

**DECEMBER 28, 2008**  
**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY**

Monday, December 29/Thomas Becket, bishop,  
martyr

6:30 AM Robert Bagshaw, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

8:00 AM Romana Alvarez

Tuesday, December 30

6:30 AM Jean Galante

8:00 AM Francis Crugnale, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Wednesday, December 31/Sylvester I, pope

6:30 AM Mary Kweder

8:00 AM Lila Smith

**See New Year's Schedule**

Thursday, January 1/Blessed Virgin Mary, the  
Mother of God

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Friday, January 2/Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

**6:30 AM NO MASS**

8:00 AM Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 3/ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 AM John Swantek

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM Kathleen Bartolacci

Sunday, January 4

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

9:00 AM Gloria Makovsky

10:30 AM Teresa Todd

12:00 PM Kathryn Trescak

**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., Kristen Bloomfield, Lorraine Corso, Veronica DeLucas, Wilma Elnitsky, Richard Fetherolf, Ryan Glose, Andrew Hein, Elizabeth Holubowsky, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Hilda Sarka, Rosemarie Toronto and Timothy Yankowy.

**ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL**

▪ Congratulations to Alex Kerezsi, John Laky, Dona Oressie, Jenelle Olsovsky, Helen Romano and Jeff Scheuren who were winners in the Vacation Sweepstakes Lottery for the 2nd week of December. \$2400 in prize money was given out. Thanks to all for your support!

▪ Don't forget to visit our website at [www.sercc.org/school](http://www.sercc.org/school) to view current school events, pictures, calendars, newsletter, etc. Please let us know what you think!!

**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

**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 5, 2009.

**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 the keeper of the evergreen forest for supplying our trees and to Jim Friel, Fritz Sauerzopf and their helpers for all the hours they spent in trimming them and placing every light in exactly the right spot. 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 and Ann Frankl 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.

**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

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, 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 you 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.

### CONFIRMATION 2009

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 10. If you would like to be a prayer partner for one of these young people, please call Carol O'Connor (610-266-0695). All this entails is praying for the person during their time of preparation.

### PARISH NURSING NEWS

**Next Blood Drive:** Please circle Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> (8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) in the parish hall.

**"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 Carol Crugnale @ 610-439-4932 or Marie Signarovitz @ 610-434-7009 to register or ask questions. The 12 week support group begins Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> (1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) in the parish center.

**"Repair With Care" Support Group** – Are you a separated or divorced person who is experiencing the pains of grief and grieving? This group places special emphasis on recovery "principles" and "ten essential touchstones" for finding hope and healing your heart! Jim Seng, M.S., LCADC, will facilitate a 12-week support group beginning Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> (7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) in our parish center. Please call Jim @ 610-746-9940 to register or to ask any questions.

### 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.

## IT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!



The St. Elizabeth School Board will be hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs, homemade desserts – the works! Advance ticket prices remain the same: \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. Children under age 5 eat free. Tickets will be sold after all masses on January 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. They can also be purchased by contacting Karen Hoff at (610) 439-6101. A very special thank you goes to Gilbert Funeral Home for sponsoring this dinner. Their generous support enables 100% of the proceeds from this dinner to benefit the children of St. Elizabeth Regional School.

### 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.

### SECOND GRADE THANK YOUS!

Many, many kind thank yous to the people of St. Elizabeth Parish. Your generous gift giving under our Giving Tree will help to feed and clothe many needy children in 2009 through Catholic Charities. We would also like to thank you for purchasing our poinsettia plants this Christmas. The proceeds have helped us to buy many snacks for our soldiers serving over in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were able to pack 15 shoe box size boxes with snacks and homemade cards and send them on their way. The poinsettia sales also paid for the shipping costs. Merry Christmas and may you each be blest with a happy, holy, and healthy new year.

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