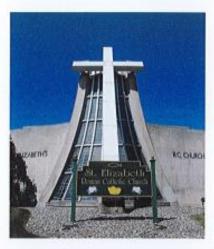
# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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



Today's readings offer an uncomfortable, but clear challenge to us as we recall this past week's anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks: the challenge of forgiveness.

We are not to be vengeful; we are to forgive. "The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for He remembers their sins in detail." Sirach writes. But as for us, we must forgive: "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." It is important to remember, however, that forgiving another does not mean absolving them of responsibility. To forgive another is to confirm that they have done wrong and need forgiveness. Mercy does not cancel out justice or the need for conversion, but it does open a path of charity that encourages and promotes conversion and justice.

The message of our Gospel is that God forgives us not because we deserve it, but because God is merciful. Yet, when that servant does not extend the same forgiveness to others, he gets himself into trouble, for he has not acted toward others the way the master acted toward him. We are called to forgive those who sin against us. This message is made clear by Peter's question to Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answers, "Not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Mt. 18:21-22).

But there is great wisdom in Jesus' 'words about forgiveness. Our human experience tells us that when we hold on to anger and hatred, it eats away at us. It can begin to change us and make us into a person we never wanted to be. In some ways, forgiveness frees the one who forgives from carrying that burden. We can let it go and entrust the other to God who is better able to deal with them. The teaching on forgiveness is about being like God, who is merciful. It is about recognizing something of ourselves in those who commit the greatest evils, for no one is free of sin. It's about being able to live with the peace of love instead of hate, which tears and destroys.

Jesus is not urging us simply to be passive in the face of evil. We must still work to protect the innocent and to hold those who perpetrate crimes against humanity accountable. But at the same time, we are called to forgive even while asking, in love, how we can move forward in truth and love. Forgiveness requires that we address the situation in a positive and loving way, instead of with fear and hatred.

This may be a hard message to hear, but Jesus 'words today are challenging us in a big way. When something that is dearest to us has been attacked, how will we respond? The Gospel challenges us to consider what a Christian response might be. Our response will have long-lasting implications for us as people and as a society.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

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TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 19	9:00 AM	Joseph Paciej
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	9:00 AM	Anthony Friendy
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	<b>7</b> :00 PM	Assunta Klucsaritz
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	9:00 AM	Grace Lutzi
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23	4:30 PM	Aurora Dolinish
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24	8:00 AM	John Francis Rubino
		10:00 AM	Gregory Oswald Jr.

### 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 3:30-4:15, 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.

# 9/11 REMEMBERED



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## 14TH ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL IS A MONTH AWAY!



## How can you help?

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual **Basket Social** will be held on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, October 6, 7, & 8. We have received dozens of empty baskets and now we need to fill them. Please consider donating basket items

which can be dropped off in the marked collection box in the back of the church. Full theme basket donations can be dropped off at the parish office from 9 am – 3 pm until October 2. We are happy to wrap your baskets for you! Buy your tickets early, to get your free bonus tickets beginning the weekend of Sept. 23-24. Tickets will be sold in the church foyer that weekend and Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. 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<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## NEW ALTAR TRAINING SESSIONS ANNOUNCED



Are you considering being an Altar Server? It is a truly rewarding ministry. Servers are called to be a witness to the community by their words and actions to help direct everyone's focus on our Lord. All students in grades  $5^{th} - 8^{th}$  are invited to be trained for this ministry. Call Mary Spieker at the parish office if interested. 610-266-0695 ext. 208

## SAVE THE DATE – GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for the St. Elizabeth Regional School Annual Golf Tournament which will be held September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THANK YOU AND HAPPY RETIREMENT



We would like to thank **Josie Levine**, our bookkeeper, for her talents, knowledge, and dedication to St. Elizabeth parish as she retires to enjoy time with her family. Josie has been a tremendous asset and blessing to our parish for the last sixteen years. If you would like to wish her well, please e-mail bookkeeper@sercc.org

## BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible will be Wednesdays, at 10:00 am in the second-floor large meeting room of the parish office. Contact Deacon Meder for details.

610-266-0695 ext. 202 or servantmike1@yahoo.com



# **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.





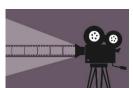
# FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

## St. Thomas More School Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale

NOVEMBER 11, 10 AM -3 PM, CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!! Looking for a great opportunity to sell your crafts and be part of an awesome holiday celebration? Spaces are filling up for our November 11 event! Don't miss out on reserving your space! Email Jan at jgough@stmteachers.org for your forms and information.

# Trailer for Sound of Freedom - https://youtu.be/Rt0kp4VW1cI



The horror of child sex trafficking is an evil in our world. Write to your representatives and ask them what they are doing to fight this injustice! There are free tickets available if you go to Google - Angel Studios. Plan to see this movie with your family, friends, and teenage youngsters to spread the word and awareness to stop this evil.

Catholics and other Christians are flocking in droves to see Sound of Freedom.

## Basket Social Assumption BVM

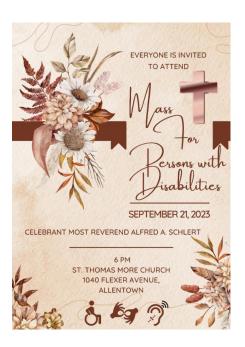
You are invited to Assumption BVM, 22nd St & Washington Ave, Northampton, basket social being held on Saturday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7 pm and Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 1 pm. You need not be present to win. Baked goods and homemade food will be for sale and tickets are 25 for \$5 and will be available at the door.

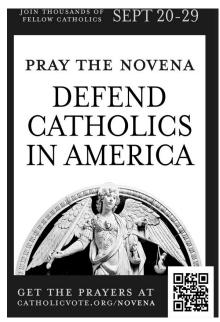
## Your Treasure's Mysteries Unlocked at the Cathedral!

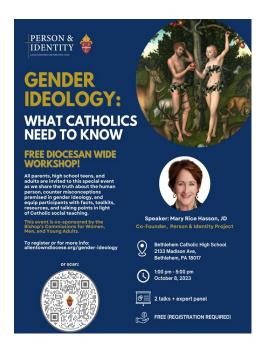
Be a spectator or have an in-depth evaluation of your keepsakes at the Antique Treasure Show. Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 9:30 pm, in the Walson Center, 210 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Allentown. Enjoy wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, desserts & coffee. PLUS, Silent & Live Auction of Unique Items. Tickets at door are \$30 / \$25 in advance. For more information call 610-433-6461.

## Cash Bingo is Back

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center Street in Nazareth. \$20 entry. Doors open at Noon; Bingo begins at 12:45. Food available for purchase. See you there!











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