

JANUARY 4, 2008

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday, January 5/John Neuman, bishop
6:30 AM Donald Pasda, Sr.
8:00 AM Frank Spiziri

Tuesday, January 6/Blessed Andre Bessette, relig.
6:30 AM Angela Oberg
8:00 AM Steven Kucharik

Wednesday, January 7/Raymond of Penafort, priest
6:30 AM Charles F. Bush
8:00 AM Josephine & Louis Damweber

Thursday, January 8
6:30 AM Shirley Robbins
8:00 AM Kenneth E. Mertz

Friday, January 9
6:30 AM Frank Mohl
8:00 AM John Kucharik

Saturday, January 10
9:00 AM James McDermott

Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
4:30 PM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family

Sunday, January 11
7:30 AM William Kaufmann, Sr.
9:00 AM Margaret Rucci
10:30 AM Mary Kochenash
12:00 PM Robert Brennen

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, Ryan Glose, Andrew Hein, Barbara Kotch, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Rosemarie Toronto and Timothy Yankowy.

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 Giant, Weis, Redner's, Kohl's, JC Penny and Olive Garden. You can purchase gasoline or purchase other gift cards with your Giant, Weis, and Redner's cards. Kohl's and JC Penny cards can be used to pay on your store accounts. Olive Garden cards are an excellent way to treat Mom for a night out of the kitchen. 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 2009.

2009 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.

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 to view current school events, pictures, calendars, newsletter, etc. Please let us know what you think!!

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.

CONFIRMATION 2009

Our 8th 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.

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. You are getting a good meal, and helping your Parish! This month's sponsor is *The St. Elizabeth Athletic Association*.

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.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

Next Blood Drive: Please circle Sunday, Feb. 1st (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 21st (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 19th (7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) in our parish center. Please call Jim @ 610-746-9940 to register or to ask any questions.

PRO-LIFE

The infant Jesus adored at Christmas was, like each of us, an unborn child who began and grew in His mother’s womb. God-made-man accepted each and every phase of our humanity to demonstrate the sacredness of human life at all stages.

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Golden Agers are sponsoring a trip to Ballys on January 5th. The cost is \$25 and contact John Klusarits for reservations at 610-437-1570. All are welcome.

FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

A free self-defense class for women will be offered at the Schnecksville fire Hall from 6-9 p.m. Jan 11, 2009. Robert Gerken, who is retired from a 25 year career as a Pennsylvania State Trooper, will teach the class for women ages 14 and older. Gerken, director of Public Safety at Albright College in Reading, has trained more than 660 women in the Rape Aggression Defense program offered at many colleges and universities. The class will include risk awareness, risk, reduction, and practical moves. Women will be taught how to get away in case someone attacks them. According to Gerken, women of any age should be able to respond and benefit from the guidelines. To sign up for the class, call 610-737-4230 or email Gracezmum@yahoo.com

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Council 10921 from St. Joseph the Workers Parish is holding a Basketball Free Throw Championship for all boys and girls ages 10-14 (as of January 1, 2009) on Friday, January 9, 2009 from 3:30-6:00 pm at the St. Joseph’s Parish Gymnasium. Parent permission is required and proof of age will be required from winners. The snack bar will be open with light refreshments. For further information please call Bob Heisler at 610-339-9895.

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! **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 10th/11th and 17th/18th. 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.

ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

An Evening at St. Charles – January 16, 2009, 7-9 PM. This is a special opportunity for young men to come and see the seminary. Evening will include a procession, witness and Eucharistic Adoration. All youth ministers, young men of high school age and over are welcome to attend. For more information or to register, please call 610-667-5778.

Retreat Weekend – March 27-29, 2009, 5 pm to 12 pm. This weekend retreat for young men ages 16-24 provides an opportunity for you men to see St. Charles Seminary, meet seminarians, priests and other young men who are considering the priesthood. For more information or to register, please call 610-667-5778.

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