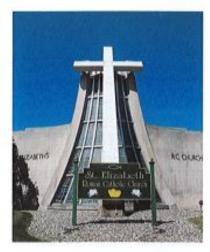
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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



Today's Gospel follows the encounter the two disciples had with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Now, these same two disciples have returned to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place. All the Apostles are hidden there, staying out of sight for fear that those who killed Jesus will soon be coming for them.

Jesus appears to them in that room and offers the peace that He alone can give. He reassures them they are seeing victory, not defeat – that He is truly risen. He is not a ghost, and they are not hallucinating. He eats with them, and then gives them a detailed recounting of how prophesies from the Hebrew Scriptures all have been fulfilled by his passion. The disciples' mission will be to go and tell others the very same truth – God's plan of salvation did not take a detour at Calvary. It was the defining moment of victory.

Jesus calls them all witnesses of these things, a point echoed by St. Peter in our reading from the Acts of the

Apostles. Peter has indeed become a witness. Before the Holy Spirit came upon him in wind and fire, he, like the others, hid himself from the public eye. Now his fears are replaced by faith in the Resurrection. Peter stands publicly as the rock of Christ's church, challenging his listeners to repent, and inviting them to be baptized and share in Christ's victory.

Then and now, the resurrection of Jesus is disbelieved by some, and ignored by many. However, for those who have faith in the Lord and lean on the cross of Jesus, the Resurrection becomes an anchor that preserves our hope, especially during the darkest days of our lives. In the sacraments, Jesus takes our fears away the same way he did on the road to Emmaus and in the Upper Room. Like His disciples, we are then called to go and free others from their fears, by telling them the Good News that Christ has conquered death. Christ is risen, Alleluia!

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 **Mary Keglovits** requested by *John & Cindy Keglovits*.

GIFT CARD UPDATE

St. Elizabeth offers gift cards for sale in the parish and school offices. Prior to Co-vid we sold gift cards in the church foyer after Masses. **Starting April 21 we will have gift cards available again after Mass**. We need volunteer sellers after the 4:30 Mass. If you are interested in volunteering call the office.

Physical gift card stores in stock are:

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Gift Cards purchased at church/school help keep the costs low for the education of our students. We also have an online option through RaiseRight of over 750 different gift card stores.

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Masses / Services Richard Bartholomew **MONDAY** APRIL 15 9:00 AM Leonard Oncheck **TUESDAY** APRIL 16 9:00 AM WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 9:00 AM Betsy Nutting **THURSDAY** APRIL 18 7:00 PM Luis G. Castro Theresa Pinter **FRIDAY** APRIL 19 9:00 AM APRIL 20 Robert Mesics SATURDAY 4:30 PM People of the Parish **SUNDAY** APRIL 21 8:00 AM Carmela Stephenson 10:00 AM Fr. Potts 60th Anniversary

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 **April 16**th will be the Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

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MINISTRY COMMUNITY

MUSIC MINISTRY FLOWER SALE

St. Elizabeth Music Ministry is selling flower coupons. The coupons are from Garden City Greenhouse. The cost is \$15 per coupon and are good for bedding plants, veggies, hanging plants, perennials. Contact Joan Glover for more information, 610-349-7791.



SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

We will serve our final monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 14 from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, cheesy tater tots, pancakes, Danish, juice and coffee - all for only \$10 adult and CHILDREN UNDER 10

YEARS ARE FREE, children 11 - 16 years are \$5 each. The item special this month will be delicious oatmeal with toppings donated by Tina Roma-Fisher. We are most grateful to our April breakfast sponsor made in memory of Joseph and Akiko Millan. (Breakfasts will resume in November 2024 – stay tuned!)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – SAVE THE DATE

Get ready to SPLASH into fun this June at "SCUBA" where we will thank God for His many gifts! Vacation Bible school will be June 24 – 28 in the parish hall. Welcome to the event that helps kids discover what it means to be thankful every day. SCUBA teaches scripture, team building, Bible songs, and enjoy tasty "SCUBA" treats just to name a few. Daily adventures start at 8:45 am each day. ving into friendship with G Registration forms will be available in April. The cost is \$20 per child or \$35 per family. Early registration is recommended as spaces fill quickly. Volunteers eighteen years or older are welcome.

PARISH FESTIVAL

Spring is in the air! Just right around the corner is our parish festival! Please consider donating through "Festival Friends". Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted to help defray costs. We greatly appreciate any help you can give for our festival to be a big success!



YOUTH MINISTRY

April



Our first ever lock-in! We will spend the night with fun and faith activities leading up to Mass the next day!

Fri - Sat 4/19-20: Easter Lock-in @ Parish Hall, Fri 7 p.m. - Sat 9 a.m.

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 at least two years before sacrament is received.

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 sacrament is received.

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.



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Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** in our parish and throughout our Diocese. In 2024 the Appeal will provide support for evangelization, vocations, catholic education, catholic charities, and care for our retired and infirmed priests.

I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and supporting these important ministries. Our parish has been asked to raise \$55,891.00. Let's strive for 100% participation from our parish. Together, I believe we can make our goal.

We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form you will receive in the postal mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,

Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski

Dr Starly My Lister

Pastor



FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples!

Upcoming Community **Events**

Cash Bingo

The Blue Star Mothers of the Lehigh Valley are sponsoring a Cash Bingo on Sunday, April 14, at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Doors open at 1 pm; Bingo begins at 2 pm. \$25 per person in advance/\$30 at the door; 15 Games + Specials; Food and Refreshments available for purchase. Call Judy – at 610-428-0778 or Joan – at 610-349-7791. Proceeds benefit active-duty military as well as local veterans.



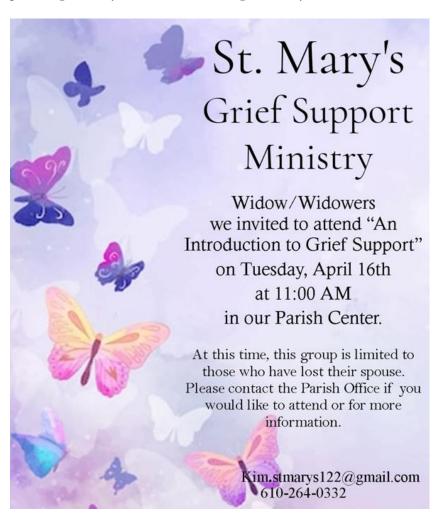
Community Meal

On Tuesday, April 16th St. Elizabeth will host the Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative community meal in the parish hall from 4-6 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this free meal for the community.

Holy Family Parish Events

\$\$\$Cash Bingo\$\$\$ at the Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center St, Nazareth. Sunday, April 21st. Doors open at Noon; First Game at 12:45. \$20 entry. 15 games with plenty of specials & 50/50 Raffle. Food available for purchase. See you there!

Rummage Sale at the Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center St., Nazareth. Fri.-Sun., April 26, 27, 28. 8 am-2 pm. Large variety of items. Something for everyone!





Our R.C.I.A. Candidates 2024



St. Elizabeth Students making pinecone bird feeders

St. Elizabeth School student buddy's grades 1st and 4th spent the last day of school before Easter break to make bird feeders from pinecones dropped from our very own fir tree. They added some peanut butter and bird seed and are ready to hang them on their trees and bushes at home. Our feathered friends enjoyed the Easter treat!













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