

AUGUST 16, 2009

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 17

6:30 AM Paul Bonenberger
8:00 AM Lila Smith

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 AM Anthony Fasching
8:00 AM Edward Pramik

Wednesday, August 19/John Eudes, priest

6:30 AM Carolyn Marino
8:00 AM Kenneth E. Mertz

Thursday, August 20/Bernard, abbot & doctor

6:30 AM Frank Schmaldestin
8:00 AM Shirley Robbins

Friday, August 21/Pius X, pope

6:30 AM Steve Kratzer
8:00 AM Charles D. Keiser

Saturday, August 22/Queenhip of the Blessed Virgin Mary

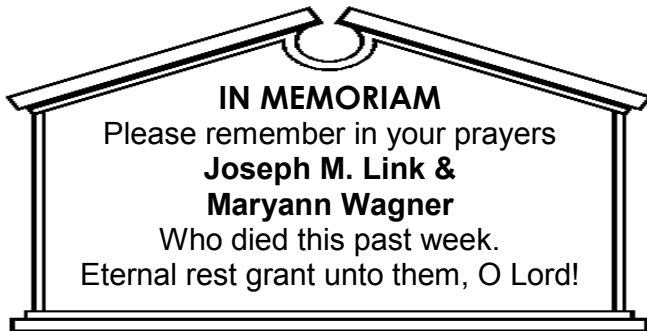
9:00 AM Henry Weldner

Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Joseph Vollman, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM Lawrence & Wilberga Kaufmann
9:00 AM Mary Kweder
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family
12:00 PM Jimmy Hadeed



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, Frances DiFonzo, Ryan Glose, John Handlon, Andrew Hein, John Redding, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Mary Solomon, Anna Soltys, Colleen Tomline and Timothy Yankowy.

GIFT CARDS SUMMER SPECIAL

Don't forget you can use store gift cards to purchase back to school items. Stop after Mass, at the Rectory or School and pick up your grocery card(s) this week. **Remember when you buy the gift cards; five percent of the purchase price comes back to the parish.**

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. Classes are Mon., Wed. & Fri, 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-3:00 for 4 year olds; Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-3:00 for 3 year olds. If you are interested in registering please call 610-266-0695 between 8:00 and 4:00 PM.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Our monthly parish breakfasts, which run from September until April, have been a tradition here at St. Elizabeth's for some time. The breakfasts provide an opportunity for our parishioners to gather with their families and their friends for a delicious Sunday breakfast at a very low price and at the same time, they raise a nice little bit of income which we use for the maintenance of our parish hall. The success of the breakfasts is due to a loyal group of parishioners who volunteer their time and their talent as cooks, food servers, clean up crew and whatever else may be needed. All those who worked the breakfast last year, please call the parish office and let us know if you are still working and any one new interested in volunteering to help should also call the rectory office at 610-266-0695.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

The August school newsletter was mailed this past week to all of our school families. It is also available on line @ www.sercc.org/school along with other pertinent information. We continue to register students in Grades K – 8. You can reach us at 610-264-0143 during school office hours 8:30 am – 3:30 pm or email us at school@sercc.org.

Looking Ahead to the New School Year.

The opening dates for St. Elizabeth Regional School Year 2009 – 2010 are:

August 31 – Grades 1 through 8 - full days - 8 am to 2:50 pm. Kindergarten Orientation – 9 – 11 am (last names A-K)
September 1 – Kindergarten Orientation – 9 – 11 am (last names L-Z)

September 2 – Grades K – 8 Full Day

September 4-7 – Labor Day Weekend – School Closed

September 8 – Return to School – Full Day

September 9 – Back to School Night – 7 pm – Parish Hall

The Office of Education in the Diocese of Allentown has asked that we inform you of the following: "In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) an inspection for asbestos containing building materials was performed at each of our schools within the Diocese of Allentown. A copy of the inspection reports is on file in each school's administrative office for your review any time during normal school hours. In the event you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school's Principal or the Diocesan Asbestos Coordinator."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

Registration forms for the 2008/2009 session have been mailed to former students. If you did not receive your registration form, or if you are a new registration, please call the office at 610-266-0695 or stop by for a registration form. We are in need of teachers for the religious education program; please call the office if you are interested.

ALTAR SERVERS-CANTOR-LECTORS- EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please check your calendars for **September and October** and call the parish office by **August 17**, for the dates you will be unavailable to serve. If you do not notify the office by August 11, and you are shown on the schedule, remember it is your responsibility to find someone to substitute for you.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Life rolls on; jobs, kids, and activities keep you even busier during summer. *Plan now for a break!* Make time for just the 2 of you to attend a Marriage Encounter. The next weekend is September 18-20 at Mariawald Retreat Center in Shillington. Call 1-800-787-7679 or go on-line at www.wvme-nepa.org for more information.

PRO-LIFE

Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ, the author of a 2005 law authorizing \$265 million in federal research funds for adult stem cells from cord blood and bone marrow, asked in a statement: "Why does the president persist in the dehumanizing of nascent human life when better alternatives exist? On both ethics grounds and efficacy grounds nonembryonic-destroying stem-cell research is the present and future of regenerative medicine – and the only responsible way forward."

(Catholic News Service, 3/9/09)

BISHOP BARRES ORDINATION DVD

To purchase a DVD of Bishop John Barres' Ordination and Installation Mass, send a check for \$10, payable to the Diocese of Allentown, to: Installation Mass DVD, c/o Office of Communication, Diocese of Allentown, PO Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538. You will receive a DVD of the Mass in the mail. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

CYO CROSS-COUNTRY

All boys and girls in grades K thru 8 attending St. Elizabeth Regional School or who are members of the parish are eligible to participate. The season runs until mid-October. To join the school team, please contact: Greg Oswald at 610-433-8420. The first practice is on Thursday, August 20 @ Catty Playground at 5 p.m.

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will be going to see "A Holiday Classic" on Thursday, November 12 at the American Music Theatre. This is a show that will fill your heart with the holiday spirit and experience the magic of a musical Christmas. The show is at 3 pm. The bus will leave the St. Elizabeth parking lot at 10 am. They will make a stop along the way at Kitchen Kettle for lunch (on your own) and Shady Maple for dinner (included) after the show. The price is \$78. For reservations call John Klusarits at 610-437-1570 and make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Golden Agers.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wedding Covers were missed from the list of occasions honored. Please call the rectory for "requests" for all occasions that were listed for you or your loved ones.

"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 any questions. The 12 week support group begins Wednesday, Sept. 9 (7-8:30 PM) 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" finding hope and healing your heart! Jim Seng, M.S., LCADC, will facilitate a 12-week support group beginning Monday, Sept. 21 (6:30-8 PM) in our parish center. Please call Jim at 610-746-9940 to register or to ask any questions.

Blood Drive – Please circle Sunday, Sept. 27 for the next blood drive.

Line Dancing – Stay tuned. Registration papers available next weekend. Starting date – Sept. 16, 6-7 PM.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in the year 2008? Celebrate this special occasion with your family and renew your vows with Bishop John O. Barres at the 30th Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena, Allentown, PA. Complete a registration form, found on a poster in the church vestibule, and mail to: Office of Family Life Ministries, 900 S. Woodward St., Allentown, PA 18103, Attn: Ruth Baker or telephone 610-289-8900, ext 239. You can also email her Rbaker@allentowndiocese.org. The deadline for registration is September 14, 2009.

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Four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives or neighbors extended personal invitations. Spread the good news by inviting someone! Please call the Parish Office for information.

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