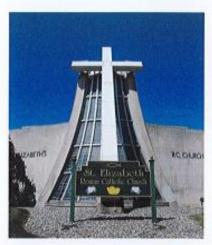
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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



As Jesus grew up, what did they pray for? Did Mary and Joseph see their boy grow in favor with God and men, and ask what is this child destined to be? If Joseph was alive to see Jesus leave on his earthly mission, what prayers did he and Mary offer as he began his preaching? I am sure they would have prayed the way any parents would, as their children leave the nest to face the vicissitudes of living alone.

In prayer, we can ask these questions and answer them as our imagination and faith tell us. The one thing we do know for certain, this extraordinary family faced the full gamut of experiences families always have, and always will. Will there be food on the table, will our children be, okay? The Holy Family went through everything your family and my family have gone through. Although we may never see our families as "holy", they are because even a little holiness, a little dose of faith, hope and love, can go a long way. What can we do to make faith more present in the home? What are the shared things for which we hope together? What can we do to show each other we care? These questions are important for any family to ask and to pray.

So, on this Feast of the Holy Family, let us not get tied down with the idealized image of the Holy Family. Instead let us look at a family, that prayed together, that faced many trials and yet was able to persevere because of their faith, their hope, and their love for one another.

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.

Maureen Calder Maribeth Kuhn Joe Samanka
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Terry Kichline Tim O'Neill Mary Louise Gnall
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Intentions

Sam Pantoni

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Julia Krempasky requested by Joan Glover



The bells will ring this for Julia Krempasky requested by Joan Glover



9 Days for Life

January 16 - 24, 2024 - 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

For more information go to: www.9daysforlife.com





Please visit us at: sercc.org

https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-Catholic-Church-119061511442084 BULLETIN INFO: e-mail all bulletin submissions ten days ahead to info@sercc.org



PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services

MONDAY	January 1	9:00 AM	Special Intention
		Main Church	Bernard Polak
TUESDAY	January 2	9:00 AM	Tom Fichter
WEDNESDA	y January 3	9:00 AM	Josephine Oliveria
THURSDAY	January 4	7:00 PM	Anna & Bill Billowitch
FRIDAY	January 5	9:00 AM	Enrollees of Memorial Fund
			Divine Mercy
SATURDAY	January 6	8:30 AM	Tom Howard
		4:30 PM	John Bryk
SUNDAY	January 7	8:00 AM	Rita & Edward Pudleiner
		10:00 AM	Howard Sweeney
			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

There will be no class this week for the Christmas holiday. January 2nd will be the next class. All are welcome to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) class on Tuesdays each week at 7 pm in the large meeting room on the second floor of the Parish Office.

The topic on January 2nd will be Epiphany & Vocations.

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. Registration will open in January for new students and registration will be \$100 at that time. Please call the school office for more information.

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LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY COMMUNITY

Fr. Stan and Fr. Potts wish everyone a Blessed New Year!



Parish Office will be closed Monday January 1st

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.

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 10th, on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the parish office upstairs conference room. The program consists of eleven sessions. Contact the facilitator,

Jane Zingelman, for more information at 505-688-8663. You can also call the Parish Office to register.

MANY THANKS

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

Our Religious Enrichment Team

Donna Fritchey, Ann Kern, Maryanne Lake, Lois Sobchak and Mary Spieker.



SPAGHETTI DINNER SAVE THE DATE!



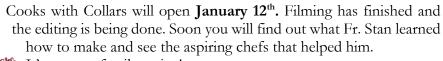
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Tickets will go on sale the weekend of January 6-7.

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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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOUSE BLESSING



According to Austrian theologian *Pius Parsch* "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is His, government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that the feast brings to perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. The blessing of homes, on whose lintels are inscribed with blessed chalk the cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (20+C+M+B+24), Caspar, Melchior

and Balthasar which can also be interpreted to mean Christus Mansionem Benedicat, (Christ Bless this House).

We will have house blessing packets available at all the exits of the church on the weekend of the Epiphany, Jan. 67. https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/files/epiphanyceremony2024.pdf

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025

Registration is open for the 2024 – 2025 school year. We have Pre-K, Kindergarten, and some limited openings in other grades. We will be graduating 24 Eighth Grade students in June 2024. Please keep them in your prayers as they move on to high school.

2023 TAX STATEMENTS

Parishioners wishing a tax statement should call the parish office with their e-mail contact information. Tax statements will be available by January 31st and will be e-mailed to those requesting one. Any donations dated after Dec 31, 2023, will be considered a 2024 donation. If you do not request an e-mail tax statement none will be provided.





Questions? vledolphin@gmail.com





FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

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.

God's Favorite

Bethlehem Catholic Theatre invites you to come see "God's Favorite" - Neil Simon's amusing take on The Book of Job. Showtimes: Jan 12 and 13 at 7pm and Jan 14 at 3pm in the Becahi Auditorium. Tickets available at the door or online at http://bit.ly/becatheater



Make Stewardship Your Resolution in 2024

Making an estate plan is an act of care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community. By creating your plans, you can outline important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, provide for your loved ones, and ultimately, act as a steward of everything God has placed in your care. Through our new partnership with FreeWill, you can start the new year by completing this important act of care. FreeWill is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan — 100% free of cost. Please scan the QR code or visit our website Giving | Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown (allentowndiocese.org) to begin.



"St. Peter Rocks Out Mardi Gras"

When: Saturday, January 27th

Where: St. Peter Parish Hall, 4 S 5th St, Coplay

Time: 5 - 10 pm Price: \$40 pp

Includes Hot Buffet Dinner followed by dancing to the music of Josef Kroboth. For tickets or additional information please contact Beverly and Mike Sobchak at

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