did you know that four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives, or neighbors extended



a personal invitation? We challenge you to ask just one person you know and see what happens!

There are quite a few great folks who attend weekly Mass with their families or friends but are not participating fully in the beautiful sacramental tradition of our faith. Many such people already share Baptism in common with us having received it within another Christian denomination. Some who have never been baptized often ponder the exciting possibility of experiencing the reality and unique ritual of birth in the living waters of life. This September, a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) class will be forming. The initial phase requires no commitment and is designed specifically for general information as well as discernment. For information, please call Mary Spieker at the parish office – 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or email at dirreled@sercc.org.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – PARISH MEETING ROOM



My name is Joshua Phillips and I've been a lifelong parishioner at St. Elizabeth. I'm a part of troop 12 in Allentown. I am looking to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Fr. Stan has given me permission for my project, for this prestigious honor, to refloor the large parish meeting room on the 2nd floor. This weekend, as part of my project, I will be collecting donations for this undertaking. Thank

you in advance for your generosity.

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

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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.

AUGUST 13, 2023



FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Assumption of Mary – August 15

We will have Masses for the Assumption of Mary this week.

Monday evening Vigil at 6:30 pm - Tuesday morning at 9:00 am and afternoon 12:15 pm The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and



enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

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.



Bingo Buffet

Incarnation of Our Lord Parish is sponsoring its annual Bingo Buffet on Saturday, August 19th. This social event, organized by our Parish Activities Group, will be held in LaBuda Hall (church basement.) Doors will open at 5:15 pm and bingo will start at approximately 6:15 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. The ticket includes 15 bingo games on cards, a buffet supper, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Men of Malvern

The Lehigh Valley Men of Malvern will be holding their annual retreat at St. Joseph In the Hills Retreat House, Malvern, from 5:00 pm Friday, August 25th through Sunday, August 27th. The men of St. Elizabeth are welcome to attend. Call Jim Rieker at 610-435-6439 if interested.

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Sunday, August 27 Movie Club

St. Franics Heritage Hall - 1046 West Cedar St., Allentown - use the Cedar St. Ramp 3:30 Doors Open/4:00 Movie. We are asking for donations of blankets, backpacks, sleeping bags and tents in keeping with the theme of the movie BUT all are welcome with or without donations.

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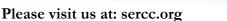
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