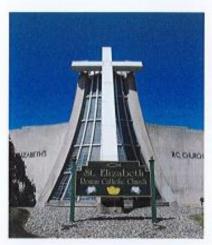
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Today's gospel is not a commentary on social justice. In this parable, Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of God. What we hear at the end of the gospel is that the first shall be last and vice versa is a reminder of Jesus' life and ministry. God does not come to us with a contract in hand, but He offers us a covenant.

What people get from serving God and living as disciples is not what we would recognize as a paycheck or a wage. Jesus goes to great lengths to show us that the kingdom of heaven is not a business deal. It is not a contract. It is a covenant. Contracts are things people negotiate, make compromises with and reach terms. A covenant is something God gives with no negotiation. God gives it out of divine pleasure and love. A covenant is not a reward for our efforts, but the natural outflow of God's grace inviting us to respond.

We understand that in our minds theologically, but we live with a bottom-line mentality. The questions are always; What do we get? and What's in it for us? The conclusions drawn inevitably are that it's just not fair. That's the frustration viewed by the workers in the

vineyard and then Jesus shares with us the truths of the kingdom of heaven. Seniority doesn't count. The only thing that counts is God's covenant with us. 'Are you envious because I am generous?' Then the Lord says the last will be first and the first last.

This front to back and last to first parable rearranges the way we think about what is right, and about what justice looks like. It might be helpful to look at this from another perspective. Imagine that you are the parents of three children: age 3, 6 and 9 years old. Do you love the 9-year-old three times as much as the 3-year-old because the child has been around three times longer? Do you love the 6-year-old twice as much as the 3-year-old? Do you love the 3-year-old less because they are really no help right now and won't be for a while? Of course not, that's ridiculous! You are a family.

That is the point Jesus is making. Families are not built upon contracts. At their best, families, marriage, faith, and true love are about covenant. This is Jesus' story and it's an important one to hear and take to heart.

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 4th 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.





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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 25	9:00 AM	Catherine DeAngelo
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 26	9:00 AM	M/M Michael Pudleiner
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27	9:00 AM	Jane Purvis
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 28	7 :00 PM	Lorraine McGee
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 29	9:00 AM	Norberta Vargas 60th Birthday
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 30	4:30 PM	Maria Duran
			People of the Parish
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 1	8:00 AM	Rita Kline
		10:00 AM	Dorothea Marie Mascari

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

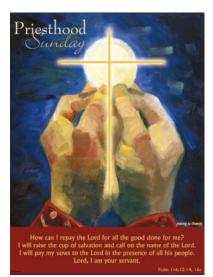
Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:30-4:15, Sunday 7:15-7:45 am, 9:15-9:45 am and by appointment during weekdays.

EMERGENCY and need a priest? Please call 610-266-0695. After hours use ext. 310, the emergency voice mailbox.

INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Gerard Mascari** requested by *Mascari Family*.





SEPT 24TH PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

We thank our Lord for the institution and gift of the priesthood. Let us celebrate this gift and pray for our priests and for our seminarians who are in formation.

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MINISTRY COMMUNITY

14TH ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!



How can you help?

Our 14th 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 6th. 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 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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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.



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BULLETIN INFO: e-mail all bulletin submissions ten days ahead to info@sercc.org

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

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 7th 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.



Our Lady's Helpers is a newly formed Catholic pregnancy care and education organization, whose mission is to provide each pregnant, abortion-minded woman the possibility to see her baby on an ultrasound machine while in Our Lady's Helpers' mobile unit. Our hope is to assist each mother to choose life for her baby in that crucial moment.

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Pvt. Christopher Sweeney

Basket Socia

The Parishioners of

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church welcome you to our Spectacular 14th Annual Basket Social!

When? Columbus Day weekend, October 6-7-8

Place? Parish Social Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall @ Rt. 22 and Fullerton Avenue

Friday, October 6

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Saturday, October 7 10:00 AM - 7:00 P.M. Sunday, October 8 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



All baskets & prizes are valued at or over \$35.00! This includes area business donations of show, game tickets & certificates to area restaurants and stores.

A "Big Ticket" raffle is available for prizes worth over \$75.00! Drawing starts on Sunday at 2:30 PM.

Winners will be called either Sunday or Monday morning.

Delicious food items can be pre-ordered and will be available for purchase all weekend.

See parish website at: www.sercc.org (church)



Dear Parishioner:

Please place this flyer on the bulletin board at work or on a bulletin board at your local grocery store, restaurant, gas station, etc.

Help us get the word out that the St. Elizabeth's Spectacular Basket Social is coming soon on October 6-7-8.

Thanks a bunch!





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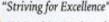
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