

DECEMBER 13, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 14/John of the Cross, priest & doctor

6:30 AM Edward Pramik

8:00 AM Paul Bonenberger

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 AM Joan Marie Boyle

8:00 AM Charles D. Keiser

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 AM James Schmaldest

8:00 AM Paul Deutsch

Thursday, December 17

6:30 AM James Alfano

8:00 AM Anna & Paul Pramick

Friday, December 18

6:30 AM Rudolf Brem

8:00 AM Joseph C. Linnon, Sr.

Saturday, December 19

9:00 AM Edward J. Verneau

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Harry Parker

Sunday, December 20

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family

9:00 AM Margaret Schuster

10:30 AM James E. Bucklin, Sr.

12:00 PM Carmelo Spadaro and Family

PARISH VOLUNTEERS!

Do you love working with and teaching children? Have you thought of volunteering as an instructor for our Liturgy of the Word Program during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays? Fear not! We would love to have you join us and will help you get started. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 610-266-0695. God bless you!

SERVICE PERSONNEL

We would like to update the addresses of our family and friends who are in the service. If you know of an address that has changed, or are not sure which address we have, please call the office. We would like this as soon as possible so there is time to send Christmas cards.

VESPER SERVICE

Our Advent Vesper Service will take place this Sun. Dec 13th at 5 p.m. It offers the opportunity to step back from the distractions of this busy time into the peace of some beautiful music and prayer intended to help us be truly prepared for Christmas. Please come.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Eighth grade parishioners attending Catholic, public or private elementary or middle schools are invited to apply for a one-year \$1,000 scholarship to attend one of the eight Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Allentown. Scholarships will be rewarded on the basis of academic achievement; involvement in extracurricular activities; service to school, parish and community; and pastor, principal and teacher recommendations. Application forms are available at the parish or school office. Completed applications must be submitted to the student's school by January 8, 2010.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

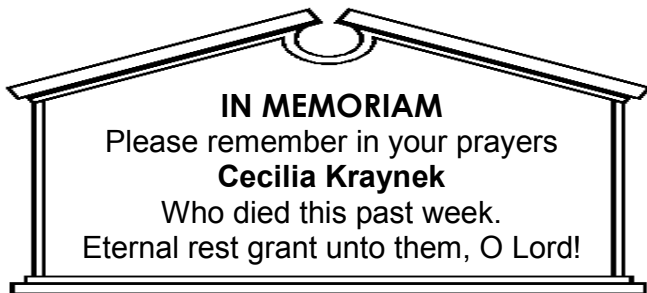
- Congratulations to Gloria Masucci, Carmen Nebres, Alina Perinotti and Evelyn Sacconi who were winners in the Vacation Sweepstakes Lottery for the 1st week of December. Thanks for your support.
- There are three Enjoy the City Books available at the school office. They make great Christmas gifts, they are only \$20.
- The December school newsletter is available on line @ www.sercc.org/school along with other pertinent information. You can reach us at 610-264-0143 during school office hours 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2010 Entertainment Books are available in the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. The books can be used immediately through November 1, 2010. The price of the book is still only \$20.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The "Giving Tree" is an opportunity to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by giving gifts of baby items to the babies who will be born this coming year. Please choose a gift tag from the tree in the vestibule, purchase the needed item and bring the **UNWRAPPED** gift to Church by December 20.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember to ask God's blessing and gift of good health for members of our parish family and friends who are in nursing homes, or in the hospital. Also, those confined to their homes with an illness or disability, sick or in the hospital: Dominic Bellucci, Sr., Rose Bellucci, Joanne Castle, Carol Crugnale, Anne Fox, Ryan Glose, Kay Gober, Andrew Hein, Marie Janenko, Frances Kaminski, June Kilhefner, Deb Kresge, Joan Marks, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco and Colleen Tomline.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet this Sun, Dec. 13 after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast sticks, Danish, juice & coffee – all for only \$5.50/adult, \$2.50/children, children 3 and under are free. This month we will be offering fresh made **western omelets**. Stop in and try our great food! You are getting a good meal, and helping your Parish! This month's sponsor is **Gilbert Funeral Home**.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Please make special note of this confession schedule. We encourage you to make a good confession before Christmas and prepare spiritually for the coming of our Savior:

Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 PM ****

Saturday, December 20 from 3:00 – 4:15 PM

**** **Additional priests** will be on hand to help hear confessions. There will not be a service before confessions.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

Caregiver Hospitality Ministry Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30-9 pm. If you care for the needs of a loved one, plan on attending this nurturing, confidential and non-judgmental gathering. Brochures explaining this ministry are available in the rectory (610-266-0695).

Monthly Visits to Assisted Living & Skilled Nursing Facilities Parishioners – Please consider sharing a few hours to cheer and “connect” with fellow parishioners who deeply appreciate your kindly visit to represent the parish family. Call Bernadette Marushak, RN to schedule a 1-1/2 hour training session. Call 610-434-7536 to register or for more information.

Friendly Meals Ministry – Continues to need volunteers to cook 1-2 meals every 1-2 months for parishioners living alone and recovering from an illness. Please call the Elaine Richmond, coordinator (610-435-8907) to register.

Thank You! The Whitehall Manor residents wish to express their deepest gratitude to St. Elizabeth's Adult Choir and parishioners who led them in singing Christmas Carols and entertained them singing solos, duets and choral selections last Sunday. A great big thank you to all our carolers -- Gary Stokes, Director of Music, Father Stan, “Santa Claus”, James, Marguerite and Austin Boccardi, Maureen & Bob Calder, Tom Fichter, Joan Glover, Zuzana & Ethan Hawkes, Mary Fran Kaminski, Roger, Tami & Jared King, Mary Ann Kulhamer, Maryanne & Kristen Lake, Carol Manning, Bernadette Marushak, Diane Mascari, Wendy Ohlsen, Anne Pherigo, Erin Puskar, Joe Samanka and John Tauber. Stop by the Parish Nursing bulletin board in the vestibule to view this joyful event. Also thank you to Claire Levanduski for the homemade Christmas cookies for our St. Elizabeth residents.

Blood Drive: Please circle Sunday, January 24th – 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Our number of donations to “St. Elizabeth's Blood Bank 2009” year to date ending 11/30/2009 are 191. This is a record high and one month to go. Congratulations and thank you for your generous hearts.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The St. Elizabeth Daycare is a drop off for Toys for Tots. Please donate a new unwrapped toy for our local children. They can be dropped off between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Christmas ornaments are on sale in the school and church office for \$5. There is a sample hanging on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lectors please pick up your 2009 workbooks in the sacristy after Mass. Please take the workbook with your name on it so we are able to see who did not receive their book.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following child into our family of faith. Congratulations to parents, godparents, family members and friends.

Jade Lynn Snyder

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI)

Christmas wafers are available at the Parish Office, 8 AM- 4 PM for \$2.00 per pack. If this is part of your family tradition, we encourage you to continue it. For those who are not familiar with the custom and wish to start this tradition in your own home, there is an explanation of the custom on the packet.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the St Elizabeth Blue High School CYO Basketball team for winning the season opening Adam Wolk Basketball Tournament held at St Joseph the Worker last weekend. The boys defeated perennial power St Joes White in overtime to win the tournament.

ALTAR SERVERS-CANTOR-LECTORS-EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please check your calendars for **January and February** and call the parish office by **December 14**, for the dates you will be unavailable to serve. Since Mrs. Carol O'Connor has retired, please call Lisa (610-266-0695) or email her at lbucklin@sercc.org. If you do not notify the office before Dec. 14, and you are shown on the schedule, remember it is your responsibility to find someone to substitute for you.

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