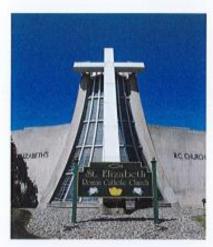
# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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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#### 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 is the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is a grand and mighty title given to our Lord, as we acknowledge that He is the King of Heaven and Earth. Jesus, however, does not call us to treat Him like royalty. Instead, He commands that we pay homage to Him by caring for His people. The Gospel is clear; feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger. Jesus plainly tells us that by doing for others, we are doing for Jesus himself. Conversely, when we fail to care for one another and his or her needs, we fail to care for Jesus. All who have answered Christ's call for discipleship, who love and care for others, will inherit the Kingdom He has prepared for us.

There is an abundance of wisdom in the readings the church has chosen for this special day. Surely, it is no accident that on the same day that we honor Jesus as King, He is also referred to as shepherd. One title appears grand and mighty. The other seems humble and unassuming, but both are integrally tied to the meaning

of this feast. For in coming to inaugurate and reign over the kingdom, Christ also came in perfect humility.

It is a powerful image in today's Gospel as Jesus sits on His glorious throne surrounded by His angels, with the nations assembled before Him waiting to be judged. It is clear that those sheep who have listened to His voice will be welcomed fully into the Kingdom, for they will have been living in the Kingdom on earth. The goats, however, will be left aside, having not heeded the simple commands of the shepherd.

As you and I reflect on this, it means that we, however well or imperfectly, hear and are listening to our Shepherd's voice. By the way we cooperate with God's grace, we can continue what we are doing, we can begin again, or we can do more to listen and obey His word and help to bring about the Kingdom here and now.

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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#### **INTENTIONS**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Anna Macaluso** requested by Rosemary Macaluso.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Thomas Howard**, who passed away this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.









# PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

## MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	November 27	9:00 AM	John J. Kromer
TUESDAY	November 28	9:00 AM	Mary & Carl Ivankovits
WEDNESDAY	Y NOVEMBER 29	9:00 AM	Karl Heydt
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 30	7:00 PM	Phyllis Laky
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 1	9:00 AM	Memorial Fund
			Divine Mercy
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 2	8:30 AM	Pete Seagreaves
		4:30 PM	Ellen Eardley
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 3	8:00 AM	David Svitana
			People of the Parish
		10:00 AM	Dolores Hafner

#### 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 Sacraments part 1 & 2.



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# LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY COMMUNITY

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED



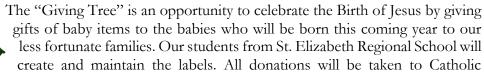
On **Thursday, March 7, 2024,** at 4:30 P.M, Bishop Alfred Schlert, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish Confirmandi. To assist our candidates in their preparation, we call upon our parishioners to

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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!



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.



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.

## 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.

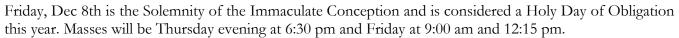
Please RSVP how many will be in your party to the parish office rectory by Wednesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

#### ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2024 St. Elizabeth Church calendars are available after Masses this weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, courtesy of Jay Gilbert Funeral Home. Please take what you need.

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION





Please pray for the following military members currently serving.















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**Upcoming** Community **Events** 

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#### 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.









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# 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

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Monday, Jan 1st, 9:00 am





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