

# January 6, 2019

## Epiphany of the Lord

*A special remembrance will be made at Mass for:*

Monday, January 7	
8:00 AM	Michael Tauber
8:30 AM	Adoration
Tuesday, January 8	
8:00 AM	Lester Stengel
8:30 AM	Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
Wednesday, Jan 9	
<b>Church</b> 9:00 AM	Michael Keller
Thursday, January 10	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	People of the Parish
Friday, January 11	
8:00 AM	David Miller
Saturday, January 12	
4:30 PM	Caroline Honorowski
Sunday, January 13	<i>Baptism of our Lord</i>
8:00 AM	Joseph & Helen Calafiore
10:00 AM	Antonio Nebres

### Prayer Intentions

*Personal intentions may be recorded in the Intention binder in the church foyer. These intentions will be prayed for at each Mass.*

### Pray For Our Intentions

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Bill Anderson, Edith Garcia-Ascencio, Marge Boccardi, Alex Bonnell, Robert Brubacker, Millie Buchman, Hailey Diefenbach, David Faust, Dorothy Folajtar, Dona Hahn, Catherine Kozlusky, Skye Kremsner, Marie LoCicero, Rozanne Lota, Joe Macaluso, Carmen Martucci, Helen Marzano, Alice Meder, Lucy Mellinger, Phyllis Mizgerd, Stephen O'Connor, Cathy Pappalardo, David Perenyi, Sue Podlesny, Janine Sponsel, Carmela Stephenson, Rick Stoudt*

If you are admitted to a hospital, please remember to inform the parish office. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of St Elizabeth, Whitehall at the time of your admission.

### Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the rectory office.



Please pray for those who have died especially *Elinor Groller and William Benner*, brother of parishioner Dave Benner, who passed away this week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### Readings for the Baptism of our Lord

First Reading:	Isaiah 40: 1 – 11
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 104
Second Reading:	Titus 2: 11 – 14, 3: 4 - 7
Gospel:	Luke 3: 15 – 22

The Sanctuary Candle, Ringing of the Bells, or Flowers on the Altar may be sponsored in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Contact the parish office for available dates.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Marie Frassinelli*, requested by the *Macaluso Family*.

The Church Bells will ring this week for *William Benner*, requested by the *St E's staff*.



### Low Gluten Communion Hosts

St. Elizabeth has low gluten hosts. If there is a medical need and you would like to receive the Eucharist in low gluten form please come to the sacristy fifteen minutes prior to Mass so that the celebrant is aware and arrangements can be made for distribution.

### To Our Parishioners with a Disability

We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the ushers know so that Communion can be brought to you.



### RCIA & RCIT Classes

Adult RCIA's topic this week will be Epiphany party & Vocations on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>; class time is 7 pm. For information, please call Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext 208. Teen RCIT's class will be held on Tuesday from 6 – 7 pm.



### Diocesan Services

For information on healing services offered by the Allentown Diocese visit <https://sp.allentowndiocese.org> or call 1-800-791-9209 or email [victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Our next *Day of Eucharistic Adoration* will take place in the Chapel on *Monday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 am Mass* and will conclude at 5 pm.

### Mass Times

Please note the new Mass times and the Our lady of Knots novena, now on Tuesday.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Epiphany

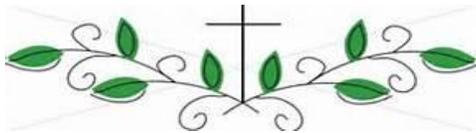
Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

John Chrysostom (347-407 AD) explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem:

"Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger."

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

God Bless You! - Fr. Pendzick



## PARISH NEWS

### Parish Council News

Parish Council will be available after Masses and at the Parish Breakfast next weekend. They would like to introduce themselves to parishioners and listen to concerns or answer any questions you may have. Please greet parish council members or feel free to approach them when you see them.

### Friendly Visitors

Meeting Date for Friendly Visitors meeting is Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the large meeting room. Please come and join us.

### Scrumptious Parish Breakfast!

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:00 am! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, cheesy tator tots, danish, juice and coffee – all for only \$7.00/adult and \$4.00/child. Children 3 years and under are free. *Treat your favorite snow shoveler!*



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm (*weather permitting*) in the large meeting room of the office. Please bring completed items to the meeting. We have given 1757 shawls, laps, grief covers, and baby blankets to grateful parishioners and their loved ones that were blessed by Father Pendzick or Deacon Mike Meder. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for all donations from parishioners and ministry members for their generosity and dedication to this rewarding ministry,

## GOLDEN AGERS

Next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

**The following are the Golden Agers planned excursions:**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> Silver Birches "Irish Festival":** \$82; call Barbara for more information and to reserve a seat for this show. 610-266-2874. The bus leaves at 9 am from the church parking lot. We will arrive at 11:30 approximately for coffee and apple streusel cake.

Followed by a family style Irish meal consisting of Irish soda bread, shamrock cucumber salad, turkey Reuben soup, traditional corned beef and cabbage, carrots, bangers and mash, lamb stew and whiskey cake. There is an open bar with draft beer, wine and soda. Entertainment includes music and dancing with Joe Bannigan and the Blarney Boys. We will leave approximately 3:30 and arrive at church around 5:30 pm.

### Casino Trips

January 16<sup>th</sup> Hollywood Casino; bus leaves at 11 am  
*Cost is \$30; call Irene at 610-264-3721 for more information.*  
February 20<sup>th</sup> Mohegan Sun  
March 20<sup>th</sup> Hollywood Casino  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Mohegan Sun  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Hollywood Casino  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Mohegan Sun



## PREP CORNER

### Meet Our Teachers



#### PREP – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist:

##### Mrs. Stephanie Figueroa

Stephanie Figueroa and her family reside in the Egypt section of the Whitehall School District. She is married to Felix, has three children, and works full-time as a physician recruiter. In her downtime, she enjoys spending time with family, outdoors activities, and growing in a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. She has taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade PREP for six years. Stephanie says, "It is an honor to teach children about Jesus. It is my hope that each student that I have taught and will teach, will remember that God is LOVE! If we have love than we can deal with the world we live in."



#### PREP – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Aide:

##### Mrs. Dawn Tehonica

Dawn Tehonica joins us this year as the 4<sup>th</sup> grade PREP aide. She has been a member of the parish since 1980. Dawn is married to Josh and they have three boys: Tyler, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Logan, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Adam 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Dawn is a school counselor at William Allen High School. Dawn says, "I love being able to see the children learn more about our Lord! To see their eyes light up when they make a connection and then to know they are taking that with them into the world...it's powerful!"

### St. Elizabeth Athletic Association

Happy New Year to all! Baseball and softball registrations are around the corner for spring 2019. Registrations will be sent home from school on Wed Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Our boys and girls need parents or interested volunteers to coach!!!! Please consider sharing your time. Without YOU there are no coaches. Without coaches there are no teams. Please contact Tom Shak at tom.shak@hotmail.com or phone 484-632-9790. SEAA's next hoagie sale will be Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch future bulletins for sales forms. Your purchase is appreciated and our youth sport participants thank you!

### Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Save the date! St. Elizabeth Troop #63403 will be selling Girl Scout cookies after all Masses the weekend of January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$4 per box and all your favorites will be available.



### The Epiphany of the Lord House Blessing

The home blessing on whose lintels are inscribed the Cross, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar written in blessed chalk, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men. This weekend we will have house blessing packets available at all the exits.



### Allentown Central Catholic Tuition Raffle!

Allentown Central Catholic is excited to announce our Class of 2023 Tuition Raffle. The next drawing is January 21<sup>st</sup> and the final drawing is February 24<sup>th</sup>. Simply go to [www.acchs.info/apply](http://www.acchs.info/apply), fill out your class of 2023 application, and drop it off or mail it to Allentown Central Catholic. ALL students who have submitted an application by the dates above will be entered in that month's drawing. The earlier you apply the more chances you have! Contact Mrs. Cara Meskill at [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info) or (610) 437-4601 ext. 148 if you have any questions.

### The Master Craftsman: God's Amazing Plan for Teens

Join us for a faith-filled evening with nationally-recognized speaker Scott Anthony, as he helps us see the Truth of God's guiding hand in our lives. We encourage teens in grades 9-12 and their parents to attend. After this evening, you and your youth will look toward the future with a newfound sense of hope. The event will take place on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at St. Thomas More Church Family Center (1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown, 18103). This event is free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided. To register for this event, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman). For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2021 or email Francesca Frias at [Ffrias@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:Ffrias@allentowndiocese.org).

### Direct Service Workers Needed

Mercy is seeking to employ both full and part-time Direct Service workers for our TLC/Over 21 adult program. These persons will assist with the day-to-day operation of the Adult Habilitation Program in an efficient manner that supports the mission of Mercy School for Special Learning. There are 2 full time positions with a maximum of 32.5 hours per week year-round with benefits as well as a part time position offering 20 - 25 hours per week year-round. The following clearances are required: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance and Mandated Reporter Certificate. Interested candidates should contact Beth Grys, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or [bgrys@mercyschool.org](mailto:bgrys@mercyschool.org). You may also mail your resume to:

Mercy School for Special Learning  
830 S. Woodward St.  
Allentown, PA 18103

### Ecumenical Food Bank

As a reminder to all, we collect food for the food bank on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.



### Whitehall - Coplay Community Meal

The next community meal will be served at *St. Peter's, Coplay*. Thank you to our volunteers who take your donations to the food bank twice a month. [www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/](http://www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/)

*You're Invited*



PLEASE  
→ join us ←

## SAINT ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come out and help us kick-off Catholic Schools week while enjoying all you can eat spaghetti & dessert, a 50/50 raffle and a Special Basket Raffle by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association!

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

When: Saturday, January 26, 2019

Seating Times: 4:00 p.m.\*  
5:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.



Cost:	Advance Tickets:	Adult (12 and older)	\$9.00
		Child (ages 5-12)	\$7.00
		Children under 5 are FREE	
	At the Door:	Adult (12 and older)	\$10.00
		Child (ages 5-12)	\$8.00
		Children under 5 are FREE	

Put this order form in an envelope marked "Spaghetti Dinner" with your payment and place it in the collection basket. We will have your tickets ready after Mass the weekend of January 19-20.  
Please make checks payable to **St. Elizabeth Regional School**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adult tickets @ \$9.00/each (\$8.00 for Early 4 pm seating)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of child tickets @ \$7.00/each (\$6.00 for Early 4 pm seating)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of children under age 5 attending (FREE)

Circle seating time requested:                      4:00\*                      5:15                      7:00

*(Early Seating Special)*

Please indicate seating request if you are bringing a large group. Also include the number of people in your party and a name for the reservation (i.e. Smith Family, party of 10)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Party of: \_\_\_\_\_