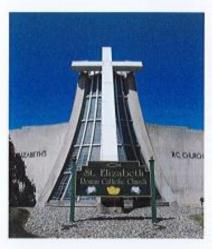
# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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



Nelson Mandela once said 'We were born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.'

It doesn't matter what vocation or what talents we receive, all of us are called to nurture that light of Christ in us and in others. We are all called to share our time and talent and to do so to build up God's kingdom on earth.

In our first reading the 'good wife' is a wonderful example of putting into practice the gospel message. This woman was considerably gifted and used her gifts for her family, her community and for the poor. The point of the story is not to exalt the fact that she is so gifted. The reading says, 'Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised'. This woman wasn't remembered for her charm or looks but rather the works that she did that gave God praises. Fear of the Lord refers to holy fear or awe of God's goodness and so we manifest that by living lives of gratitude and hope.

St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians gives us the sense of urgency we need to hear about our time here on Earth. He says that you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. The servants in the gospel who received the two and three talents went immediately and doubled their investment. We need to act immediately with our gifts, for we don't know how many missed opportunities will come our way.

God has given us many natural gifts like intelligence, creativity, athleticism, artistry, imagination and so on that we use in our individual vocation in life. God has also given us the supernatural gifts of faith, hope and charity that we use for our vocation as children of God.

Take time to really examine your life. If you are already nurturing your God-given abilities for the glory of God and the love of neighbor, continue to do so. But if you've been holding back, it's time to get out your shovels and spade and recover those treasures, generously given to you by God, that lie buried. Don't be afraid to reveal and share the riches that God has bestowed on each and every one of 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.

Mary Fran Kaminski Nicole Toth Annette Susko

Mary Louise Gnall Mary Beth Kuhn Mike Baran Mckayla Pavie Michael Malz Joe Samanka Ann Baran Terry Kichline



### **INTENTIONS**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Valeria Koons requested by Carolyn & Nick Pontician.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Josephine Oliveria**, *mother of parishioner Sam Oliveria* and **Helen Klucsarits** who passed away this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Fr. Stan, Mrs. Kocher, Fr. Potts, and Deacon Mike along with the parish and school staff would like to wish all our parish and school family a Happy Thanksgiving. Our offices will be CLOSED November 22, through November 27. We will be back on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.





### Please visit us at: sercc.org

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# PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

### Masses / Services

MONDAY TUESDAY	November 20 November 21	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Francis Vasquez Eileen Cunningham
	November 22 November 23	9:00 AM <b>9:00 AM</b>	Anna Wiggins Robert & MaryAnn namer's 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
FRIDAY	November 24	9:00 AM	Noris Grisadi
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 25	4:30 PM	Phyllis Laky People of the Parish
SUNDAY	November 26	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	John Gorz Jim Susko

### 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 the Holy Trinity.



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# LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY COMMUNITY

### FRIENDLY MEAL MINISTRY

Do you love cooking for others? Why not share your talent with members of our parish family in need? Would you consider cooking a meal once a month, twice a month, every other month, or at your convenience for a parishioner recovering from hospitalization, illness, or a death in the family? Please call



the parish office with any questions or sign up to offer your time and talent. 610-266-0695 ext. 208. "Do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as your father is merciful." Luke 6:31, 36 (11/12/23)

### 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. We will give you some general information about a family and ask you to purchase a gift for each of the children. Please specify if you would prefer a small family. 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

The "Giving Tree" is an opportunity to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by giving gifts of baby items to the babies who will be born this coming year to our less fortunate families. Our students from St. Elizabeth Regional School will create and maintain the labels. All donations will be taken to Catholic 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks and blessings for your kind donations to our brothers and sisters in need.

## **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.



### MONTHLY BREAKFAST SPONSORS NEEDED



Thank you for the wonderful response to BREAKFAST SPONSORSHIPS FOR THIS YEAR! We only need sponsors for the following two breakfasts: \$300 (1/2 Sponsorship) for March, and \$600 for April 2024. (Full Sponsorship, 50% or 25% Sponsors). We are most grateful for your consideration and thrilled to offer you a delicious breakfast each month through April!

### POINSETTIAS – THE PERFECT GIFT!

Our Youth Group will be selling single bloom poinsettias for \$5 each this year. They will arrive just in time as a perfect little gift for a neighbor or co-worker! Additional order forms can be found on the parish website or call Mary Spieker at the parish office to place an order. We will sell red, white, pink & marble; all newly grown at Garden City in Catasauqua. Flowers can be sent home with a school student or picked up at the parish office on Friday, December 8th between 11 am – 1 pm or picked up in the parish hall on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Order deadline is November 28<sup>th</sup>. As always, we appreciate your support!



### 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 CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2024 St. Elizabeth Church calendars will be available after Masses the week of November 26th, courtesy of Jay Gilbert Funeral Home. Please take what you need.



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, Dec 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be Thursday evening at 6:30 pm and Friday at 9:00 am and 12:15 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.





# Fellowship...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

### Attention All Grandparents

Grandparents are a treasure to their families. One of the treasures that they provide families with is that of family history and traditions. The local chapter at St. Joseph the Worker is a place to meet other grandparents to pray, to learn and to share. Please come to the next monthly chapter meeting on **November 18**<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center. There is a seat waiting for you.

### Retired Religious Fund

### Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Religious of the Diocese of Allentown

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired and infirm religious of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



### November (ALL CASH) Bonanza Bingo!



We really hope to see you this month! Delicious food, good times, great people! St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front St, Allentown on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Regular bingo and all the specials will be *CASH* prizes. \$15 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7! Doors and Kitchen Open at noon. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm. First come – first serve seating. Bring your daubers – No Hardboards please. Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

### Spirit Dance

Oldies Dance featuring the Chasband at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front St Allentown on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.





Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena 18th & Turner Streets, Allentown ~ 610-433-6461 Sat & Sun: December 2 & 3 ~ Bazaar Sunday: 2:30 Music & 3 PM Concert

Sat, 10 AM-6 PM & Sun, 8:30 AM - 1 PM
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Theme Baskets ~ Bake Sale ~ Craft Tables Fruit & Nut Rolls ~ Stocking Stuffers ~ Oplatki Refreshments ~ 50/50 Raffle ~ Strolling Carolers

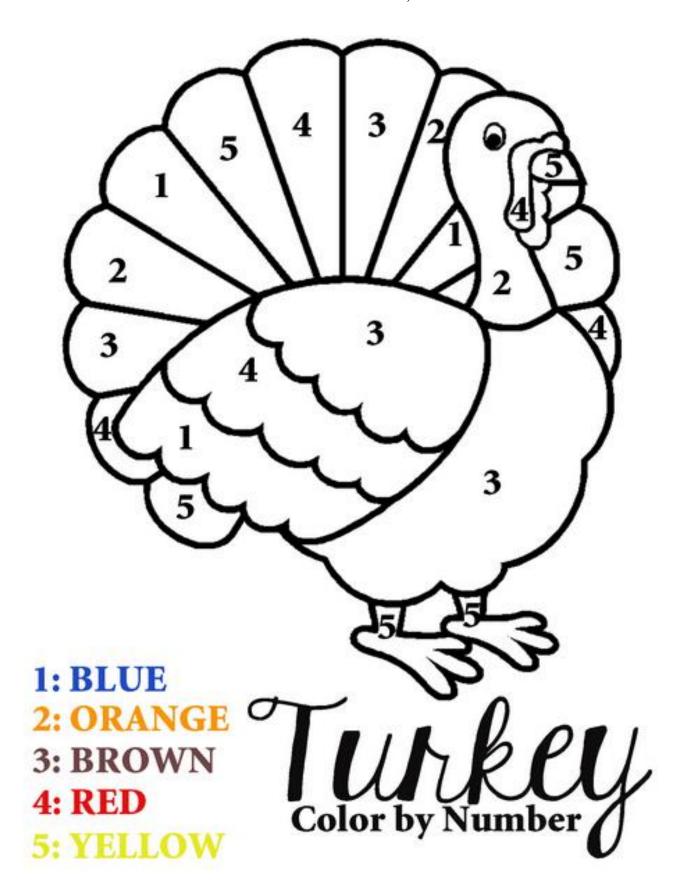
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