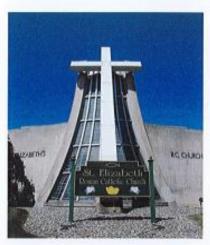
# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



All three readings today speak of God's unconditional love for us. The first reading from Chronicles sums up the Babylonian captivity of the people of Israel. The people sinned. They refused to listen to the prophets. Their temple was desecrated and deserted, but when Cyrus of Persia defeated the Babylonians, he restored the people to their land. The people knew that this was all because of the mercy and compassion of God.

In the second reading from the Ephesians, we receive salvation as God's gift. We are God's handiwork. We are created to live the good life, the life of honorable deeds prepared for us by God.

In the third reading, our Gospel, we hear the words, 'God so loved the world that He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.' This is unconditional love.

We have a hard time accepting the concept of unconditional love. We cannot believe that someone will do something for us and expect nothing in return without any strings attached. It's like when we say, "If it's too good to be true, then it probably isn't." That's not the case here. Readings from Ephesian say that we are

created so that the good works of Jesus Christ might be our way of life. This is not paying God back. This is simply living as God wants us to live. You require the same from your children. You want them to live good lives not because this repays you for all the time and money you spent on them, but simply because you want them to be happy and you know that the only way they can be happy is to be good people.

Just as a parents love their children, they don't love for a price, but because their children are lovable. That's how God loves us. He doesn't love us because He needs our love, He loves us because He wants us to share His love.

A good way to share in the abundant and unconditional love of God is with the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation. Allow yourself the gift of letting go of anything that prevents you from fully receiving this love.

God loves us for who we are, no strings attached. We have to be able to fully appreciate and accept this unconditional love of God and put that love into practice in our own lives.

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 the Deceased Members of the Potenzi/Stadulis Family requested by *Helen Potenzi*.



The bells will ring this week for **Deceased Members of the Leister Family** requested by *JoAnn Kaufmann*.





St. Elizabeth Regional School students will be marching in the Allentown St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come and wave to our very own **St. Patrick** (*Deacon Mike*)!

The school needs a trailer which can be towed behind a pickup truck. The truck will be driven by teacher, Jim Millets. Please call Jim if you have a trailer to loan or need more information, 484-347-4563.



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# PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses /	SERVICES
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MONDAY	March 11	9:00 AM	Pat Meleski
TUESDAY	MARCH 12	9:00 AM	Helen Klucsarits
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 13	9:00 AM	Charles Fonzone
		4:00 PM	Confirmation
THURSDAY	MARCH 14	7:00 PM	Rev. William Seifert
FRIDAY	MARCH 15	9:00 AM	Paul J. Reinsmith
SATURDAY	March 16	8:30 AM	Ralph Trentalange
		4:30 PM	Catherine Rieker
			People of the Parish
SUNDAY	March 17	8:00 AM	Paul Kish
		10:00 AM	101st Birthday Helen Gierula

### 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



Looking for spiritual enrichment? You 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 March 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Ten Commandments #1 to 3.

Congratulations to our RCIA candidates during the Rite of Election.



Joseph White – sponsor Adrian Anatalio and Cheyanne Beaumont – sponsor Nancy Hendrickson



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# LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY COMMUNITY

### We are Remembered $33^{\text{RD}}$ Easter Mass

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan Ministry "We Are Remembered" will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 pm. "We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one." Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to have



the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed in the AD Today Newspaper. We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support." To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry. Include: Sponsor(s) name, donation amount, address, phone number, email, and Name(s) of the deceased.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday, March 13 at 4:30 P.M, Bishop Schlert, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish confirmandi. Please join us in welcoming him on this joyous occasion. We ask you, our parishioners, to keep these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare to open themselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to come to the Confirmation Mass. As the Bishop is present for his canonical visitation, the following indulgences may be gained:

- a. A plenary indulgence to the faithful who assist at ceremonies at which the bishop presides during his pastoral visitation.
- b. A partial indulgence to the faithful who make a visit to their parish church at the time of the bishop's visitation.

### SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

We will serve our monthly fundraiser Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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. SPECIAL: Children 10 years and under are free. Treat your favorite Leprechaun! The Special Breakfast Treat this month is **rice pudding** sponsored by Lourdes Hernandez. Many thanks to our breakfast sponsors: Mary Ellen Martin & the Frankl Family.

### FRIENDLY VISITORS

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living or nursing home facilities and those who are homebound. Volunteers are needed for Thursday after 12 noon and Friday, March 14 & 15. Please contact Mary at 610-266-



0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our parish shut ins. Thank you.

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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 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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY



# SUN 3/24: Basketball Competition

@ Parish Hall, 6 - 8 p.m.

Our annual March Madness basketball competition is here! Inviting all no matter your basketball skills!

### Parish Festival



Only 3 months until the Parish Festival – June 7th & 8th! Mark your calendars!

Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey to strengthen St. Elizabeth and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help St. Elizabeth thrive!

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit.

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b3581b.

### LENTEN REMINDERS:



### SATURDAY MORNINGS WITH JESUS PRESENTED BY FR. STAN

One of the great ways to enhance your Lent and your life is to spend time with our Lord. For Saturdays in Lent, we will have the opportunity to do that: 7:30 - 8:30 am Adoration \* 8:30 - 9:00 am Mass \* 9:00 - 10:00 am Spiritual Reflection and Prayer

Parishioners are invited to the Chapel for all or part of the morning. Adoration, Mass, and Reflection.

March 9– Serving Others as Christ March 16– Teaching Christ to Others

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE ELDERLY

For our homebound parishioners who would like to do the Stations of the Cross.

https://www.simplycatholic.com/stations-of-the-cross-for-the-elderly/

### UPCOMING LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2 pm (with school) Fridays at 7 pm March 15, 22, 29

### Adoration and Reconciliation\*

3:30 – 4:15 every Saturday 7:15 – 7:45 and 9:15 – 9:45 every Sunday Tuesday, March 19 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm \*Multiple confessors will be available

### **Living Stations**

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm



### Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm Adoration until 10:00 pm

### **Good Friday**

Lord's Passion March 29 at 3:00 pm

### Blessing of Easter Baskets

Holy Saturday, March 30 at noon

### **Easter Masses**

Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am



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# FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples!

**Upcoming** Community **Events** 

### Cay Galgon Life House and Lenten Giving Tree

Instead of the Baby Bottle Campaign this year, donations can be made directly from Amazon Wishlist (link below) and shipped directly to Life House at 714 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. For those who do not wish to donate in this way, we will have a Lenten Giving Tree up in the vestibule of the church for you to pick tags and drop off donations by Monday, March 25. We greatly appreciate your support! www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TUKCUKASZH3U?ref\_=abls\_nvfly\_yl









Friday, March 15 Tricky Tray: 4-8 PM Lenten meal: 4-7 PM Saturday, March 16 Tricky Tray & Food 12-7 PM

Sunday, March 17 Tricky Tray: 8AM-1PM
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



For



### Lenten Fish Dinner

Eat In or Pick Up at St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 924 N. Front St. Allentown on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Dinner is \$15 and includes baked haddock fillet, roasted potatoes, candied carrots, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce or cocktail sauce, dessert, coffee, tea, water. BYOB. Tickets can be purchased by calling 610-432-0034 during business hours (M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm). Deadline for ticket purchase March 18th. No sales at the door.

# Congratulations to our own Rev. Robert Potts on his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in service to our Lord.

So glad you are with us at St. Elizabeth parish! We will be celebrating Father's anniversary on Sunday, April 21st after the 10:00 am Mass.

Please save the date to stop by and visit with Fr. Potts; light refreshments will be served.





The following Candidates will receive **The Sacrament of Confirmation**Administered by Bishop Alfred Schlert at **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish** on **March 13, 2024.** 



Brandon *Nicholas* Araque

Paul Paul Araque

Sarah *Elizabeth* Beasley

Matthew Matthew Chateau

Adam *Thomas* Delaney

Sophie *Joan* Eckert

Elias *Luigi* Eilan

Rocco Paul Fonzone

Adrian *Peter* Georges

Ayden *Michael* Head

Cody *Francis* Kremsner

Jessica *Mary Magdalene* Mankos

Imani Talia *Rose* Maragia

Miguel *Mariana* Moreno

Levi *Joseph* Muldrow

Theresa Teresa Nguyen

Aaron *John* Pham

Lucas **Sebastian** Salcedo

Jacob *Peregrine* Seidick

Casey Catherine Shenyo

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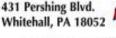
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