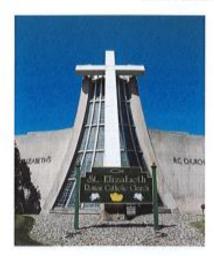
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### Parish Registration

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



In the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter occurred on April 30<sup>th</sup>. On that day, the Holy Father, (*who was also canonized after his death*) Pope John Paul II, canonized Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska.

St. Faustina was only 33 years old when she died in 1938. She spent most of her life in convents in Poland. Yet her life has made an impact upon the world. In 1931 she had a vision of Jesus as the King of Divine Mercy, wearing a white gown with white and red rays flowing from His side. She was told to paint this picture and under it put the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." She was to be an apostle of the Mercy of God, letting the world know about the compassion of the Lord.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy

personified." St. John Paul II said that this was a needed message for the people who had witnessed the sufferings of millions during the last century.

St. John Paul II concluded the canonization homily by saying, 'and you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: *Christ Jesus, I trust in you!*'

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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## Masses / Services

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TUESDAY	APRIL 9	9:00 AM	Michael Flynn
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10	9:00 AM	James A. Egan
THURSDAY	APRIL 11	7:00 PM	Lucille Balzano
FRIDAY	APRIL 12	9:00 AM	Phyllis Laky
SATURDAY	APRIL 13	4:30 PM	Barbara Carlstrom
SUNDAY	APRIL 14	8:00 AM	Michael Kahr
		10:00 AM	Madeline Fedorak

## TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS



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## 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 9th will be Human & Theological Virtues.

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, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

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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.



## 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. 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

Did someone mention festival games? YES! There will be lots of fun games for kids of all ages. Try your hand at the candy wheel, inflatable obstacle course, nail and face painting, football toss and more! Hey kids! We'll have a magician and the balloon guy! You and your friends will LOVE IT!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

## **April**

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Fri - Sat 4/19-20: Easter Lock-in

@ Parish Hall, Fri 7 p.m. - Sat 9 a.m.



Our first ever lock-in! We will spend the night with fun and faith activities leading up to Mass the next day! Sign-up by: March 31st

## HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO OUR CHURCH DECORATORS

Please let our church decorators know how much you appreciated the beautiful Easter arrangements they created. Our team of dedicated volunteers create such stunning arrangements that people come from other parishes during the holidays just to see what St Elizabeth has to offer. We are blessed to have their talents in our parish!



## 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.)

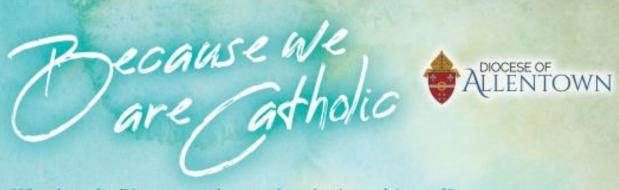
Is Jesus inviting you to join His Church? Do you want to become Catholic? Contact the parish office to learn more about this process. We look forward to journeying in Faith with you.



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## Why does the Diocese need to conduct the Annual Appeal?

Through the Annual Appeal, the Diocese provides funding for a wide range of services and ministries which are larger than any one parish could support. By coordinating efforts and pooling resources, the Diocese enables parishes and parishioners to serve thousands of children, adults, and families throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties.

## Are Annual Appeal Funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from the sexual abuse crisis?

No. The Annual Appeal does not fund legal fees or the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program for victims and survivors of abuse.

## Why should I support the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal?

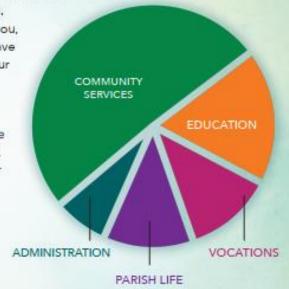
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## How does the Appeal support my parish?

The Annual Appeal provides financial support for parish life programs including adult formation, marriage preparation, natural family planning, youth ministry, and outreach to our Hispanic community. Additionally, the Appeal generates incentive rebates for parishes.

## How can I make a gift?

For your convenience, pledge forms are available at every parish. You can also make a gift by phone (1.800.831.4443) or online at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org



The administrative cost of running the Appeal is approximately \$265,000/year, which is about 7.4%. In other words, every one dollar spent on the Appeal makes an additional \$15 available for direct service, ministries, and pastoral care.

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Upcoming Community **Events** 

## St. Monica Ministry

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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.



## Altar Server Mass - Saturday, April 13th

All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring their parish's altar server robes so they can vest. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass 11:00am -Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown

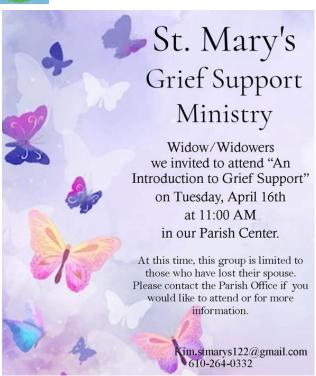
## Community Meal

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.

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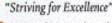
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