

St. Clare of Assisi



460 Reed Street
Clairton, PA 15025

St. Elizabeth of Hungary



One Grove Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Holy Spirit



2603 Old Elizabeth Road
West Mifflin, PA 15122

St. Thomas à Becket



139 Gill Hall Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

APRIL 28, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00PM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
4:30PM Holy Spirit
5:30PM St. Thomas à Becket

SUNDAY

8:00AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
9:00AM St. Clare of Assisi
9:30AM St. Thomas à Becket
10:30AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
11:00AM Holy Spirit
Noon St. Thomas à Becket

WEEKDAYS

Monday 7:30AM-St. Elizabeth
7:00PM-St. Clare
Tuesday 8:30AM-Holy Spirit
9:00AM-St. Thomas à Becket
Wednesday 7:30AM-St. Elizabeth
9:00AM-St. Thomas
Thursday 8:30AM-Holy Spirit
9:00AM-St. Thomas à Becket
Friday 7:30AM-St. Elizabeth
8:30AM-St. Clare
9:15AM-St. Elizabeth (School Mass)
Saturday 8:30AM-Holy Spirit

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY

6:00-6:30PM St. Clare of Assisi
6:00-6:45PM St. Elizabeth of Hungary

SATURDAY

11:00-11:45AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
3:30-4:00PM Holy Spirit
4:30-5:00PM St. Thomas à Becket

PASTORAL STAFF

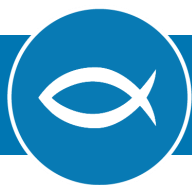
Administrator: Father Robert J. Cedolia
Senior Parochial Vicar: Father William R. Terza
Senior Parochial Vicar: Father Kenneth E. Kezmarsky
Deacon: Mr. Gerard A. Como
Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Amy LaMartina



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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27



Parish Directory • Sacraments

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BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office where you are a registered parishioner. A Pre-Baptism Class is required for first time parents or those who have never taken a class. Please contact Amy LaMartina to schedule a class at (412) 882-8744 ext. 3. After attending class, the Baptism can be scheduled. A sponsor certificate/letter for each Godparent must be submitted to the Parish Office at least one week prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.**

- St. Clare of Assisi – Baptisms will be at 12:30PM
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Baptisms at 11:45AM, after the 10:30AM Mass
- Holy Spirit – Baptisms at 12:15PM, after the 11AM Mass
- St. Thomas à Becket – Baptisms at 1:15PM, after the Noon Mass



MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to marry must meet with one of the priests in our parish grouping at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No date can be confirmed until the couple meets with a priest.

Suggested time for weddings: 1:30PM at St. Elizabeth and 2PM at St. Clare, Holy Spirit and St. Thomas à Becket. Couples are required to attend an approved Pre-Marriage Preparation Program. For a listing of programs go to: <https://diopitt.org/documents/2018/11/PARISH%20Pre-marriage%20programs%20PDF-1.pdf>



MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:

When someone is in the hospital or confined to their home, please call the Parish Office of the church where they are a registered parishioner to request Anointing of the Sick, to receive Holy Communion, or to be included in the Prayer Chain or placed on the bulletin Sick List.



(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic, or those who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and Confirmation), are welcome to join us in RCIA. This is a process of prayer, study, conversation and decision. Classes are held each week at St. Elizabeth Church in Pius X Hall from 11:30AM - 1PM. Classes begin in the Fall each year.

Please contact Amy LaMartina at 412-882-8744 ext. 3 for more information.



Mass Intentions This Week

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
(Vigil) Saturday, April 27	4:00 PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Ruth Sroka & Frank Dubaniewicz	Sroka Family
	4:30 PM	Holy Spirit	Joseph Busowski	M/M Bob Monaco
	5:30 PM	St. Thomas à Becket	Minnie Ward	George Ward Family
Sunday, April 28 <i>Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Robert Hilpert	Wife & Family
	9:00 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	John & Dolores Mitro	Debbie Swartz
	9:30 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Mary Lou Jackson	Family
	10:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Rose Marie Ulrich	Bob & Nancy Muha
	11:00 AM	Holy Spirit	James & Margaret Splenda	Butch & Babette Guballa
	Noon	St. Thomas à Becket	Charles & Mary Ney	Family
Monday, April 29	7:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Dannie Capozzoli	Linda & Children
	7:00 PM	St. Clare of Assisi	Edward & Margaret Yuhas	Family
Tuesday, April 30	8:30 AM	Holy Spirit	Gary Kraeuter	Barb Price
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Donald Eckert	Wife, Connie
Wednesday, May 1	7:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Bruce Bosle	George & Linda Liotus
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Louis Perozich	Sherry Heiser
Thursday, May 2	8:30 AM	Holy Spirit	Pat Natale	Mr. & Mrs. M. Partyka
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	In Honor of Pat Ogilvie	Daughters, Kathy & Beth
Friday, May 3 *School Mass	7:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	George Jance	Family
	8:30 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	Margaret Sporio	Jacqueline Cavalier & Jason Kendall
	9:15 AM*	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Betty Anderson	Family
Saturday Morning	8:30 AM	Holy Spirit	Peter Greco	Gloria Greco
(Vigil) Saturday, May 4	4:00 PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Marion Schorr	Family
	4:30 PM	Holy Spirit	Elsie & John Mayor	Dennis & Linda Mayor
	5:30 PM	St. Thomas à Becket	William Voelker	Reyher Family
Sunday, May 5 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	60th Wedding Anniversary of John & Gertrude Echement	
	9:00 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	Michael & Mary Senko	Daughters
	9:30 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Frank Etzel	Family
	10:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	In Celebration of St. Elizabeth High School Class of 1969	
	11:00 AM	Holy Spirit	John Slack	John Slack
	Noon	St. Thomas à Becket	Donald Eckert	Wife, Connie



First COMMUNION

Today is a day of great joy for our parish grouping. 34 of our children will be joining us at the Table of the Lord by receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth of Hungary at 12:30PM. For all of them, it's exciting and a really big step in their growth as young Catholics. For their parents and families, it is a day of pride and joy. For their teachers, it is a day of accomplishment. Special thanks to Kristina Centinaro, Director of Faith Formation, Jennifer Michalka, Program Manager, Linda Bechtol, St. Elizabeth School Principal, Diana Maresch, Second Grade Teacher and Lynn Fries and Deb Bartos, Catechists.

Congratulations to all of the children, parents and teachers. For all of us, it is a celebration of God's love through His greatest Gift to us, His Son, Jesus Christ, present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Amid all the excitement of today, we hope and pray that our young ones truly come to experience the spiritual reality of the occasion. May they be blessed with a deep and abiding love of the Lord, who comes to them in this wonderful Sacrament. May they always rely on the Eucharist as their parents support and guide them to continue their journey of faith by practicing their faith and receiving this Great Gift of God weekly at Mass.

God bless all of you!

Next Sunday, May 5, another group of children will receive their First Holy Communion at St. Thomas à Becket Church at Noon during the regularly scheduled Sunday Liturgy. Please plan to welcome their families and friends as they join our Sunday celebration.



Special thanks and gratitude to our four parish choirs for enhancing our Liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The time, practice and heart that all of you committed throughout the year to fill the churches with beautiful hymns and songs is very much appreciated.

Second Sunday of Easter

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."



Jesus is God. He could have risen any way He wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed as a further sign of His power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters Him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting His body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains His wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored the Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs ... those that are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ ... and that through this belief you may have life in His name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God and accept Him in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As He reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers as follows: **On the standalone beads, pray:** "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." **On the decade beads, pray:** "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." **At the end, pray the following three times:** "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." It is typical to **conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words:** "Jesus, I trust in you."

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

★ **PRAY FOR AMERICA** ★

God of freedom and liberty, you have created us a little less than the angels, and in doing so, have given us the ability to make moral choices. Continue to bless our country and give us the wisdom to know your will. We implore you to grant wisdom to our leaders. We implore you to grant wisdom to individuals who vote. Give patience to us when patience is needed. Give us the knowledge to know when action needs to confront evil. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen



Next Weekend Ministry Schedule

May 4 & 5	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Altar Servers	Other
Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM St. Elizabeth	Jude Bourdeau, Jane Cass, Wayne Cass, Janice DiCecco, Janet Mahoney	Carol DeFazio	Ryan Concannon	ACOLYTE Maggie Hassan
Sat. Vigil 4:30 PM Holy Spirit	Howard Bednar, Tim Hughes, Marian Siler, Liz Stout, Richard Stout	Narinjin Hope	Lenora Debiak Jane Suski	CANTOR Judy Manfredi
Sat. Vigil 5:30 PM St. Thomas	Dawn Hines, Mike Hinnebusch, Cindy Kacerik, Sherri Kearns, Madeline Zumbo	Yvonne Frenock	Alyssa Polakovic Faith Williams	CANTOR Donna Horcick
Sunday 8:00 AM St. Elizabeth	Jim Grassi, Mary Grassi, Ed Klein, David McBride, Mary Ruffing	Tom Carroll	Dan Carroll	ACOLYTE Aidan Knorr
9:00 AM St. Clare	Bernadette Baznik Lori Chasko Jennifer Massaro	Marlene Kacmarik	Laura Cronkhite Elizabeth Marsh	CANTOR Lorraine Carter
9:30 AM St. Thomas	Dave Alderson, Pat Bohonak, Carolyn Peternel, Cynthia Smith, Tom Smith	Kay Dryer	Aiden Palmer Julia Palmer Alexa Plasynski	CANTOR Donna Horcick
10:30 AM St. Elizabeth	Jay Black, Larry Bunda, Amy Cone, Bill Cone, Marian Sciulli	Mike Nista	Dan Fitzgerald	ACOLYTE Tori Legleitner
11:00 AM Holy Spirit	Leslie Casab, Wendy Graham, Marta Placzek, Barb Price, Soad Veltri	Mary Ann Jaskulski	Abby Catullo Isabella Catullo Ethan Demko	CANTOR Regina Botti
Noon St. Thomas	Eileen Bourgeois Carol Colgan Rose Sullivan	Toni Aceto	Siena Abercrombie Seth Lieberum Nicholas Muffi	CANTOR Donna Horcick

To all our Liturgical Ministers...We are grateful for your role in leading and supporting our weekend liturgies! Thank you all very much for your time and talents towards the joyful and reverent celebration of the Sacraments in liturgy. If you are interested in giving of your time and talent as a liturgical minister, please contact any of our Parish Offices.



In Our Parish Communities

Welcome Our New YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTER

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare, St. Elizabeth,
Holy Spirit and St. Thomas,

My name is Dana Mahr and I am very excited to begin as the new Youth and Young Adult Minister for our grouping. I have been involved in youth ministry for eleven years where I served at St. Winifred (Mount Lebanon) as Youth Minister and Coordinator for Junior High Faith Formation.

Every parish has their own story and traditions that mean a lot to all who call their church "home." I am eager to learn your story! I will try to continue your wonderful traditions and make new ones. You will find that I am energetic and passionate about constantly wanting to give God the best that I personally can.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and helping to build a community with the youth in our grouping. I enjoy working with the youth and helping them grow in their faith, either by weekly sessions, retreats, or national conferences. We will begin a Lifeteen Program soon, but in the meantime, watch the bulletin, your mail and email to find out what activities will be taking place. To be placed on my contact list for more information, please call me at 412-882-5023, or email: dmahr@st-elizabeth.org.

I would love to hear your suggestions and ideas for moving forward with this new ministry in the parishes. My husband Joe, and our children Abigail and Joseph, look forward to meeting all of you. ~ Dana

All men in our parish grouping are invited to join the St. Thomas à Becket Men's Group at 7PM on Tuesday, April 30 in the St. Thomas à Becket School Building for an 8-week study, "Into the Breach". Discussion will focus on What It Means to be a Christian Man; How a Catholic Man Loves; and The Importance of Fatherhood. Study material is provided free of charge. For more information, Call Stan at 412-384-7264.



The Respect Life Group will meet on Saturday, May 4 at 8:30AM at Holy Spirit Church in the Oratory for First Saturday Mass. A Social will follow with coffee and donuts. All parishioners from our parish grouping are invited to attend.

The last 9:15AM School Mass at St. Elizabeth Church will be on Friday, May 10. School masses will begin again when school resumes at the end of August. Watch the August bulletin for the exact date.

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 30 HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass (Wednesday, May 29):

4:00 PM Holy Spirit
5:00 PM St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Holyday (Thursday, May 30):

8:30 AM St. Clare of Assisi
9:00 AM St. Thomas à Becket
10:00 AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary*
12:00 PM Holy Spirit
7:00 PM St. Thomas à Becket
7:00 PM St. Elizabeth of Hungary

* 10AM Mass is attended by St. Elizabeth Elementary School students



FATHER WILLIAM TERZA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE



The 50th Anniversary of Fr. Bill's Ordination

SUNDAY, MAY 19

BEGINS WITH MASS AT 3:00PM
ST. THOMAS À BECKET CHURCH

followed by

DINNER & RECEPTION
(Former St. Thomas à Becket Church Building)

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 13

Note: RSVP only if you are attending the dinner for Fr. Bill. Mail this tear-out to your Parish Office or drop it in the Collection Basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Adults attending: _____ # of Children: _____



St. Clare of Assisi • Parish News

Requests for Prayers

Our Recently Departed...

Kimberly Doyle (Cousin of Amy Ference),

Pauline Kendall (Mother of Ron Lomis & Pauline (Frank) Monko),

Anna (Bretcko) Kmetz (Former Parishioner),

William "Tom" Shaw (Former Parishioner), **Mary Ellen Skop,**

Bernadette (Chasko) Stricklin (Former Parishioner), **Alma (Ruffing) Yaksick**

(Sister of Former Parishioners Leota & Mary Jean Ruffing)

Our Sick & Shut-ins...

Joe Bacha, Fr. Chuck Baptiste, Joseph Bartolomeo, Fred Bercik, Marcia Bercik, Jim Billy, Frances Bindas, Caden Boring, Cullen Boring, Mark Boring, Carol Burgess, Tom Caldwell, Thomas Campano, Maria Campano, Kathleen Cassady, Josephine Cathell, John Chomas, Stephonie Classic, Frances Colonna, Anne Donnelly, Sheila Eddy, Rebecca Farabaugh, Irene Fera, Joseph Ference, Meryl Ferrare, Louise Gallo, Richard Gazzam, Margaret Gernerchak, Ida Gouker, Pat Grguric, Genevieve Hartman, Diana Hess, Marie Hodge, Dave Jacobs, Off. James Kuzak Jr., Mayor Rich Lattanzi, Frances Lofstrom, Edward Lucot, Debra Mainiero, Martha Mathews, Audrey Mihalko, Anna Milas, Deborah (Piatek) Miller, Pat Mourey, Rev. Peter Murphy, Martha Pastorik, Aldia Pavlik, Sylvia Pittman, Eileen Poorman, Nancy Razorsek, Ralph Reitmeyer, Br. Raymond Reitmeyer, Betty Rothbauer, Kathleen Slivan, Kathy Tachoir, Rayne Tortorice, Domenic Virgona, Joan Virgona, Catherine Vukovich, Ray Werner, Richard (Buddy) White, Papa Woo



The Vigil Candle
at the Tabernacle
is lit

In Memory of

*Gertrude &
Joseph Mitko*

By
Family

Our SECOND COLLECTION
THIS SUNDAY is for the
Repairs & Maintenance of our
parish properties.

Our SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT SUNDAY is for the diocesan
Parish Share Program.

We have begun to recognize and pray for all parishioners in our grouping that serve in the military. The compiled list is on page 12 of this bulletin. It will be published periodically so that we can continue to keep them in our prayers and pray for their safety.

We have received a Thank You from Melissa Ferraro, MAOL, Executive Director of Sisters Place, for the Easter Gift that was made to their Food Bank. They are now in the process of opening "The Shop" (where household items may be purchased by their residents) and completing playground renovations at their Program Center. "Thanks to so many of you, much more than housing is being provided at Sisters Place where there is a vital need for a wrap-around approach to comprehensive assistance for families experiencing homelessness in our community!"

Registrations can still be made for the "Hats Off to Mom"
Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 11 at the
Georgetown Centre. Call 412-233-3903.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, May 2
due to a diocesan staff meeting.

Since our PSP Drive began in March, we have had 65 families make pledges totaling \$17,063! We have already received \$7,428 that families have sent in towards our new 2019 Parish Share Goal! We thank those for their generous pledges and ask that everyone continue to use their (pink) PSP envelopes every month so that we may reach our goal of \$40,000! By supporting Parish Share, you "help your own parish and the wider Church of Pittsburgh to respond to real needs" in our communities and other ministries.

Please Note: The 7PM weekday mass on Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) will be moved to 9AM.

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS

**GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY**

Next Drawing: **Tuesday,
April 30**

Entered to Date: **92**

Winners of both fundraisers—Golden Opportunity and Fab Five Lottery—will be reported in next week's bulletin. May Fab Five Tickets can be picked up in the Sacristy NEXT weekend, May 5. Thank you to "an Anonymous Donor" for sponsoring our May ticket.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary • Parish News

With gratitude to Our Lord, we are pleased to make the following announcement:

Mr. Mingwei Li, son of Jin Tuan and Ai Jin Zhou Li, of our parish has been called by his Bishop, the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, D.D., to the Order of Priesthood to be conferred at an ordination ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 29, in Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh.

SPRING-A-RAMA MAY 20-25

- volunteers are still needed to work the various booths
- donate your favorite home-made cake, pie, cookies or sweet rolls to the Bake Sale Booth
- purchase and/or sell your tickets for the Big Money Raffle: \$1,000 given away nightly Monday thru Friday and \$5,000 on Saturday
- we are accepting items for the Theme Basket Booth.
- be available on Saturday night to help take everything down and store away for another year
- pray for pleasant, rain-free evenings for each of the 6 nights of Spring-a-Rama
- call Chris & Patty DiCarlo at 412-233-4518 to offer your assistance



ROSARY DECADE FOR THE UNBORN

Join the Respect Life Group during the month of May to pray a decade of the Rosary for the Unborn. On the bulletin boards at all entrances of the church you will find a "Tear-off Tab Decade Rosary for the Unborn." Tear off any tab and pray that decade of the Rosary within a day for the babies whose lives are endangered even before their birth.

MARTHA AND MARY MINISTRY will gather for prayer and fellowship on Monday, April 29 at the home of Donna Canovali. Call Donna at 412-653-0972 for directions.

SENIOR CITIZENS *The May Fest Luncheon* will be May 3 at Salvatore's on Curry Road. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Doors open at 11:30AM with luncheon buffet served at Noon. Any member of our four church grouping can attend. Call JoAnn Rostek at 412-884-2167 for information and reservations.



All are welcome to join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:30AM Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Church.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

JOURNEY WITH JESUS On Monday, April 15, the Eighth Grade Students of St. Elizabeth Elementary School shared a very powerful and solemn presentation of Jesus' Passion. They presented the Stations of the Cross from the viewpoint of the bystanders. This prayerful devotional was the perfect way to begin Holy Week.



CELEBRATING SPRING! The children in Mrs. Jarosh's Kindergarten Class were busy learning about different habitats of animals. They enjoyed studying about animal life in a pond, forest, seashore and meadow. The children worked together to make beautiful murals of each habitat and proudly displayed them outside of their classroom.

A special surprise came when Josephine's mom, Mrs. Maloney, brought in their pet turtle, Emily! Emily loved being in Kindergarten and Mrs. Maloney taught us some very interesting facts about turtles and their habitats.



The Kindergarten children were also busy being "budding" authors! They wrote a book titled, "*In the Spring*" and will have it published by Studenttreasures! Each child wrote a little story and then illustrated it. We are excited to see the finished book and add one to our classroom library. Spring has certainly sprung in Kindergarten!



TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER St. Elizabeth Elementary School is holding a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00-8:00PM. Please join us. We will have a table set up with Chinese Auction Baskets and a Bake Sale. You will find the coupons by the Church entrances. Please share this with friends and family. We'll be looking for you!

SPRING-A-RAMA BASKET OF CHEER Donations for the Basket of Cheer can be dropped off at the parish rectory.



Holy Spirit • Parish News



PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Eileen P. McElhinny,
Kathleen Yaksick (*sister of Leota & Mary Ruffing*) and **Audrey Wrege** (*Niece of Marta & Al Placzek*) and all our deceased relatives, friends and loved ones. **May they, and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, be with God forever.**

ADULT EDUCATION has completed the series and will break for the summer. We look forward to seeing old and new faces for a new series of Adult Education topics in the fall.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on May 3 from 9AM to 7PM. This opportunity to pray with our Lord will take place in the Oratory, the First Friday of every month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held on May 4 beginning with praying the Rosary at 8:15AM, followed by the 8:30AM Mass. This Devotion takes place on the First Saturday of each month in the Oratory. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this celebration.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Saturday, May 11 from 9 to 10AM in the Spirit Room. We will focus on Lesson 48, "Heroes and Role Models". All men in the Parish grouping are invited to attend!

GOLDEN AGERS will meet on May 14 at Noon in Horner Hall. New members are always welcome! Call George Kovalcik at 412-466-2140 for more information.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP will meet on Saturday, May 18 and June 1 in the Spirit Room from 10AM to Noon. We begin with Centering Prayer followed by Lectio Divina (the prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture). We break for coffee and snacks followed by a DVD and reflection.

The Second Collection *This* weekend is for our Building Maintenance.

The Second Collection *Next* weekend will be for our Unemployment Collection which supports the Cloverleaf Food Bank in their efforts to reduce hunger in our Parish & Community. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Share 2019 Update

As of April 14, 98 families have pledged \$17,355 and have made donations of \$12,565.

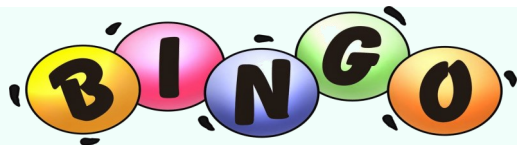
Thank you for your generous support to meet our goal of \$65,197.00. If you have not already given, please consider making a pledge. We truly appreciate your sacrifice.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Come pray the Rosary for all your special intentions every Tuesday at 4PM in the Oratory. Please enter in the back.

Call Barb Rauch at 412-886-2636 with any questions.

KNIGHT AT THE RACES The Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a "Knight at the Races" on Saturday, May 4 at the Holy Trinity Hall, 529 Grant Ave. Ext. in West Mifflin. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. This includes: light buffet, 50/50 raffle and other games of chance raffle tickets. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, a horse for \$5 or sponsoring a race for \$25, and for any questions regarding this event, please call David Palcsey at 412-672-6222.



SUPER BINGO - MAY 5

DOORS & KITCHEN OPEN AT NOON

Early Bird Games at 1 PM with Regular games to follow. Tickets are \$25 at the door!

Please come and support this wonderful fundraiser! It will be the last one until Fall at Holy Spirit!



St. Thomas à Becket • Parish News



The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle in the Church will burn this week

*In Celebration of the
59th Wedding Anniversary of
Bill & Judy Kerns.*



Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Paul A. Ruggier**, brother of Sandi Como of our parish.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed be embraced by the Heavenly Father unto everlasting life.

May **Paul** rest in the peace of the Lord.



**ROSARY FOR:
ALEXANDER (AL) THOMAS - 5/14**

The Rosary will be recited on the above date for the repose of the soul of **AL**. The time will be at **8:40 AM** before the 9AM Mass. We invite you to join us in this charitable act.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISHIONERS

If you've had a change of address, phone number (maybe to a cell # instead of a land line), or a name change, please let us know by calling our Parish Office at 412-655-2885. This will help us in keeping the parish census files up to date. Thank you.



Help is needed to water all of the beautiful flowers that adorn our church this Easter season.

The flowers are watered on Fridays at Noon. If you can spare an hour, please show up in the Narthex at Noon with watering can in hand! Thank you.



THE CHURCH OFFICE
Will be closed on **Thursday, May 2**
due to a Diocesan staff meeting.



Hallelujah!



LADIES OF CHARITY

The next meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, MAY 14**. It will be held in the **COFFEE SHOPPE AT 6:30PM**. The Food Bank items being collected for **MAY** are **aluminum foil, plastic wrap and plastic bags**. Items for the Food Bank may be placed in the Food Bank Area located in the Narthex of the church.

For more information, please contact
Eileen Miller at 412-233-4818.



FOOD DRIVE

**MAY 11 & 12 — FOOD
COLLECTION FOR THE
CLOVERLEAF FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank is very grateful for the monthly food that is being collected and sent to the Cloverleaf Food Bank. Many thanks to our families who bring non-perishable foods on the second Sunday of each month. May God bless you. This project is sponsored by the Ladies of Charity and the Knights of Columbus.

Young Ladies in Grades 5 through 12

**WE INVITE YOU TO SERVE at the
G.R.A.C.E. Women's Group
4th Annual LADIES TEA**

SATURDAY, MAY 11 – 1-3PM



The St. Thomas à Becket G.R.A.C.E. Group is inviting ALL young ladies of the parish in these grades to assist with set-up, food service, tea prep and/or clean-up. No tickets are required for servers, but tea and food will be provided for you.

**If you are interested, please call/text
Dana Olup at 412-915-4788.**



Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Children

Have a great Easter season and Summer! Watch the bulletin, your email and your home mail for information regarding Faith Formation for the upcoming year. Planning is now underway to determine class and program options.



sacramental prep

FAITH FORMATION

✠ First Eucharist Practices:

St. Thomas à Becket:

Thursday, May 2 - 6:30-8PM

Holy Spirit:

Thursday, May 16 - 6:30-8PM

✠ Confirmation Practice:

St. Thomas à Becket:

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 PM in the Church

On Saturday, May 4 at 11AM, the Most Rev. Bishop William Waltersheid will confirm 120 candidates from our parish grouping at St. Thomas à Becket Church.

As we move forward into the Easter season, take some time to consider how God is calling you to take His Light and Life into the world. There are so many ways to serve in our Faith Formation Programs for children, youth and adults. Pray about this and then give us a call in the Faith Formation Office at 412-882-5023. Your gifts and talents can be put to good use as office assistants, program assistants, catechists, parking and safety assistants and so much more.

**Mark
Your
Calendar!**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 8-12 ☀ 6:30-8:30PM
St. Thomas à Becket Campus

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MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Tweens, teens and adults (Grade 6 and beyond) are needed to help with this exciting event. If you can help, please contact us at 412-882-5023, or email: kcentinaro@st-elizabeth.org



First Holy Communion

On Sunday, April 28, our Catholic Community of St. Clare of Assisi, St. Elizabeth, Holy Spirit and St. Thomas à Becket, welcome to the Eucharistic Table for the first time these young disciples at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church:

Allison Beattie

Harper Burnstein

Ethan Dotts

Michael Fischer

Gracia Casab

Erik Greenaway

Hunter Kellerman

Campbell Knox

Gage LaPaglia

Summer Leonard

Rachel Lydon

Christopher McNelis

Emily Myers

Gabriella Parker

Norahjane Rupp

Leslie Veltri

Katelyn Weiss

Danna Zamarripa Garcia

Marissa Brain

Aiden Dotts

Lily Fetzko

Mario Aziz

Kamryn Gigliotti

Jacob Hunnell

Cullen Kesser

Morgan Kolesar

Samuel Lavrinc

Matthew Lydon

Finnegan McHugh

Maddie Minydzak

Andrew Palko

Danielle Parsons

Ryan Summerfield

Norah Vines

Gary Woods

Welcome To Our Parish Community

Congratulations to **Aiyana Abel**, **Steven Blohm** and **Paul Sweigart**, who became members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil! It was a beautiful Mass and inspiring to see their joy in receiving the Sacraments for the first time. We thank God for their faith and openness to allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. Let us continue to pray for them on their journey of faith.



Paul Sweigart (second from left with his sponsor, Kelly Colopietro), Aiyana Abel (fourth from left, with her sponsor, Katie Bolten, and Steven Blohm (far right, with his sponsor, Ray Benvenuti)



More Diocese and Community News

Life After Addiction: A Journey of HEALING & HOPE
S.A.M. (Substance Addiction Ministry) presents ...
Speaker, Bill McCabe, CEO,
Silver Pines Treatment Center, Mahanoy City, PA

TUESDAY, MAY 7 ■ 7:00PM
St. Louise de Marillac - Le Gras Hall
(320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair 15241)

Bill's story of addiction encourages and inspires. He was "homeless, unemployable and physically dying" in his 20's. He has found 30 years of long-term recovery and has found a career of excellence in helping those with chemical dependency, relapse and saving the lives of the addict as well as those who love the addict.

Ladies ... come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 18 from 9AM to Noon at the Crowne Plaza in Greentree. Hear speaker, Ann Vucic, talk of her spiritual journey and the message to trust God and His plans. Born in Medjugorje, she had a healing when visiting her homeland at age 15. The cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749, or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. The registration deadline is Friday, May 10.



Pray for Our MILITARY

As we continue to merge ideas, events and other activities of our four churches into one unified Parish, it was suggested that we expand the Prayer List for our men and women serving in our military. If you know of someone who is a parishioner in our grouping and would like to be placed on this list, please contact Karen Michaux, Coordinator of Social Concerns at 412-207-1655.

This list will be repeated periodically in the bulletin.

From St. Clare of Assisi:

Dante Capane (Marines); Richard Cronkhite (Navy);
Michael Goliat (Navy); Garrett Santoline (Army Nat'l Guard);
Michael Santoline (Army); Luke Thornton (Air Force);
Zachary Thornton (Army Nat'l Guard); Jeffery West (Army);
Jeffrey Yuhas (Marine Reserves)

From St. Elizabeth of Hungary:

Matthew Cone (Army Reserves); J.J. Priano (Navy)

From St. Thomas à Becket:

Zachary Lesutis (Army); Joe Limegrover (Marines);
Andrew West (Army Reserves);
Toby Hlad (Parish and Military Branch Not Specified)

BASKETS NEEDED!

The St. Elizabeth Spring-a-Rama Basket Booth needs large baskets/containers and donations of NEW items to fill them up!! Once again Theme Baskets will be made. Some examples: sports items—gift cards—toys & games—candles—hair/bath products—Italian foods—gourmet items, etc. Use your imagination! We also need donations for the "Wheelbarrow of Cheer". Please drop off any items to St. Elizabeth School or the Parish Office. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

HOAGIE SALE! Sponsored by the WJH Knights of Columbus — On the weekend of May 11/12 the Knights will be at all four churches in our grouping after Mass to take your orders:

14" Deluxe Italian ... \$7.00 (Cooked ham, Capicola, Hard Salami, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato)

14" Turkey ... \$7.00 (Turkey Breast, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato)

You may pick up your orders after Mass on the weekend of May 18/19. Questions? Call Gene at 412-655-2697.

BUS TRIP! JESUS *Live on Stage*

Sight & Sound Theatres, Lancaster, PA

DATE: Thursday, June 13

TIME/ITINERY: 9:00 AM Depart from
St. Elizabeth Church

2 comfort stops ♦ show at 3:00 PM

♦ Stop for dinner after the show at HERSHEY
FARM RESTAURANT in Lancaster, PA ♦♦

Return around 12:00 midnight

COST: \$110 (includes show ticket and
cost of bus)

TO SIGN UP: Call Corky Neff at 412-655-3894
First come, first served — Register soon!





Stewardship • Parish Staff & Contacts



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year
July 2018 - June 2019

**Weekend of
April 20/21**

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Holy Thursday	\$ 378.00
Holy Land	\$646.00
Easter	\$5,430.00

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Holy Land	\$ 2,493.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 17,883.00
Easter	\$ 14,925.00
Food Pantry	\$ 1,029.00

All categories include Online Giving

HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Land	\$ 885.00
Easter	\$ 9,346.00

ST. THOMAS À BECKET

Holy Thursday	\$ 1,724.41
Holy Land	\$ 1,442.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,243.00
Easter	\$ 12,811.75

All categories include Online Giving

*Thank you one and all
for your continued
generosity and support of
our parish communities.*

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