

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

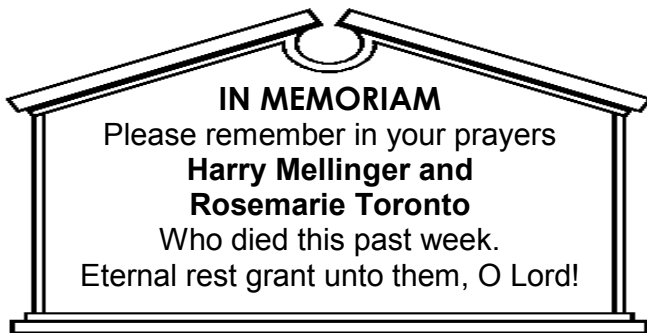
Thursday, December 3/Francis Xavier, priest
 6:30 AM Paul Bonenberger
 9:00 AM John Schuster

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

Saturday, December 5
 9:00 AM Patricia Ernst Wartman

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

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 F. Tomcho, Sr., 4th Anniv.



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, Carol Crugnale, Anne Fox, Michael Fried, Ryan Glose, Kay Gober, Hilda Hanner, Andrew Hein, Marie Janenko, Anna Kaufmann, June Kilhefner, Robert Marzano, Leonard Pherigo, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Catherine Sinkovits and Colleen Tomline.

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 is no meeting in January. The February meeting is on the 5th with John Bauer entertaining.

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

- There are Scrip/Gift Card order forms available in the back of the church. Call the school office for more information.
- There are three Enjoy the City Books left. They make great Christmas gifts. Call the school to purchase.
- 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.**

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 Elaine Richmond, coordinator (610-435-8907) to register.

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

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Last Week we celebrated Commitment Sunday. We wish to thank all our parishioners who made a commitment to our parish offertory. We need the participation of every parishioner, if you have not taken the opportunity to make a commitment, please do so in this weekend's collection. “Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38)

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Beginning on Tuesday, December 1 at 1:30 pm and every Tuesday at this time, the Office of Pro-Life Activities invites you to join Sr. Martha Zammatore, OSF from the Office of Hispanic Affairs, and a group of our Diocesan faithful, to pray a Rosary for Life at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immaculate Conception Church, 501 Ridge Avenue, Allentown.

PRO-LIFE

If you paid attention to the media, you would think that those who oppose embryonic stem cell research and a host of other laboratory-created life techniques are “anti-science.” But this is not a science debate. It's a debate about ethics, morality and what is right and wrong.

Wesley Smith, *NRL News*, June, 2008

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.

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.

TOYS FOR TOTS.

The St. Elizabeth Daycare is a drop off for Toys for Tots. Please donate a new unwrapped toy for our local children. They can be dropped off between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

ALTAR SERVERS-CANTOR-LECTORS-EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please check your calendars for **January and February** and call the parish office by **December 14**, for the dates you will be unavailable to serve. Since Mrs. Carol O'Connor has retired, please call Lisa (610-266-0695) or email her at lbucklin@sercc.org. If you do not notify the office before Dec. 14, and you are shown on the schedule, remember it is your responsibility to find someone to substitute for you.

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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK



Please keep **Strands Hair Salon** and all those who advertise on our bulletin in mind when you are in need of their services.