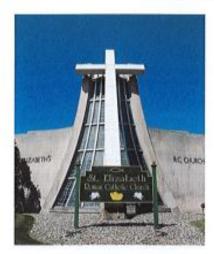
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Pastor

#### 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.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The beautiful imagery of the vine and the branches is one we hear every year during the Easter season. It seems so obvious to us that we need to be united to Christ to bring Him to others. But when we get so busy doing things for our family, our work, our commitments or whatever, we try to do it all ourselves and forget where the real power of love comes from. Instead of strengthening our union with Christ and letting Him work through us, we go about a myriad of tasks without spending time on the work that really matters, growing in the love of Christ.

We have God's life and love within us. When we are united to this love, even when we are confronted with the most challenging individuals, they will come in contact with the love of Christ. And when the love of Christ flows into them, it will flow from them to others.

What really matters in our lives? Is it the way others treat us? Often that motivates us to return negative for negative. What others say and do is secondary to what really matters in life. What matters is the love of Christ that we have been empowered to make real in this world. When that love becomes our focus, then we really don't care about ourselves. We just want others to experience that love.

During this Easter time we celebrate the gift of the Lord's life we received at baptism. We need to be determined to strengthen this life within us. We need to be more faithful and prayerful to the source of our strength and love and be more attentive to bring this love to others. He is the vine; we are the branches.

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.

Nancy Svitana	Jessica Mankos	Michael Malz
Monica Sycuro	Jan Pasda	Craig Wilber
Carol Mayernik	Clem Christman	Gnall Family
Deb Csorba	Xzavier Perez	Lourdes Oswald
Dave DeLuca	Amelia Buchman	Mary Ann Kulhamer



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially Eugene Keglovics, Ralph Trentalange, Maria Heidenwolf, Jean Chapman, Roland (Roy) Hafner, father of Deb Schuster, and Joseph Samanka who passed away this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar this week are for **Harley Stewart** requested by *Santa Stewart*.



#### ASCENSION THURSDAY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>



The Ascension is the event where Jesus arose into heaven at the end of his time on earth. Jesus' time on earth began with his birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the Cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls--the righteous dead, as we call them--who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to heaven. On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people.



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# PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

### Masses / Services

MONDAY	APRIL 29	9:00 AM	Antonio Nebres
TUESDAY	APRIL 30	9:00 AM	Joseph Macaluso
WEDNESDAY	May 1	9:00 AM	Oswald Family Deceased Members
THURSDAY	MAY 2	7:00 PM	Stephanie Konek
FRIDAY	MAY 3	9:00 AM	Enrollees of Memorial Fund
			Divine Mercy
SATURDAY	May 4	8:30 AM	First Holy Communion
		4:30 PM	George Puhak
SUNDAY	May 5	8:00 AM	Sr. Magdalen
		10:00 AM	Bernard & Marie Robbins
			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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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, <u>but never confirmed.</u> Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.* 

#### Fr. Potts Thank You

What joy you have brought into my life. I thank all who have given me a warm welcome into St. Elizabeth parish.

I am especially grateful to Fr. Stan, Deacon Mike, our staff, and those who prepared the celebration for my 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Priesthood. Our Lord and you have so blessed me.

Fr. Potts

My prayers and love are with you & yours.

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# LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY COMMUNITY

#### 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. 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. Contact Mary Spieker for information 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

### Parish Festival – June 7 & 8

Any amount helps defray costs. There are so many things needed for our festival to be a success. Printing and mailing costs, advertising, all the food & beverages, dinner specials, the bands, kids' games to include the magician and "balloon



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guy". Can you spare \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to help pay for some of the items we need to make this festival a success?

#### Island Expressions HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

Our 2025 Confirmation Class will be selling delicious 9" hoagies and sandwiches to help fund a bus to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in October for their Confirmation Retreat experience. The hoagies and sandwiches come in a wide variety with and without peppers or onions, Italian, turkey, roast beef, tuna, pastrami & ham/cheese. Pick-up an order form at the school / parish office or on the parish website: www.sercc.org. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$5.50 per sandwich. Orders are due by Sunday, May 12th. The pick-up is in the parish hall on Thursday, May 16th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## SAVE THE DATE – GOLF TOURNAMENT Mark your calendars for the St. Elizabeth Regional School Annual Golf Tournament



which will be held September 28th at 1:00 pm at the Whitetail Golf Course. Know a business who would like to sponsor this event? Levels of sponsorship are available. Have a foursome or need a player? Contact Jason Kahr, jkahr2@gmail.com or the school office for more details 610-264-0143.

#### WE ARE REMEMBERED THANKS

St. Elizabeth is grateful to be able to continue the We Are Remembered Ministry which helps provide healing and support to those who lost a loved one. One of the many notes of thanks encapsulates that well...

"Thank you so much for a beautiful Remembered Mass. This is the first time I have attended. Thanks to all the ladies for the wonderful social after Mass. The entire night lifted my spirits..."

### 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 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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Upcoming Community **Events** 

Please pray for all military members currently serving, especially:















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### Because We Are Catholic 2024 Annual Appeal is underway!



The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

#### St. John's Flower Power Dance

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall at 924 N. Front St. Allentown on Saturday May 4th.

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#### Rice Bowl Results

Our annual Rice Bowl collected the most money in past years. The church and school donated \$1,466.

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