

JANUARY 10, 2010 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 11
6:30 AM Susan Vogel
8:00 AM Catherin e Sperruzzi

Tuesday, January 12
6:30 AM Catherine Brennen
8:00 AM Frank DeLucia

Wednesday, January 13/Saint Hilary, bishop & doctor of
the church
6:30 AM Mary F. Sabol
8:00 AM Mimi Riesley

Thursday, January 14
6:30 AM Wilfred Bair
8:00 AM Myra Tognoli

Friday, January 15
6:30 AM Dolores Seng
8:00 AM John Taus

Saturday, January 16
9:00 AM William Wolf

Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM Emma DeLucia

Sunday, January 17
7:30 AM Joseph & Theresa Zaun
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family
10:30 AM Cecelia D'Annibale
12:00 PM Nicholas Potenzi, Sr.

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, Anna Billowitch, Ruth Cain, Carol Crugnale, Ronald DeLazio, Ryan Glose, Andrew Hein, Louise Hunsberger, Barbara Karp, Stephen Lang, Mary Pramick, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco and Colleen Tomline.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

- Congratulations to John Berlin, Mark Bonshak, Mark Cunningham, Donna Fogel, Patricia Kantz, John LeCompte, Jr., Agnes Nyemscek and Gregory Purvis who were winners in the Vacation Sweepstakes for the 4th week of December. There was one \$1000 winner, two \$100 winners and five \$50 winners. We only had one winner in the 5th week of December - Ruthann Rittle - \$50. We'd like to thank all who participated in this fundraiser for our school. Our winners collected \$3750 and overall we made approximately \$4000.
- The January 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.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Lose Weight, Eat Better, Exercise More. Here is a resolution that is easy to keep: Buy Shopping Certificates! What better time to begin to buy shopping certificates! If you have never purchased certificates, make a resolution to buy one per month. Shopping Certificates are available for Applebees, Giant, Weis, Redner's, Kohl's, JC Penny, Olive Garden/Red Lobster and Barnes and Noble. You can purchase gasoline or purchase other gift cards with your Giant, Weis, and Redner's cards. Kohl's cards can be used to pay on your store accounts. Olive Garden/Red Lobster cards are an excellent way to treat Mom for a night out of the kitchen. Use the Barnes and Noble cards to purchase college textbooks online. The gift cards can be used online. If you already buy Shopping Certificates, encourage a friend to purchase them. Shopping Certificates can be purchased after all of the Masses, in the parish office and through the school. All proceeds from the sale of these certificates go to our school. Make a resolution that is easy to keep and will benefit our school: Buy Shopping Certificates in 2010.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – JANUARY 31ST TO FEBRUARY 5TH

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 31st to February 5th. Please look for our scheduled events that will be published in our church bulletin the weekend of January 23rd. We are celebrating the theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends For Life". This week of celebration gives us the chance to demonstrate to everyone around us how integral our Catholic Faith is in all we do. Please join us in our week of celebration. Participate in the activities, take pride in the accomplishments of our students and enjoy each moment of the week with us. Thank you in advance for all the support you give to Catholic Education.

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. The February meeting is on the 5th with John Bauer entertaining.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who sent so many beautiful cards, , fruit baskets, cookies, cakes and many other gifts to us during the Christmas Season. Your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity are very deeply appreciated. Msgr. Muntone and Father Stan.

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.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

"We the Living" Support Group – "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. Whether your loss is measured in months or years, all are welcome! We invite you to a 12 week support group beginning Monday, January 11th from **2:30 pm to 4 pm** in the parish center. This important ministry helps the grieving heal and grow! Please call Marie Signarovitz at 610-434-7009 to register or to ask questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Will meet Thursday, January 14th, 7-8:30 pm in the parish center. Celebrate 2½ years of crocheting and knitting. 560 shawls, baby blankets, bereavement covers, etc. have been given to grateful parishioners or their loved ones! New members are always welcome! A heartfelt thank you to all who contribute in any way to this rewarding ministry! Please drop off completed items at the rectory 8 am - 4 pm M-Fri if you are unable to attend the meeting.

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 Signups: Next weekend, Jan. 16th and 17th, before and after all Masses in the vestibule of the church. Sunday Jan. 24th from 8:00 am to 1:30 PM the "Critical Needs" Winter Blood Drive will take place in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Please pray for a generous response. Thank you to the following volunteers who will schedule your appointment.

Sat Jan 16th - 4 pm - 5:30 pm Pauline & Mike Sosnowski

Sun Jan 17th - 7 am - 8:30 am Monica & Tony Cocco

8:30 am – 10 am Linda Melosky & Cathy Bonshak

10 am – 11:30 am Kerri & Brian Puskar

11:30 am – 1 pm Bernadette & Don Marushak

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown Third Annual Gala "Love Thy Neighbor" on Sunday, March 21 at the Holiday Inn Fogelsville will feature Rev. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA, who will speak on Reducing Poverty in Half by the Year 2020. Honorees will include volunteers William J. Scharle of Allentown, Paul T. Essig, esquire of Reading and Milly Scrak, Ecumenical Kitchen. To receive an invitation, become a sponsor or place a patron or business advertisement in the program, please contact Gala Co-Chairpersons Ann & Pat Ruggiero at 484-221-3750 or Lynne Shampain at Catholic Charities 610-791-3888, ext. 310 or lshampain@allentowndiocese.org.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who baked cakes for Daybreak during the month of December. Your baked goods were greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LADIES, do you feel like God is calling you to do more for Him! Maybe you are not sure what your role in the Church can be. No matter what titles or jobs you hold, He want you to live the best life possible. Call if you are interested in exploring this study, Courageous Love: A Bible Study on Holiness for Women, with Jenn and Taryn. Please call Jenn at 610-266-6752 or Taryn at 610-841-9930.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet Sun, Jan. 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 are featuring homemade French Toast and we will again have our western eggs. You are getting a good meal, and helping your Parish! This month's sponsor is **The St. Elizabeth Athletic Association**.

PRO-LIFE

"1973's *Roe v. Wade* decision was billed as a way to guarantee women's rights—but what about the right to be free from the coercion to abort their offspring? Scientific surveys have confirmed that most women are having abortions they don't want. Is that a mark of women's freedom?"

Maria Vitale, public relations director for Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

IT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!

The St. Elizabeth School Board will be hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Sat., January 30, 2010. Salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs, homemade desserts – the works! **Seating times are 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 PM.** 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 16/17 and 23/24. 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.



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