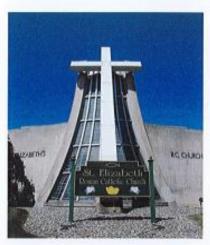
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Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski Pastor

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 continue our Advent journey. And as always, John the Baptist makes his appearance - the voice crying out in the desert, foretold by Isaiah (as we heard in the 1st Reading). We see John challenging people to be more than they are. We see him convincing people to take an honest look within and reform their lives. And we see him making sure they know that it's not about him. Rather, 'One mightier than I, is coming after me'.

We've all had John the Baptists in our lives, who have helped us be better people, who have helped us have the right priorities, have pointed us in the right direction, and have helped us to believe. That is one of the incredible things about faith. Although we believe that faith is a pure gift from God, He doesn't choose to give that gift by himself. Rather, He wants us to deliver it for Him (like the FedEx or UPS person) - making delivery after delivery - leaving a little bit of kindness, mercy, love, hope, joy, peace, and faith wherever we go.

And so, on this second Sunday of Advent, we give thanks to God for John the Baptist, the one who heralded Jesus' coming. And we give thanks to God for all the John the Baptists in our own lives, people who have instilled in us belief in God, a love for God, a faith that has lasted to this very day.

But most importantly, this day is an opportunity for each of us to do what many have done for us - be a voice crying out in the desert - be heralds of God's great love and mercy. And, like John the Baptist, we can help people keep their eyes open for a God in our midst, a God who is present to us, a God who is not absent from the world, but in every corner of it - in every person and every circumstance.

The world needs to hear that message and needs to see people trying their best, to live the light of that truth - peacefully, lovingly, humbly, and faithfully. And that might be the best present we can give this Christmas.

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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Terry Kichline
Chris Schoepflin

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INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for **Tom Fichter** requested by Carol and Dick Schwartz.



The bells will ring this 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.

Joe Samanka

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents faith. It is called the 'Bethlehem Candle' as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services

	MONDAY	DECEMBER 11	9:00 AM	Roberta Christman
	TUESDAY	DECEMBER 12	9:00 AM	John Panik
		Parish Reconciliation	6:30 PM	
Wednesday December 13				
		Anointing Mass	9:00 AM	Howard Sweeney
	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 14	7:00 PM	Jim Susko
	FRIDAY	DECEMBER 15	9:00 AM	Phyllis Laky
	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16	4:30 PM	Dorothy Dorsey
	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 17	8:00 AM	Raymond & Collette Semler
			10:00 AM	Margaret Schuster

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 # 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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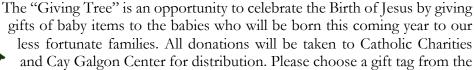




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tree in the vestibule of the church, purchase the needed item, and bring the UNWRAPPED gift to church by December 17th. Many thanks and blessings for your kind donations to our brothers and sisters in need.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

We will serve our monthly fundraiser Breakfast Buffet on Sun, Dec 10th from 8:30 - 11:30 am! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast sticks, Danish, juice, and coffee – all for only \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/child, children 3 years and under are free. Treat your favorite Elf! We are incredibly grateful to all our wonderful volunteers and many thanks to our coordinator, Tom Amico! We are grateful for this month's sponsor, St. Elizabeth Music Ministry. This month's special is oatmeal with toppings provided by Tina Roman.

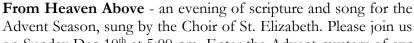
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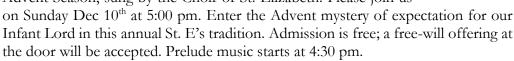


Prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver Christmas gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living and nursing home facilities and those who are homebound. Gifts can be picked up at the church office between 9:30 am & 3 pm on Thursday, December 14

or 9:00 to noon Friday, December 15 for delivery. Please contact Pat 610 - 393 -8107 if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our shutins. Thank you.

ST. ELIZABETH MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS





Parish Reconciliation Dec 12th

Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday, December 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Fr. Stan has invited a few guest priests to be here for your convenience. Stations will be available around the church and chapel. Prayerfully consider making your confession prior to Christmas.



PARISH CALENDARS

Parish Calendars are available at the entrances in church. Please take what you need or stop by the parish office for your 2024 calendar courtesy of Gilbert Funeral Home.

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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.

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.

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.

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 13th, 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. To register call the parish office. More information will be available at the next Parish Breakfast or contact the facilitator, Jane Zingelman at 505-688-8663.

OPLATKI – CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers are now available at the parish rectory during office hours. Wafers are \$3 per pack which includes four wafers in each package. Oplatki is a long-standing Christmas Eve tradition. It is a beautiful way to enhance your family's spiritual Christmas experience. The Christmas Eve devotion, including prayers and history, are on the back of each envelope.



MANY THANKS

At this time, we would like to thank all the volunteers who make our parish what it is. This week – **Our Bulletin Folders**

Each week **Joan Geiger** and **Dottie Hofelich** come to the parish office and put the bulletin together for the weekend.

These dedicated volunteers have been a joy each week, smiling no matter how many inserts we give them to stuff...

Thank you, ladies, – we appreciate you!







FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

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.

Part-Time Secretary

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is looking for a Part-Time Secretary (25 hours per week) for their new Provincial Office in Bethlehem. Call 630-892-2371 during business hours for an appointment. Computer skills are required.

December (ALL CASH) Bonanza Bingo!

Delicious food, good times, great people! St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 924 N. Front St. on Sunday December 17th. Regular bingo and all the specials will still be CASH prizes. \$15 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7! Doors and Kitchen Open at NOON. Bingo begins at 1 pm First come – first serve seating. Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS. Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Holy Hour for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The St. Monica Ministry will hold a bilingual Holy Hour to pray for the return of loved ones who have left the Church. It will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown, at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 12th. It will be preceded by a buffet dinner and basket raffle starting at 4 pm in the parish's Friendship Hall. No registration is required to take part in the Holy Hour. To register for the dinner, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry. For more information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

St. Francis Renewal Center

Join the School Sisters of Saint Francis as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with a live reenactment on the 800th Centenary of Greccio! Bring the family! Bring your favorite Nativity figure for a special blessing. Visit our century-old convent with its majestic tree and sip some hot chocolate! Friday, December 15th at 6:30 pm | Monocacy Manor | 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem

Enjoy "Cookies and Milk with Santa"

Bring the family to meet the jolly elf on Sunday, December 17th from 12 - 2pm in the St. Peter's Church Hall on 4 S. 5th St in Coplay.

Women Advent Retreat sign up

https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/141991





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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

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





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