

DECEMBER 27, 2009
HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Monday, December 28/Holy Innocents, martyrs

6:30 AM Edward Urban

8:00 AM Henry Steffens

Tuesday, December 29/Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

6:30 AM Gloria Makovsky

8:00 AM Robert Bagshaw

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 AM Carolyn Marino

8:00 AM Francis "Frank" Crugnale

Thursday, December 31/Sylvester I, pope

6:30 AM Robert Dolan

8:00 AM Sister Regina Smith

See New Year's Schedule

Friday, January 1/Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

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Saturday, January 2/St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory

Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

9:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM Kathleen Bartolacci

Sunday, January 3

7:30 AM John Swantek

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

10:30 AM Thelma Boyer

12:00 PM Myra Tognoli

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, Carol Crugnale, Stephen Gasdik, Jr., Ryan Glose, Andrew Hein, Janet Jinks, Frances Kaminski, Deb Kresge, Phyliss Lauer, Helen Luipersbeck, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco and Colleen Tomline.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

- Congratulations to the Garcia family, Jean Gilbert and Joseph Perini who were winners in the Vacation Sweepstakes for the third week of December. We had three \$50 winners. Thanks to all for your support.
- 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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
NEW YEARS DAY

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 – 4:30 PM Only

New Year's Day, Jan. 1 – 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, Jan. 1.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make the New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain,
but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

Not by taking hardship from us,
but by taking all cowardice and fear from our
hearts as we meet hardships.

Not by granting unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping our faces bright even
in the shadows.

Not by making our lives always pleasant,
but by showing us where others and your
cause need us most and by making us
zealous to be there and to help. Amen

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make our church look so beautiful for Christmas. A special expression of gratitude goes to Fritz Sauerzopf, Joe Kucharik, Bob Kulhamer and their helpers for all the hours they spent setting up all those trees. We are grateful to the Eline's of Hickory Grove for sending us their most beautiful poinsettias, and to Bob & Mary Ann Kulhamer, Brenda & Rich Feiller, Ann Frankl, Karen Alkahl and Dorothy McCoach for giving us all the time that was needed to make everything look just perfect, and to Deacon Al and his crew for their heavy lifting and high ladder work.

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.

GOLDEN AGERS

2010 dues (\$5) are payable to Joan Geiger (610-434-5642). You can mail your dues to Joan at 415 Windsor St, Whitehall, PA 18052. There is no meeting in January. The February meeting is on the 5th with John Bauer entertaining.

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.

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 **2:30 pm to 4 pm** (note change in time) in the parish center.

Prayer Chain Ministry – Please remember to call the rectory between the first and the fifth of each month to renew your prayer intentions! Parishioners currently hospitalized at this time will remain on the list. Other intentions that have not been renewed will be removed. This will keep this list updated and in compliance with the ministry protocol. Thank you!

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown Counseling and Behavioral Health Program is accepting Medical Assistance/Health Choices Insurance for residents of Lehigh and Northampton counties. Traditional Highmark Blue Shield and Traditional Blue Cross are accepted for residents of any county. Please contact the Lehigh/Northampton County service office at 530 Union Boulevard, Allentown, 610-435-1541.
- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown needs families to foster medically fragile children, siblings, and teen mothers with infants. An Information Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 13 at Catholic Charities, 530 Union Boulevard, Allentown. Please register by January 12 with Patricia Reusch at 610-435-1541, ext. 334 or e-mail preusch@allentowndiocese.org

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.

2010 CHILDREN’S ENVELOPES

Children’s envelopes are available after Mass in the vestibule of the Church. Please encourage your children to practice stewardship for their parish by using their envelopes.



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.

GIFT CARD SALES

Shopping/Gift Card Sales- Stop after Mass at the table in the **CHURCH VESTIBULE** to purchase Giant, Weis, Redners, Kohls, JCPenney, Olive Garden/Red Lobster and Barnes and Noble. You can also purchase Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM at the parish office. Remember that cards for other stores can be purchased at Giant, Redners and some Weis stores using Giant, Redners or Weis cards. **Home Depot, Toys R Us, Sears, Macys, Old Navy and others store card** are available at the supermarkets. Gas stations at Weis, Giant and Redners accept gift cards for **gas purchases**. Thank you for your continued support of this school fund raiser.

TANGO NIGHT

St. Catharine of Siena Women’s Alliance invites couples, singles, everyone to sign up for “Tango Night” on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 7-11 PM in our Parish Activity Center located at 1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104. The evening’s highlight will be two hours of demonstration, instruction and participation in the romantic art of the Argentine Tango, led by Sharon Hillman, the Lehigh Valley’s own “Queen of the Tango.” She guarantees you’ll know the basics by the end of the evening. tickets are just \$15 per person and include hot/cold hors d’ oeuvres, dessert buffet, coffee, tea and soft drinks. (The evening is strictly BYO wine and beer.) So bring your partner, or come alone! All are welcome! For reservations or more information, contact Donna Yeager at 610-821-9394.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

The logo for CA Plus features a stylized arrow pointing up and to the right, followed by the text 'CA Plus' in a large, serif font. Below this, 'COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PLUS' is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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