

## FEBRUARY 1, 2009

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 2/Presentation of the Lord

6:30 AM Marcella E. Deutsch

8:00 AM Bernadette Shelly

Tuesday, February 3/Blaise, bishop & martyr; Ansgar, bishop

6:30 AM Margaret Ferry

8:00 AM Rita Kulhamer

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 AM Edward Verneau

8:00 AM Richard Wescoe

Thursday, February 5/Agatha, virgin & martyr

6:30 AM John Sobyak

8:00 AM Marcella Ginder

Friday, February 6/Paul Miki, martyr, & his companions, martyrs

6:30 AM Helen Molesky

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7

9:00 AM Judy Guzzo

Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Living & Deceased Members of our Parish Family

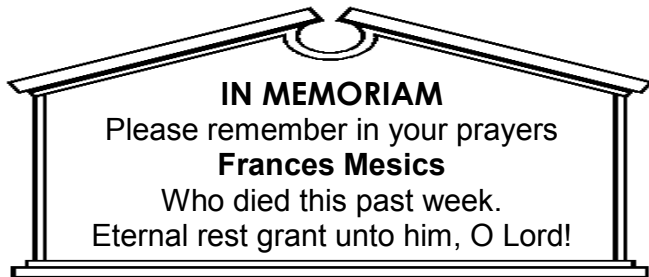
Sunday, February 8

7:30 AM William S. Anthony

9:00 AM Daniel Kerbacher

10:30 AM Joseph Englert

12:00 PM Special Intentions for Bette Hummer



### 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., Catherine Brennen, Adam Demetrovics, Frank Fasching, Ryan Glose, Andrew Hein, Elizabeth Holubowsky, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Irene Steiner, Colleen Tomline, Myra Tognoli, Rosemarie Toronto, William Wolfer and Timothy Yankowy.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU!

The St. Elizabeth Regional School Board extends its thanks to everyone who attended our spaghetti dinner last Saturday. Thanks to the generosity of **Gilbert Funeral Home**, 100% of the money from the tickets sold directly benefits our school. Thanks for helping to make our dinner a success!

## PARISH NURSING NEWS

**Winter Blood Drive:** Today, Sunday, February 1, in our Social Hall, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Thank you to 37 parishioners who signed up last weekend. Walk-ins are also welcome today!

### ST. ELIZABETH ATHLETIC ASSOC.

**Valentine's Day Social** - The St Elizabeth Athletic Assn is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Social on February 14th at 8:00 PM in the Social Hall. \$15 includes soda, beer and food as well as the band "Becky and the Beasts". For ticket information call Mike Brosious at 610-262-7143 or Jeff Scheuren at 610-432-5577. Tickets are also available for purchase at the parish office.

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

You can support our school, our children and our mission through your support in buying shopping certificates. You may not realize it, but the purchase of these gift cards for Redner's Giant, Weis, Olive Garden, Kohl's and JC Penny provide considerable financial support to our school. Your purchase of these cards ensures that our school offers our children the finest education. What easier way to support Catholic Schools than through shopping certificates. Cards can be purchased for as little as \$10. They can be purchased after Mass, through the school or at the parish office. If you have never purchased a shopping certificate, make an effort to buy one this week. Our children thank you for making our school the excellent place of learning it is! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Schools.

### ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

▪ Please continue to save Boxtops for Education, Campbells labels, Ink cartridges, Nestle's GoPlay labels, Redner's tapes and cancelled stamps for our school. We are now collecting used cell phones for recycling. You may have a few older phones lying around your house and don't know how to dispose of them, so please bring them to the school or to church and look for the box that says "Recycle Your Old Phones Here". Thank you for your support in all of our fundraising efforts.

▪ Saint Elizabeth Regional School completed a week of celebrating Catholic Schools. We are thankful to all the people involved with the school that work hard every day to "celebrate service" for our students. We would like to thank all of the parish and school families who helped make our week special. Thank you and God bless you!

▪ Check out the school website for more information about the school: [www.sercc.org/school](http://www.sercc.org/school)

▪ Anyone interested in registering their child for K-8 for 2009-2010 school year should call the school at 610-264-0143 for more information.

## 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 610-266-0450 between 8:30 and 3:00 PM.

## YEAREND CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND ELECTRONIC GIVING FORMS

This week, yearend contribution statements will be mailed to the homes of our parishioners. Included in the same envelope is a form for Electronic Giving by Direct Deposit. If you have any questions about this method of donating to your church without using checks or cash in your contribution envelope, please call the office.

## ATTENTION ALL CANTORS/LECTORS/EOMS/ALTAR SERVERS

Please check your calendars for **March and April including Easter and Holy Week** and call the parish office by **February 16**, for the dates you will be unavailable to serve. If you do not notify the office before Feb. 16, and you are shown on the schedule, remember it is your responsibility to find someone to substitute for you. You may email your preferences to Carol at [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).

## 2009 TRIP TO SLOVAKIA

St. John the Baptist RC Slovak Church has planned a twelve day trip, July 6-18, to Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Trip includes multi-night stays and extensive sight-seeing in Bratislava, Banska-Bystrica, Kosice and Prague. Air, 3 & 4 star hotels, breakfasts, excursions and all taxes and surcharges are included in the price (\$3,297) based on double occupancy. A professional escort specializing in Slovakia and a full-time motor coach and driver will be with the group throughout the journey. For more details call Ray Fernandez at 610-868-3817.

## INVITATION TO ALL SINGLE ADULTS

"Feast on Faith" – A Lenten reflection with faith sharing followed by a "light supper" social. Sunday, March 1, 3-6 pm at three locations – Holy Ghost, Bethlehem; Sacred Heart, West Reading; and St. John the Baptist, Pottsville. Cost: Bring a can good for the Food Pantry. RSVP by February 24<sup>th</sup> to Mary Fran Hartigan at 610-289-8900, ext. 226 or email [mhartigan@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mhartigan@allentowndiocese.org). Co-sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown; Office of Adult Formation; Office of Family Life Ministries and Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

## BREAKFAST BUFFET

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet Sun, Feb. 8 after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast sticks, Danish, juice & coffee – all for only \$5.50/adult, \$2.50/children, children 3 and under are free. You are getting a good meal, and helping your Parish! This month's sponsor is the **St. Elizabeth Athletic Association**.

## FREE TAX PREPARATION

Junior and Senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes through April 3. The program is part of the United States IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The students are required to pass a test given by the IRS, in order to participate in this program. For more information or to schedule an appointment, individuals can call 610-282-1100, ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call and provide assistance accordingly.

## BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blasé. Throats will be blessed at the morning Masses at 6:30 and 8:00 AM.

## THANK YOU

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown, would like to thank us for our generous response to the Giving Tree Program. Our support of the Pregnancy Support Services Program is greatly appreciated. It is through such generosity that they are able to help women and infants in need. Our caring and compassion allows their program to assist young mothers who courageously choose life. May God bless you for the kindness you show to these women.

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK



Please keep **J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Inc.** and all those who advertise on our bulletin in mind when you are in need of their services.