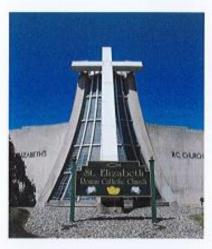
# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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



Today's gospel is simple. One son tells his dad he'll work in his vineyard but doesn't. The other son says he won't work in the vineyard but changes his mind and goes to work as his father asked. Jesus of course, in his telling of the story, affirms the second son. No surprise there. Which son are we?

Many of us believe (somewhat falsely, I think) that a truly holy life, a faithful life, a God-centered life, is a life in which we get nearly everything right. Very few mistakes. Few missteps. Few moral failings. Few sins. And maybe there is a little bit of truth in that. I don't want to minimize the importance of doing the right thing day in and day out. That really wouldn't make much sense.

However, I would argue that a person of deep and authentic faith is <u>not</u> one who is convinced that he or she is living a life substantially pleasing to God. Rather, a truly holy person, a truly faithful person is someone who continually recognizes their own need for conversion, their own need for transformation, their own need to be more, to love more and to give more. A faithful person is one who never really feels they have reached the finish line - but always has more to go - and more to be.

A life of faith is not about remaining the same. It's about being created anew each day. In a word, it's about change - the kind of change brought about and founded on the realization that each of us can be and should be more than we were yesterday. It's never too late.

You don't like what you said to someone yesterday? Say something kinder today.

You don't like how you treated someone yesterday? Treat them better today.

You don't like the resentment you felt yesterday? Find goodness in that person today.

You turned your back on someone in need yesterday? Reach out to someone today.

You said no to something God asked of you? Say yes... today and every day.

Change. Not something to fear. Not something to dread. Rather, a gift from God that we would be wise to embrace.

One son said yes but didn't follow through. One son said no but had the courage to change his mind - and faithfully chose to get on board with what his father had asked of him.

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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#### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of Animals in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held on Wednesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am in the church parking lot.

We ask that animals be on a leash under the control of their adult owners or in a closed carrier.





# PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

## MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	OCTOBER 2	9:00 AM	Helen Grossman
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 3	9:00 AM	John Gilly
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 4	9:00 AM	Kenneth Weikel
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 5	<b>7</b> :00 PM	Florence Naughton
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 6	9:00 AM	Enrollees of Memorial Fund
			Divine Mercy
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 7	8:30 AM	Frank Jelensits
		4:30 PM	Patricia Hoffman
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 8	8:00 AM	Marielle Duran
			People of the Parish
		10:00 AM	Scott Arcury

#### TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS

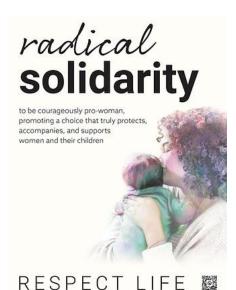


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# RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:30-4:15, 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.



#### PROTECT LIFE

Every October, we consider more deeply why *every* human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

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MINISTRY COMMUNITY

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL IS NEXT WEEK!



## How can you help?

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual **Basket Social** will be held on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, October 6, 7, & 8. Tickets are \$5 for one sheet of 25 perforated tickets. **Early bird special buy four sheets and get one** 

sheet free before 3 pm Oct  $6^{th}$ . Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office between 9 am - 3 pm. If you have any questions, please call Mary Spieker at the parish office 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Proceeds from this benefit go to enhance Religious Education Programs throughout our parish. Thanks in advance!

#### ST E'S SHOPPE E'S GIFT CARD PROGRAM



St. Elizabeth offers a gift card program to families to help the church and school budget.

Gift cards for local grocery stores: Giant, Redner's, Weis can be purchased in the offices during business hours. A percentage of these sales will come back to the church

through the vendor.

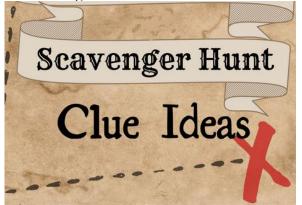
**Example**: A Weis \$50 gift card purchased at St. Elizabeth will earn us \$2.50 Doesn't sound like much but it adds up quickly!

We also offer an online program and e-gift cards can be downloaded to your phone wallet instantly! RaiseRight offers 750 different vendors for entertainment, clothing, dining etc. A percentage of these sales also get credited back to St Elizabeth. See the website for details or stop by the offices.

#### ST. ELIZABETH YOUTH MINISTRY

Corn Maze Trip – on Friday, October 6 the youth ministry will go to Seiple Farm located at 5761 Nor Bath Blvd., Bath from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Come join us for a night of scavenger hunts in the dark. RSVP by Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. The fee will be \$10 per student to be given to students for snacks when they arrive!



# **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

## Virgin Most Powerful Retreat

Notre Dame of Bethlehem's Women's Group will hold its Annual Women's Retreat "Virgin Most Powerful" / "Virgo Potentissima" on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from (8:00 am - 2:00 pm). We will reflect on the Litany of Loreto. Fr. Bernard Ezaki will be our speaker. Please come and share in this "most powerful day"! If you have any questions, please call Michele Moser at 484-680-0103. Registration forms can be found: ndbethlehemchurch.org under Women's Retreat 2023.

#### St. John the Baptist Fall Festival and Tricky Trays

Will be held at St. John Social Hall 924 N. Front St. on Saturday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 6 pm and Sunday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm. No live drawing – winners will be notified by phone. "Super Prizes" 1 ticket (26 chances) for \$10.00 or buy 2 and get one FREE and for our Regular baskets get 1 ticket (26 chances) for \$5.00 and buy 4 and get one FREE. Questions? Call 610-432-0034 during regular hours.

#### Items Needed for Troop Packing

Blue Star Mothers of America – LV Chapter PA 201 is planning a Troop Packing in October. We need the following items to send to overseas and stateside service members. Travel size shampoo, deodorant, foot powder, toothpaste, and body wash; also needed are baby wipes and individual snack items, like Little Debbie's Snacks, granola bars, nuts, crackers, canned food items, beef jerky, etc. Men's plain black or plain white crew socks are also in demand. Please place the items in the church foyer collection box by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support.

If you have a family member, or a friend in the military and would like them to receive a package, please send their name and address to Bonnie at bonniesankovsky@gmail.com, and we'll put them on our mailing list. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Bonnie at 610-216-7836.









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