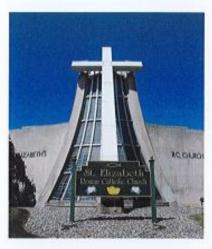
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The prophet Jonah is someone that I can relate to, and probably you can as well. Most of us will never peril during a storm at sea. I doubt that any of us will wind up in the belly of a fish and live to talk about it, and it's extremely unlikely that any of us will be asked by God to march through a city declaring that the city is about to be destroyed by the Almighty. You're probably right in thinking, that is not my life and if it was, I would write a book, sell the rights to the movies, and move to Aruba, or anywhere to get away from the cold and snow. Most of our lives are nowhere near as exciting as Jonah's.

Yet, Jonah may be a lot more like us than we know. And while today's scripture passage contains just the middle part of his incredible story, it's important for us to get the whole picture. You may not remember the whole reason Jonah was on that ship (and eventually overboard). It was because Jonah had ignored God's initial request to go to the town of Nineveh and he ran in the opposite direction from where God was asking him to go.

How many times do we do precisely the same thing? How many times do we turn a deaf ear to God and instead do whatever works for us, whatever is easiest, whatever demands the least from us? Unfortunately, too often when God asks me to go to Nineveh, I simply run the other way.

Jump to the other end of the story, you may or may not remember what happens after Nineveh is spared; how Jonah reacts. At first, Jonah is angry and then he pouts and then he even wishes he was dead! Imagine that. The all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful God makes a different decision that Jonah would have made, and Jonah can't deal with it.

I can relate to that. At times in my life, I have difficulty dealing with good that comes to others, which of course, like all good things has its ultimate source in God. Why couldn't that happen to me? Why aren't I as lucky as my friends or family members? Why don't others get what they deserve? (as if I have the right to make those judgements). Why do the lives of others seem easier than mine? Where is the fairness? Where is the justice?

Comparisons – Judgements – Bitterness, lack of gratitude. It is all there in the heart of Jonah. Unfortunately, it is often in our hearts too. And yet, despite his initial willingness to run in the other direction, despite his mixed motives and disappointment in the final outcome (an outcome determined by a providential God), good things still happened; God's will was done, even through a flawed person such as Jonah. And that should be a tremendous comfort to us.

God calls us all in separate ways, for one thing, to bring the message of His love to others. Trust in God, cooperate with His call and let Him work even despite our limitations and imperfections. Remember, if you find yourself getting in a boat for all the wrong reasons, you may want to reconsider. 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 Iolanda Loffredo Mary Louise Gnall
Chris Schoepflin Paul Gellis Michael Malz
Lourdes Oswald



MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Pat Meleski** who passed away this week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.





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PRAYING...as Disciples

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Masses / Services

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MONDAY	January 22	9:00 AM	Albert Roma
		6:15 PM	Pro-Life with PREP
TUESDAY	January 23	9:00 AM	Lisa Brown
WEDNESDA	y January 24	9:00 AM	Carl & Mary Ivankovits
THURSDAY	January 25	7:00 PM	James Eline
FRIDAY	January 26	9:00 AM	Michael Garger
SATURDAY	January 27	4:30 PM	John Niemczak
SUNDAY	January 21	8:00 AM	Ignatz, Mary & Al Keglovits
			People of the Parish
		10:00 AM	James Dorsey

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 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 23rd will be the Saints.

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.

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LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY COMMUNITY

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Annual "Kick off to Catholic Schools Week" Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 27th, in the Parish Hall. Advance tickets will be available for purchase at the School and Parish Offices, and after Masses on January 20/21. Advance ticket prices are



\$13/adults, \$7/ children 5 - 12; children under 5 are free. Reservations are highly encouraged. We will also sell tickets at the door; Cost at the door the day of is \$15/ for adults and \$8/ children 5-12. Takeout will be available.

COOKS WITH COLLARS

Fr. Stan needs your <u>help</u>! Fr. Stan will represent St. Elizabeth in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr. Stan and St. Elizabeth Parish the top winner this year!

OLD PALM COLLECTION

You may bring your old palms to church anytime from now to February 4th for us to dispose of properly. The underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God, in a sense, the same way a person's dead body is committed to the earth. Never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God. The normal "rule of thumb" is that anything that has been blessed should be burned, if possible, (and then the ashes buried) or if not burned simply buried.



The P.R.E.P. program will participate in a Pro-Life Mass on Monday evening January 22nd at 6:15 pm and St. Elizabeth Regional school will participate in a Pro-Life Mass on Wednesday, January 24th at 9 am. Adoration will follow until noon.



STEAK SANDWICH SALE

St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring our famous Steak Sandwich Meal on Saturday, February 17th. Steaks are \$12.50 each, and Cheese Steaks are \$13.50 each. This includes sauce, onions, pickles, and hot peppers - all on the side, along with a bag of chips. *Orders are due by February* 12th. Order forms will be in next week's bulletin.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

What is your favorite? Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patty, Carmel Delight? Get ready for Girl Scout cookies! \$5 per box, all your favorites will be available. St E's Troop #63403 will be selling after Masses this weekend. 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.





Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation **CONGRATULATIONS**

The following children have prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many received for the first time on Saturday morning, January 20, 2024. The other students will be receiving First Penance at a later date. Please continue to pray for them and

for their families as they begin preparation for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Gabriella Adimo Whard Chamas Jacob Colon Antonia Dato Aiden Fenton Katherine Gibson Rizelle Herrera Andrew Le Carlee Mackewen Meilani Moustafa Kaylee Ortiz Dalea Santos Olivia Spangler Anaaliyah Valerio

Graham Albright Matthew Chateau Camila Cruz Carmella Dato Aaliyan Fermin Abigail Hamilton Messiyah Keeney Emma Le Tarek Makhoul Jacob Moyer Jhendrick Peralta-Zapata Juan Rojas-Gutierrez Isabel Santos Natasha Stahley Diego Vargas

Rachel Carver **Eriel Colon** Harmony Dabboul Mason Ducar Leila George Itzayana Herrera Wyatt Lakis Madison Lesperance Evelyn Mazzola Jayden Munoz Joseph Savagaji Joel Torres





St. Elizabeth Regional School Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Saturday, January 27, Kick off to Catholic Schools Week!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner (in-person or take-out)! All proceeds benefit our school! Thank you
for your help and generosity! Tickets on sale NOW!

Sunday, January 28, Celebrating Our Parish

- Attend Mass with your family at 10:00 AM: Students should wear their school uniform and sit with their family. Attending students are entered into a Raffle Prize Drawing. See back of church for details.
- Art Show/ Open House following the 10:00 AM Mass
- Call 610-264-0143 or email <u>principal@sercc.org</u> for a personal guided tour.
- Winners of the Money Raffle Announced!

Monday, January 29, Celebrating Our Community

- Go, Team! Bring in a can of soup (please no tomato) for the local Soup Kitchen and dress down by wearing your favorite sports team shirt, colors, or jersey! Vote on the team most likely to win the "Souper" Bowl.
- Coin Wars begins! Homeroom that collects the most coins, wins a Pizza Party!

Tuesday, January 30, Celebrating Our Students

- Twin Day- dress like a friend or two!
- Get ready to stop, drop your pencils, and DANCE!
- Prayer Partner Lunch & Recess
- BINGO for Dollars with Mrs. Kocher at 2:00pm!
- No Homework!

Wednesday, January 31, Celebrate Our Nation

- School Mass 9:00 AM, all are welcome to join the school community for this liturgy.
- Wear your uniform with a pair of crazy socks and/ or tie!
- Prayers for the Nation at the top of the hour each hour throughout the day.

Thursday, February 1, Celebrating Our Vocations

- Crazy hair, crazy hat day!
- Final Day for Coin Wars!
- Students help their homeroom teachers play "Guess that Saint!"
- FOR SALE: Dress Down Day Passes! Purchase Dress Down Day Passes for \$2.00 to be used throughout the year! Proceeds to benefit those in vocations!
- Maximum purchase of Dress Down Day Tickets is 10 tickets for \$20.00. Cannot be used on Student Council Fundraiser Days, Wednesdays (Mass Days), or any other pre-selected day. Must adhere to dress down dress code policies. No exceptions.

Friday, February 2, Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Students Dress Like Teachers, Teachers Dress Like Students
- Teacher Swap! Spend time with some other teachers with 20-minute Religion projects!
- Noon Dismissal with NO EXTENDED CARE.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK RAFFLE

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Schools Week Raffle is \$10 per ticket or \$50 per sheet and are due no later than January 26th to the school, parish offices or collection basket! Thank you for your support. For more tickets call the school office at 610-264-0143.







FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community Events

Canned Soup Collection



St. Elizabeth Parish, P.R.E.P. & School students are collecting soup for the Chew St. Soup Kitchen and the Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative. We will be collecting donations of canned soup in the vestibule of the church on January 27 & 28. (Please no tomato soup.) THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage.



Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program will be held February 16 – 18. For more information call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. Inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. John's Cupid's Arrow Oldies Dance



Dance is in the Social Hall at 924 N. Front St. Allentown on Saturday February 2nd. Featuring CHASBAND, \$5 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open. Dance from 7 – 10 pm, Questions call Bill Drost 610-432-3505.

LAOH Mass to commemorate St. Brigid



To commemorate the feast day of St. Brigid, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) is honored to celebrate on Saturday, February 3rd, at the 4:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 501 Ridge Ave, Allentown. In the generous spirit of St. Brigid, we will be accepting non-perishable food donations for a local Food Bank. We hope that you will join us! Membership in the AOH/LAOH is open to

practicing Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk at lehighvalleyLAOHprez@gmail.com.

Open House

"Allentown Central Catholic High School will be hosting its Winter Open House next Sunday, February 4th, from

2:00 - 4:00 PM. Come tour the school, meet the teachers, and talk with current students. Stop by the school at 301 N 4th St. in Allentown or visit the school website at acchs.info for more details."



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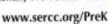
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