

# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052



**Rev. Joseph J. Kweder**  
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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Rev. Robert J. Potts - In Residence

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## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 15</b>	9:00 AM	Scott Shenyo
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>	9:00 AM	Schadl & Mertz Families
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 17</b>	9:00 AM	Ann Louise Reinsmith
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 18</b>	7:00 PM	Marguerite Wirth
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 19</b>	9:00 AM	Eugene Keglovics
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>	4:30 PM	Joseph Samanka
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>	8:00 AM	Helen Grabarits
			People of the Parish
		10:00 AM	Raymond Fenstermacher

## 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. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. *Please call the hospital or nursing facility Chaplain if you or your loved one is a resident or patient and need immediate attention.*

## OFFICE SUMMER HOURS



During the summer, the parish office will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be closed on Fridays through Labor Day.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at [principal@sercc.org](mailto:principal@sercc.org)

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

If admitted to the hospital, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit or need an Anointing.

Irene Snyder	Nancy Svitana	Craig Wilber
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# PRAYING...AS DISCIPLES

SACRAMENTS  
DEVOTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS



Please pray for those who have died, especially **Musu Johnson**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## VACATIONING? BRING THE FAMILY TO MASS



If you would like to attend Mass while on vacation but don't know where to go, use this website for Mass Times near you.

<https://masstimes.org/>



## DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN NEWS

The Latest News from the Diocese of Allentown, Gospel Reflections | Sunday Mass locations and times can be found at <https://ad-today.com/>

## WRITINGS FROM DEACON

My family and I have watched several seasons of “Survivor” television show...but only in binge mode. Who would have patience otherwise? The ‘tribes’ would pool their meager means and live in communities with rustic resources. Provided with a machete, a small pot to gather water and to cook, a modest roll of duct tape, perhaps some fishhooks and maybe a small tarp. Participants would collaborate with and subsequently eliminate one another in a competitive adventure. With amazing resourcefulness, the tribes would help each other to be as comfortable as possible in the circumstances, all the while with an eye to eliminate one another and to become ‘the One.’

In today’s Gospel, Jesus sends out His disciples two by two to heal and to help those suffering out in the world. With what ‘kit’ did He send them forth? There was no machete, no tarp, and no duct tape. He gave them instructions to wear sandals and bear a walking stick. These would be profoundly helpful in difficult terrain ... climbing and descending rocky and uneven ground. The stick would provide some intimidation defense against wild animals. Their greatest strength would be in having been sent by Jesus in their mission into the world two by two.

As with “Survivor” at times, a husband and wife can find themselves humbly equipped in raising a family or maintaining a household. Through, with and in Jesus this can be done... as long as we seek to be one in “the One”. We are bound with something stronger than duct tape.

## SACRAMENTS

*New to the parish? – Register as a new member to receive Sacraments.*

### **BAPTISM: (Infant to Age 6)**

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 8<sup>th</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.

### **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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# LIVING...as Disciples

MINISTRY  
COMMUNITY

## CYO CROSS COUNTRY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

St. Elizabeth Cross Country is open to all students grades K-8. We have two amazing coaches. Races start Labor Day weekend. Weekly races are Sundays through mid-October. Practice times and days are TBD. The cost is \$60 per student. Please contact Victoria Mankos with questions or to register at vledolphin@gmail.com. The **deadline** to register is **August 5**.



## SAVE THE DATE – GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for the St. Elizabeth Regional School Annual Golf Tournament on September 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ONLY THREE MONTHS AWAY!

Mark your calendar for our **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 11-12-13! Bargains are EVERYWHERE! Start collecting your items now. Each basket needs to be **worth at least \$35**. Feel free to drop off any non-perishable items at the parish office for our spectacular committee to make-up a basket for you. Please be sure to have your name on your donations. Thanks for your continuous support!



## PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE

Due to our many, many dedicated volunteers our parish festival was a resounding success! Our volunteer parishioners brought their skills and everyone had a wonderful time. And God provided the best weather we could ask for. The long awaited \*results are:



**Income** - \$ 58,264      **Expenses** - \$ 22,764      **Profit** - \$ 35, 500

(\*All amounts were rounded to the nearest dollar for convenience)

Congratulations to the Parish and a THANK YOU to all those who made this year's festival possible.

## PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE



	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year End</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year End</u> <u>2023</u>
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>		
Regular Income	\$797,782	\$917,025
Operating Expenses	840,758	866,755
Net	\$(42,976)	\$ 50,270

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# FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples!

Community  
Events

## Angelorum, the Women's Choir of the Diocese of Allentown

Angelorum will be singing at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We are opening the bus trip to parishioners of the Allentown Diocese in the hope that others may want to join us at this beautiful shrine for a day of prayer culminating in Mass at 2 pm. The bus will leave the Cathedral parking lot at 6:30 am and return at approximately 9:30 pm the same day. Lunch and dinner are on your own. The cost is \$65 per person. Questions may sent to bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com

Beverly McDevitt  
@Beverly-McDevitt



## Saints Joachim & Anne Maronite Catholic Church 2024 Annual Church Festival

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Younes

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*Sunday*

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**July 20<sup>th</sup>**  
4PM-12AM

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
12PM-10PM

Middle Eastern Food & Pastries ~ Saj ~ Live Music  
Dancing ~ Hookah ~ Beer/Alcohol ~ Kids Games



*Saturday*

## LAOH Mass to Commemorate Our Lady of Knock

To commemorate Our Lady of Knock's visitation in Ireland the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) invite you to celebrate the feast day on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4:30 pm Mass St. Elizabeth, Whitehall. We will be accepting school supply donations in the generous spirit of Our Lady of Knock for the children of Diocese Elementary Schools. The AOH/LAOH is open to all Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). Our mission is to embrace friendship, unity, and charity while promoting our heritage through fun and good works and events throughout the year. For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk lehighvalleyLAOHprez@gmail.com.



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of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince  
of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
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and all the evil spirits  
who prowl throughout the  
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