

JANUARY 2, 2011

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday, January 3/The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 AM Kay Schwartz

8:00 AM John Klusarits

Tuesday, January 4/Saint Elizabeth Ann of Seton,
religious

6:30 AM Rose Oleski

8:00 AM Stephen Gasdik

Wednesday, January 5/Saint John Neumann, bishop

6:30 AM Marie Bonstingl

8:00 AM Paul Schenk

Thursday, January 6/Blessed André Bessette, religious

6:30 AM Albert Stanko

8:00 AM Theresa Flynn

Friday, January 7/Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest

6:30 AM Frieda Bush

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

9:00 AM Kenneth Mertz

Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:30 PM Rose Olshefki

Sunday, January 9

7:30 AM Anna Klusarits

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

10:30 AM Mildred Fetherolf

12:00 PM Robert Dolan

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember to ask for God's blessing and the gift of good health for the 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: Aljane Anatalio, Mildred Auman, Dominic Bellucci, Sr., Rose Bellucci, John Bernini, Ryan Glose, Sally Heffelfinger, Maria Heidenwolf, Phyllis Lauer, Neil Manganelli, Luke Ronco, Holly Siegfried, Irene Steiner and Colleen Tomline.

ALTAR SERVERS-CANTOR-LECTORS- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please check your calendars for **February and March** and call the parish office by **January 14**, for the dates you will be unavailable to serve. If you do not notify the office before January 14, and you are shown on the schedule, remember that we depend upon you to find someone to substitute for you.

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.

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. The new restaurant **Longhorn Steakhouse** accepts the same cards as Olive Garden/Red Lobster (Darden) that we already sell. 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. The Darden restaurant 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 (not this weekend), 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 2011.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2011 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, 2011. The price of the book is only \$25, and the savings offered are many times that amount.

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 if we have the correct address, please call the office.

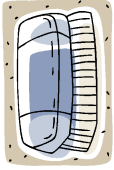
GOLDEN AGERS

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 will be no meeting in January. The February meeting will be on the 4th.

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 Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Allentown. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, service to school, parish and community, pastor, principal and teacher recommendations and leadership roles. Application forms are available at the parish or school office. Completed applications must be submitted to the student's school by January 5, 2011. The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides funding for the scholarship program. Thanks to the generosity of diocesan parishioners to the Bishop's Annual Appeal 16 additional scholarships will be awarded for a total of 114.

CHURCH CLEANING



Many thanks to our 8th grade Confirmation candidates: Charlotte Connors, Julie Duffy, Brandon Levano, Brett Radocha, Jessica Rocchino, Ryan Susko, & Noel Yannuzzi and their adult supervisors, Rose Balliet & Louise Seng for coming early Monday morning and scrubbing, sweeping, and dusting our church. After all the Christmas and weekend Mass visitors, God's house needed a deep cleaning. The cleaning crew did a marvelous job and all in record timing!

A THANK YOU TO OUR POOR BOX

"Catholic Charities gratefully acknowledges your generous gift of \$500. Your gift will help Catholic Charities to continue serving 40,000+ meals a year to the poor, the elderly, disabled and homeless. Thank you for helping provide for your neighbors in need." Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown.

PRO-LIFE

How like King Herod today's abortion providers are. First, he pretends he wants to worship the new born Baby Jesus, but hidden behind his deceitful words is a heart set on destruction of the Child. The magi, wise men that they were, saw in a dream Herod's true intentions and did not report the child's location to the destruction minded king. Today's Herods tell women that they have their best interests at heart, meanwhile planning the destruction of their unborn children.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet, Sunday, January 9, after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast sticks, Danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$5.50/adult, \$2.50/children (4-12) & children 3 & under are free. This month's sponsors are **The St. Elizabeth Athletic Association**. Thank you for your support. Besides getting a good meal, you are also helping your Parish!

IT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!



The St. Elizabeth School Board will be hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs, homemade desserts – the works! **Seating times are 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 PM.** Tickets will be sold after all masses on January 15/16 and 22/23. 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.

ST. ELIZABETH ATHLETIC ASSOC.

Please mark February 12th on your calendar for the Annual Valentine's Day Social. More details to come.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

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 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE: Please circle **Sun. Jan. 23rd 8AM to 1PM** in the parish hall for our next blood drive. Stay tuned for UPDATES !!

2011 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On **Thursday, February 24, 2011** at 4:30 P.M., Bishop Edward Cullen will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish confirmandi. Please join us in welcoming him on this joyous occasion. We ask you, our parishioners, to keep these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

2nd grade students of Saint Elizabeth Parish will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, January 20th at 7 pm. We ask that you please keep them in your prayers.

BULLETIN ADVERTISER

There is a new advertiser on the back of the bulletin, Jason Yakubeczek from Independent Planning Group. There is a mistake on the ad, his cell phone number is incorrect it should read 610-737-1553. Thank you for advertising on the back of our bulletin.

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