

## Preparation for Infant Baptism

Our next Baptismal Preparation session will be Thursday, January 15th, 7:30 to 8:45 pm in the Parish Ministry Center. If you are a registered parishioner and wish to attend this session call Sandi at 816.523.2405.



## New to St. Elizabeth Parish? Register on January 15th

We invite all those interested in joining St. Elizabeth parish to join us Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Ministry Center (northeast corner of Main and 75th Streets). The registration form is quick and painless and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. You must be a registered parishioner for Sacramental preparation. Come join our faith community and be part of our growing family. To sign up for this session call Sandi Lombardino at the parish office, 816.523.2405. The next registration will be held in February.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA class resumes this Tuesday, January 6th, 7:30—9:00 pm in Seton Hall. The topic will be *The Catholic Liturgical Year*. All parishioners are welcome to join us and support our Catechumens and Candidates seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith.



## Calling all 8th - 11th Grade Students

Information meeting for NCYC this Sunday, January 4th at 11 am in Seton Hall. This is for students and parents! Call Margaret Haik at the parish office for more information, or check out the promo video at [www.nfcym.org/ncycpromo.htm](http://www.nfcym.org/ncycpromo.htm).

## Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation at St. Elizabeth is a 9-12 month process. Your journey towards the Sacrament of Marriage begins at an orientation session. Our next offering will be held Saturday, March 7th from 8:30 to 11:30 am in the school library. Registered parishioners who wish to attend this session or who have questions about marriage preparation should contact Sandi in the parish office at 816.523.2405.



## Thank You

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Christmas celebration; those who decorated the Church to make the environment so beautiful; the choirs and musicians who uplifted our spirits with their music; the altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, ushers, gift bearers. All who shared their gifts to enhance the experience for all of us. Just as the Magi brought their gifts for the baby Jesus, we all have gifts to share with the parish.



## Epiphany party

In appreciation of your spirit of generous service,  
your selfless love,  
and to thank God for each of you!



Fr. Terry Bruce invites you to an

**Epiphany Celebration**  
**A Party for All Of Our Volunteers!**

Today, January 4, 2008

From 2-4pm

## Friendship Club

The Friendship Club at St. Elizabeth Parish was established years ago by an innovative group of adults who wanted to take time each week to be together. Their intent was to get together where they could play, pray and give back to the St. Elizabeth community. We meet every Friday in Seton Hall from 10:00 am until 1:00 or 1:30 pm. Once a month, we take an hour or so for Bible Study under the guidance of Deacon Don Schmit. Periodically, we take time to go to the Dinner Theatre, go see a play or a place of beauty. All activities are designed to provide a fun, affordable experience for any who choose to join us. As we start this new year of 2009, consider joining us on Fridays. Joanie McLaughlin at 816. 361.0913 can answer any questions you may have. Have a great year in 2009!

## Breaking Open the Word

Breaking Open the Word (BOW) will not take place on December 28th or January 4th due to the Christmas Holiday. We wish all our families a Blessed Christmas and Peace in the New Year. BOW will resume on January 11th during the 10:00 am Mass.

## Hospitality in Time of Need

Thanks to all who help with the wonderful ministry that serves those in need. Thanks to our December volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

The names of the volunteers for the month of January are below.

### FOOD COORDINATORS:

Julie Tapko

Leslie Bullington

### FOOD PREPARERS:

Bernie Knipp, Sue Moon, Sue Miller, Kathy Maggard, Jodie Reiter, Teresa Schwartze, Mary Sears, Charlotte Smardo and Claudia Ramirez

If you are going to be out of town or unavailable please notify Sandi, 816.523.2405, in the parish office.

## School Resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009

Preschool registration for the 2009-2010 school year will begin on Monday, January 5th. Current preschool families will receive a registration form with their January tuition envelopes. These forms, along with the registration fee, must be turned in by February 2nd for guaranteed enrollment. Please return forms and fees to your teacher. Call Diane Shatto at 816.523.7100 x 4601 with any further questions.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The *2009 St. Elizabeth School "Wild West" Casino Night and Auction: Prospecting for a Golden Future* is scheduled for *Saturday, April 25, 2009*. This event, organized by parents and community volunteers, is a way to gather parishioners, school families, alumni, local residents, and businesses together for an evening of fellowship and fun, while raising funds to benefit St. Elizabeth School.



This event has become the largest CPTA fundraiser and continues to grow each year because of the dedication and generosity of school families, parishioners, community members, volunteers, and businesses. Invitations will be mailed out to school and parish families in late February. Donations are currently being accepted. To make a donation, become an event sponsor, or advertise in the event program, please contact event Chairperson, Tamatha Leuschen 816.926.9527 or event Co-Chairperson, Cher Baker. For more information (or to view the Event Infomercial) and support forms please visit the event website ([www.StEsCasinoNight.com](http://www.StEsCasinoNight.com)).

## THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

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## Spotlight On...

Ms. Leasa Caron's 1st grade class has been very busy this holiday season! They have been learning about Christmas traditions and symbols from around the world, as well as the celebrations of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. They celebrated the holiday season by going to the Kansas City Ballet's performance of the Nutcracker at the Music Hall. St. Elizabeth student, Emma Swinney (4th Grade), was one of the soldiers! For this field trip they walked to the bus stop and took a city bus downtown. It was quite an adventure!

## Our Parishioners and Loved Ones in the Military

We remember in our prayers the following loved ones of our parish family who serve in the military:

Zach Thomas, nephew of John & Rose Robarge; Robert Sowders, son of Jackie Sowders; Jacob P. Hardman, cousin of Manion Kuhns; Tony Mischler, son of Lynn & David Kelly; Joseph Bugler, nephew of Grace Ebner; Vincent C. Orlando, grandson of Louis & Betty Weber; Joe Sweat, nephew of Mary Sweat; Jeff and Joe Clairmont, nephew of Louis Clairmont; Nicholas Arnold, cousin of the Antoinette Ishmael family; Jason Kurtenbach, grandson of Anne Kurtenbach; Stephen Sparks, grandson of Mary Ann Sparks; Colonel Robert Schmitt, son of Teresa Kirschbaum; Peter Maxon, nephew of Jane and Frank McGuire; Major Phillip Stauffacher, brother of Peter Stauffacher; Matthew Derks, nephew of Dan and Alice Brock.

*Please notify the parish office when loved ones return, so we may recognize the event with joy and thanksgiving.*

## Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or  
 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

## Mass Intentions: Week of January 5, 2009

### Monday

7:00 am Vivienne Hasenyager  
 Requested by Ed Hasenyager

### Tuesday

7:00 am Rev. Walter Pilecki  
 11:30 am Poor Souls  
 Requested by Norma Hagerty

### Wednesday

7:00 am David Ritz  
 Requested by Anna Ritz  
 8:30 am Geraldine Enneking  
 Requested by Damian Enneking

### Thursday

7:00 am J. James Glynn  
 Requested by Terrance & Kathy Glynn  
 11:30 am Barbara Lonergan  
 Requested by Ed Lonergan

### Friday

7:00 am Dale Clanton

### Saturday

4:30 pm Jerry, Jack & Doc Ritchie  
 Requested by Diane Ritchie

### Sunday

7:30 am John & Eunice Holmes  
 Requested by the Holmes Family  
 10:00 am Henry Sommerhauser  
 Requested by Helen Sommerhauser

Altar Cleaners for January  
 Hagerty & Solomons

## Vocations Cross Exchange

December 28 Everett & Sara Lanter

January 4 Matt & Patty Hilderbrand



## Liturgical Ministries — January 10/11, 2009

4:30 pm Servers: Adrienne Voravong, Grace Bullington, Ellie Stingly  
 Lectors: Bill Egelhoff, Betty Bauers  
 EME: Lorene Faulconer, Kathy Haug, Jenny Weidler, Katie Tillman-Cecil, Norma Hagerty  
 7:30 am Server: Bob Johnston  
 Lectors: Virginia Lawless, Neil Spearman  
 EME: Kathy Colborne, Mike Hayes, Barbara Levitt, Vince McInerney, Sue Rhodes  
 10:00 am Servers: John Pfaff, Mason Estevez, Maggie McClain  
 Lectors: Patrick Tuohey, Becky Beck  
 EME: Linda Kneib, Charles Gosselin, Laura Short, Mike Jenkins, Peter Stauffacher, Bernie Knipp, Bill Knipp

### Weekday Servers:

January 5-9 Hayle Brown, Nikolaus Calia  
 January 12-16 Elena Rush, Matthew Wallace

*Like the three kings, we can also find direction, purpose and reward in seeking a relationship with Christ.*

## Please pray for all the Sick:

Bernadine Hiebl, Beth Finn, Dolph Schaefer, Judith Mayanja, Jana Moynihan, Becky Nash, Paul Lark, Virginia Haake, Lois G., Mary K., Susan H., Doris Schworer, Regina Steinbacher, Marie Metz, Steve O'Halloran, Kitty Schultz, Tony Nguyen, Pete Egan, Fairy Palmer, Kathleen Cassidy, Irene Hartl, Rosemary Schmeltz, Liam McGillycuddy, Robert Bryant, Marilyn, David Ryffe, Kathleen Matthews, Clarence Wiedel, Jacque Curry and Hank Maggard.

## Please pray for our hospitalized:

Kathy Burdolski, Marc Saviano, Sam Saviano and Helen Chappel.

## Please pray for those who have died and the consolation of their families:

Angeline Sciara (mother of Joie Meyers and grandmother of Maria and Angela Meyers) Anne Fritzlen (mother of Anne Randolph)