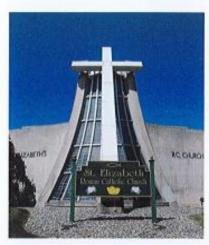
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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 we begin Advent, the first season of the new church year. We are once again asked to get ready for the coming of the Lord. In one respect, we are invited to look back 2000 years, the moment when God broke into our world in the person of Jesus. We look forward to once again celebrating the greatest event that mankind has ever seen, the miraculous birth of our Savior and our God as a human person.

During Advent, we are also asked to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord at the end of time ... the day when Jesus will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of course, that day, that time is completely unknown to us. We are told to be watchful and alert, lest He find us asleep.

Advent is a holy season which we look back and look forward to at the same time but that is not the whole picture either. Looking forward is also about preparing for something that is already happening. It's about getting ready for something that is occurring right now. To be watchful and alert for something that is unfolding in this very time and place.

Advent is about preparing to meet our God who is already in our midst, already among us, already meeting us over and over again. Do we notice? Can we see Him? Do we believe we are encountering Him all the time in situations and circumstances, in friends and enemies, and even within ourselves?

It takes faith to believe God is all around us and within us. A big part of Advent is preparing our hearts to receive Him and give birth to Him in new ways. Advent is also about preparing our minds to be illuminated by Him so we can think through some difficulties and challenges of life with wisdom, compassion and understanding. It's about preparing our eyes to see as God sees - so that we will be able to find Him in each person.

May this holy season help us to do precisely that. Be watchful! Be alert! Have a blessed Advent.

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.

Mary Fran Kaminski Nicole Toth Annette Susko
Mary Louise Gnall Mary Beth Kuhn Craig Wilber
Mike Baran Mckayla Pavie Nick Pontician
Michael Malz Joe Samanka Carolyn Pontician

Ann Baran Terry Kichline



INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Raymond and Shirley Casari requested by Tracy Casari.



ADVENT

Advent is the period of preparation for the coming of the birth of Jesus at Christmas and a preparation for the second coming of Christ. On each of the four Sundays in Advent, a candle on the Advent wreath is lit, each representing specific virtues of hope, love, joy, and peace.

The first candle, which is purple, **symbolizes hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.





PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services

MONDAY	DECEMBER 4	9:00 AM	Tom Fichter
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 5	9:00 AM	Bruce Hoag
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 6	9:00 AM	Charles Updergrove
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 7	6:30 PM	Robert Martin
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 8	9:00 AM	Paul J. Reinsmith
		12:15 PM	Michael Oswald
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 9	4:30 PM	Harry Parker
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10	8:00 AM	Tom Fichter
		10:00 AM	Raymond & Shirley Casari
			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 3:30-4:15, 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.

RCIA TOPIC THIS WEEK

All are welcome to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation on Tuesdays each week at 7 pm in the large meeting room on the second floor of the Parish Office. This week's topic will be Rituals & Traditions part 1 & 2.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025

Registration is open for the 2024 - 2025 school year for those currently enrolled in the 2023 - 2024 school year. The early bird registration discount is \$50 for current students. Registration will open in January for new students and registration will be \$100 at that time.

Please call the school office for more information or if you are interested in registering for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

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DECEMBER 3, 2023



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MINISTRY COMMUNITY

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED



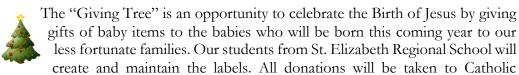
On **Thursday, March 7, 2024,** at 4:30 P.M, Bishop Alfred Schlert, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish Confirmandi. To assist our candidates in their preparation, we call upon our parishioners to

pray for them and encourage them. Please consider being a prayer partner by praying for them each day and writing a congratulatory note that can be given to them on their Confirmation Day. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office if you'd like to be a prayer partner. 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or e-mail at dirreled@sercc.org

SHARE THE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS!

Adopt a family in need and help spread the Christmas Spirit! If you and your family are able, please consider adopting another parish family in need of Christmas Christian charity. You can drop off the wrapped gifts at the parish office any time before December 15. We will make sure the family receives the gifts before Christmas. Contact Mary Spieker at the parish office for more information. 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org

ADVENT GIVING TREE



Charities and Cay Galgon Center for distribution. Please choose a gift tag from the tree in the vestibule of the church, purchase the needed item, and bring the UNWRAPPED gift to church by December 17th. Many thanks and blessings for your kind donations to our brothers and sisters in need.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST SPECIALS NEEDED

We love being able to offer a delightful breakfast specialty from parishioners each month. Do you have a delicious recipe to share or some homemade Christmas cookies! Let us know and sign up for the month that works best for you. Please plan to make about 200 portions. Suggestions: Oatmeal with toppings, yogurt, fresh fruit, crepes, pancake tacos with fruit, muffins, potato pancakes, granola bars. Call 610-266-0695 ext. 208 with questions.

POINSETTIAS – THE PERFECT GIFT!

Youth Group will be selling single bloom poinsettias for \$5 each this year. They will arrive in time as a perfect gift for a neighbor or co-worker! Order forms are on the parish website or call Mary Spieker at the parish office to place an order. Flowers can be sent home with a student or picked up at the parish office on Friday, Dec 8th between 11 am – 1 pm or picked up in the parish hall on Sunday, Dec. 10th from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Order deadline is November 28th. As always, we appreciate your support!

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.



FRIENDLY VISITORS NEED YOU



Prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver **Christmas gifts** to our parishioners who live in assisted living and nursing home facilities and those who are homebound.

Gifts can be picked up at the church office between 9:30 am & 3 pm on Thursday, December 14 or 9:00 to noon Friday, December 15 for delivery.

Please contact Pat at 610 - 393 - 8107 if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our shut-ins. Thank you.

ST. ELIZABETH MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

From Heaven Above - an evening of scripture and song for the Advent Season, sung by the Choir of St. Elizabeth. Please join us on Sunday Dec 10th at 5:00 pm. Enter the Advent mystery of expectation for our Infant Lord in this annual St. E's tradition. Admission is free; a free-will offering at the door will be accepted. Prelude music starts at 4:30 pm.



SAVE THE DATE - ST. ELIZABETH'S ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

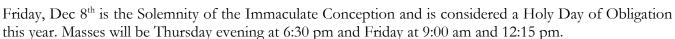


We invite all volunteers to attend the appreciation dinner which will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 6 pm. The Appreciation dinner will be held in the parish hall.

Please RSVP how many will be in your party to the parish office rectory by Wednesday, Dec 6th.

Volunteers include those who volunteer at school, our annual events (like the parish festival / basket social / VBS) and those who continually give of their time to the parish! Families are welcome.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION





Anointing Mass

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:8

All who are infirmed, anticipating surgery, or suffering from mental or terminal illness are welcome to attend a special Anointing Mass at St. Elizabeth's on Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 am in the main church. This is a school Mass; however, only our 7th grade students will be staying for the anointing after Mass to help pray for you and assist Father. Parishioners and guests are asked to be seated in the middle sections of the church in every other pew once the students are dismissed after Mass. Father Stan Moczydlowski will be our celebrant. *Note after the Anointing Mass you may stay and pray or leave immediately, no refreshments will be served.

DIVORCE/SEPARATION BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM



Divorce is a painful reality for many Catholics. Our Lord wants to heal the wounds of separation/divorce and now there is a class at St. Elizabeth that can help. Starting January 10, 2024, on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the parish office upstairs conference room. The program will include eleven sessions which are approximately one and a half hours each. More information will be available at the next Parish Breakfast or contact Jane at 505-688-8663. You can call the Parish Office to register.





Fellowship...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

Retired Religious Fund

Retired and Infirmed Religious Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared"

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support the retired religious of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of the Retired. This special fund is used to directly support retired religious in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes



may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity supports retired religious from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

Spirit Dance

Oldies Dance featuring the Chasband at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front St Allentown on Saturday December 2nd. We are back and better than ever! \$5 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open. Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30. If you have questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505.



St. Ann's Holiday Mass of Remembrance

The annual Holiday Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, December 9th at St. Ann Church, Emmaus. Join us to celebrate the lives of your departed loved ones in the midst of the busy holiday season. All are invited to honor your deceased beloved in prayer, with their name/s read beginning at 12:45 p.m., followed by the Mass. A light reception and fellowship will follow the Mass in the school cafeteria. Enrollment of names may be done through the "Mass of Remembrance" link on the parish website: www.churchstann.org. For further information, please contact Mary Helen at 610-462-4551.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday December 9th please join us at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8 am at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Rd., Bethlehem and continues with The Rosary at the Allentown Women's Center located at 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission is that through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion so that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy.







Christmas at St. Elizabeth of Hungary

2023 Christmas Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, Dec 12th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec 24th, 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, Dec 25th, 8:00 am and 10:00 am

New Year's Masses

New Year's Eve

Sunday, Dec 31st, 4:30 pm

New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary
Monday, Jan 1st, 9:00 am





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