

NOVEMBER 29, 2009 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, November 30/Andrew, apostle
6:30 AM Susan Vogel
8:00 AM Eleanor Fox

Tuesday, December 1
6:30 AM Frank Garger
8:00 AM Harry L. Hofelich, Fr.

Wednesday, December 2
6:30 AM Clementina Polak
8:00 AM Gloria Makovsky

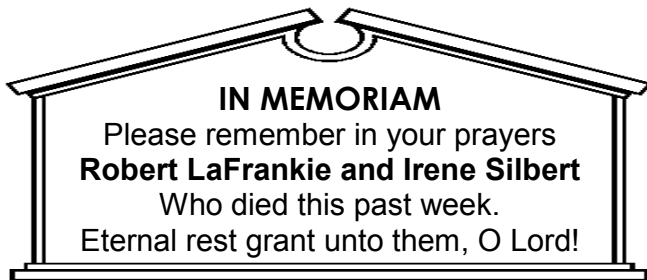
Thursday, December 3/Francis Xavier, priest
6:30 AM Paul Bonenberger
9:00 AM John Schuster

Friday, December 4/John of Damascus, priest & doctor
6:30 AM Patricia Schmaldinst
8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5
9:00 AM Patricia Ernst Wartman

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM Catherine Brennen

Sunday, December 6
7:30 AM Mary F. Sabol
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family
10:30 AM Howard & Maria Sweeney's 60th
Wedding Anniversary
12:00 PM Joseph Link



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, Gaetano Camaioni, Carol Crugnale, Anne Fox, Michael Fried, Ryan Glose, Kay Gober, Andrew Hein, Marie Janenko, Harold Keller, June Kilhefner, Robert Marzano, Harry Mellinger, Andrew O'Boyle, Leonard Pherigo, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, and Colleen Tomline.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our weekday Mass Chapel will continue through the remainder of November. Please take some time and spend it in the Lord's presence.

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 4. Tickets are available at \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. Please call Eileen Schedler at 610-437-4080. No Tickets will be sold after November 23rd.

VESPER SERVICE

Our Advent Vesper Service will take place Sun. Dec 13th at 5 p.m. It offers the opportunity to step back from the distractions of this busy time into the peace of some beautiful music and prayer intended to help us be truly prepared for Christmas. Please come.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On **Thursday, March 11, 2010** at 4:30 P.M, our Bishop, John Barres, 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.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

- The Scrip/Gift Card fundraiser has begun and there is an insert in this bulletin with more information delivery will be just in time for Christmas.
- 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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2010 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, 2010. The price of the book is still only \$20.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS!

Do you love working with and teaching children? Have you thought of volunteering as an instructor for our Liturgy of the Word Program during the 10:30 Mass on Sundays? Fear not! We would love to have you join us and will help you get started. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 610-266-0695. God bless you!

APPRECIATION DINNER

St. Elizabeth's Parish is blessed with dozens of volunteers who generously contribute their time and talent toward the enrichment of the life of our Parish. If you belong to any of the following groups: *Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Cantor, Usher, Choir, School Volunteer, Collection Counters, Altar Guild, Bulletin Folder, Office Receptionist, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Hand Bell Choir, Decorating the Church, CCD Teachers, RCIA Team, Pro-Life, Baptismal Hospitality Team, Bereavement Group, Breakfast Club, Parish Nurse Program* or if you render any other similar volunteer service to the Parish, we would like to show our appreciation by inviting you to a dinner on Sunday, Dec. 13 after Vespers. **Call the Parish Office by Dec. 8 to reserve a place. We will not be able to accept reservations after Dec. 8.**

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI)

Christmas wafers are available at the Parish Office, 8 AM- 4 PM for \$2.00 per pack. If this is part of your family tradition, we encourage you to continue it. For those who are not familiar with the custom and wish to start this

tradition in your own home, there is an explanation of the custom on the packet.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

100th Birthday Surprise Card Shower – Hilda Sarka, a parishioner of more than 50 years, will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 8, 2009! She is a permanent resident of Phoebe Home, Trexler Room 1125A, 1925 Turner St, Allentown, PA 18102. Please consider showing your love and prayers for Hilda with a greeting card and honor her long life as a parish family member!

Outreach Ministries: St Elizabeth Adult Choir and fellow parishioners accompanied by Gary Stokes, Director of Music, will be singing **Christmas Carols** at *Whitehall Manor* on Sunday, December 6th at 1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a joyful get together with the residents and their families. Please call or email Anne at 610-435-2182 or ambaran0719@ptd.net to sign up.

Caregiver Hospitality Ministry Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30-9 pm. If you care for the needs of a loved one, plan on attending this nurturing, confidential and non-judgmental gathering. Brochures explaining this ministry are available in the rectory (610-266-0695).

Monthly Visits to Assisted Living & Skilled Nursing Facilities Parishioners – Please consider sharing a few hours to cheer and “connect” with fellow parishioners who deeply appreciate your kindly visit to represent the parish family. Call Bernadette Marushak, RN to schedule a 1-1/2 hour training session. Call 610-266-0695 to register or for more information.

Friendly Meals Ministry – Continues to need volunteers to cook 1-2 meals every 1-2 months for parishioners living alone and recovering from an illness. Please call the rectory (610-266-0695) to register.

Christmas Gifts and Cards will be delivered to our fellow parishioner shut-ins at the local hospitals, Assisted Living Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities and their homes on Tuesday, December 1st. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry. Pickup and delivery of presents would be between 10 a.m. to Noon at the rectory on December 1st.

Thank you: to all our children at St Elizabeth Regional School and CCD Confirmation candidates for making beautiful Christmas cards for our shut ins. Also our gratitude to our adult parishioners who wrote out Christmas cards to deliver on Dec 1st. Our sincere thanks also to the Golden Agers for donating the delicious cranberry nut loaves and to Bernard Polek for donating the beautiful red poinsettias.

Please call Anne at 610-435-2182 or email ambaran0719@ptd.net to volunteer for a rewarding ministry.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

As stewards, each of us is called to share our blessings according to our means. If we trust in God's love for us, we will experience the joy of giving from our hearts. This week is “Commitment Sunday.” Please place your

Sacrificial Giving Envelope in the collection basket this weekend. May God bless you for your generosity.

PRO-LIFE

As we give thanks for the gift of life, consider the words of Pope John Paul II: “Causing death can never be considered a form of medical treatment. Rather, it runs completely counter to the health-care profession, which is meant to be an impassioned and unflinching affirmation of life.”

Gospel of Life

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Christmas ornaments are on sale in the school and church office for \$5. There is a sample hanging on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

THANKSGIVING SHOPPING

Don't forget to get shopping certificates to purchase your Thanksgiving Day dinner. Make sure your plans include buying Shopping Certificates for all your holiday dinner needs. If every family in the parish used a shopping certificate for their Thanksgiving meal, our school could earn hundreds of dollars. This is the easiest and most convenient fund raiser we have!!! So as you give thanks for all that you have, give a special gift to St. Elizabeth Regional School. We are ever so thankful to you for your continued support.

HASA WINTER CARNIVAL

Our Winter Carnival is Sat., Dec. 5, 11 AM to 2 PM. The festivities include games, nail painting, door prizes, craft station, a Chinese auction, and Santa. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children (children ages 3 and under - free). Tickets include lunch, dessert and a visit with Santa. To order tickets, call Tina at 610-442-5084 or email at tinastoudt@rcn.com. If you'd like to donate something for our Chinese Auction, please drop items off at the school office between 8:30 AM-3:30 PM on a school day.

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