

DECEMBER 20, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 21/Peter Canisuis, priest & doctor

6:30 AM Rev. Frederick Winkler

8:00 AM Stella Maley

Tuesday, December 22

6:30 AM Shirley Robbins

8:00 AM Catherine Kucharik

Wednesday, December 23/John of Kanty, priest

6:30 AM Peter Fox

8:00 AM Gwendolyn Goehringer

Thursday, December 24/Vigil of Christmas

6:30 AM Mildred Fetherolf

8:00 AM Pauline Simon

See Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 25/ Nativity of the Lord

See Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 26/Stephen, first martyr

9:00 AM Frank Sinkovits

Vigil: Holy Family Sunday

4:30 PM Edward J. Pudleiner

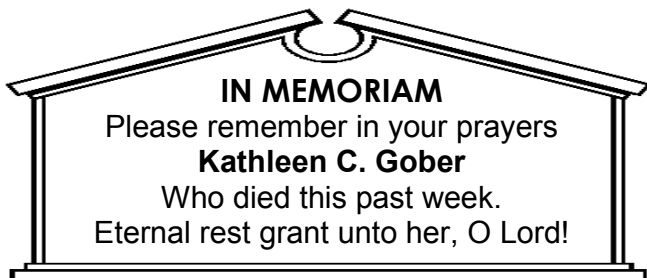
Sunday, December 27

7:30 AM John Schuster

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family

10:30 AM Tiny Santelli

12:00 PM Dr. Michael Liaw



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, Andrew Hein, Louise Hunsberger, Marie Janenko, Frances Kaminski, June Kilhefner, Deb Kresge, Phyllis Lauer, Helen Luipersbeck, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco and Colleen Tomline.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec 24 – 4:30 and 9 PM
(No Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day, Dec. 25 – 7:30, 9:00,
10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY NEW YEARS DAY

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 – 4:30 PM Only
New Year's Day, Jan. 1 – 9:00 and 12:00 Noon

A CHRISTMAS WELCOME

We joyfully welcome all that have come to celebrate God's best gift to all of humanity, Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Let every voice be lifted up in singing and praying as we focus upon the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. And let every hand be extended in fellowship and good will as we greet and share with one another. "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19)

On behalf of all of us, your priests and parish staff, we wish you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! May the Christ Child bless you and your family abundantly.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

On behalf of the Breakfast Club and all the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth's we would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Gilbert Funeral Home** for sponsoring our Parish Breakfast this past Sunday. Because of their generosity, we made an 100% profit for our parish. We would also like to thank all those who patronized our breakfast, without you it would not have been a success. The western omelets were a huge hit and we are adding them to our menu. Next month will feature homemade **French Toast**.

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.

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 Mr. & Mrs. John Elnitsky, Ray Gilbert, John LeCompte, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mesics, Msgr. Anthony Muntone, and Helen Renode who were winners in the Vacation Sweepstakes for the 2nd week of December. We had one \$1500 winner, two \$100 winners and three \$50 winners. Thanks to all 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.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

“We the Living” Support Group – Understanding the grief process and receiving support from those experiencing the same are integral to working through grief! Please call Marie Signarovitz at 610-434-7009 to register or to ask questions. The 12 week support group begins Monday, January 11, 2010 from 9:30 – 11 am in the parish center.

Hilda Sarka sends her deepest gratitude for “so many cards and loving wishes from the parishioners and children of St. Elizabeth” for her 100th Birthday! A special thank you to Msgr. Muntone, Fr. Stanley and Fr. Arnout who joined her party and led songs and birthday wishes for her. Rose Balliet’s delicious birthday cakes and Bernadette Marushak’s generous planning for the celebration added more fun for family and friends. Check the pictures on the parish nurse bulletin board in the vestibule of the church and share in the “spirit” of all who attended.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Starting at 8:30 on Christmas Eve, the choir will be presenting musical selections featuring the organ, keyboard, flute and bells. This will lead up to the 9:00 PM Mass.

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.

POINSETTIAS

The Poinsettias that were ordered can be picked up in the social hall after the Masses today. There are some extra Poinsettias in case you forgot to order yours.

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.

SAFETY

Whitehall Township Police Department wants us to remember that at this time of year crime increases. Please remember to lock your car and maintain control over your purses and wallets. Please enjoy the holiday season and remember to take these important measures to minimize risks and vulnerabilities and call the police department if you do have problems.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Jan. 1.

PEACE ON EARTH, SILENT NIGHT, AND GIVING

Don't let the frenzy of the season take away from what is really important about Christmas. Use Shopping Certificates for your entire gift giving needs. Giant, Weis and Redner cards make great gift ideas for hard to buy for people. You can also use the Shopping Certificates to buy other gift cards for national chain department/specialty stores and restaurants. Want to do your shopping on line? Use Giant, Weis and Redner's cards to buy Amazon gift cards. Shopping Certificates for grocery stores also make excellent gifts for charities. Each time you purchase shopping certificates, you provide financial support to our school. So give St. Elizabeth Regional School a special Christmas Gift, use Shopping Certificates for all of your holiday needs. Simplify your shopping, support our school and spend your time enjoying the magnificence of this Holy Season. Thank you for your continued support and God Bless you.

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