

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 16

6:30 AM Gloria Makovsky

8:00 AM Mary Kweder

Tuesday, February 17/Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious

6:30 AM Peter Fox

8:00 AM John Lofrumento

Wednesday, February 18

6:30 AM Helen Pavlinsky

8:00 AM Rosaria Amato

Thursday, February 19

6:30 AM Margaret Schmaldest

8:00 AM Edward Pramik

Friday, February 20

6:30 AM Anna & Paul Pramick

8:00 AM John Ponticelli

Saturday, February 21

9:00 AM Rose & Harry Parker

Vigil: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Peter Hanner, 30th Anniversary

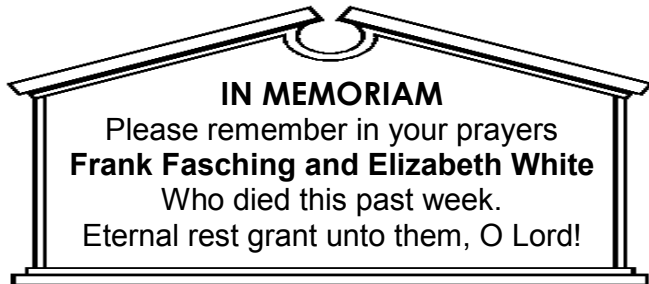
Sunday, February 22

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of our Parish Family

9:00 AM Stephen & Josephine Polzer

10:30 AM Marie Shober

12:00 PM Helen Kosack



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., Joanmarie Boyle, Rudolf Brem, Emma DeLucia, Frank Fasching, Angela Gaal, Ryan Glose, Bernard Gallagher, Martin Gilvary, Mary Louise Gnall, John Handlon, Andrew Hein, Frank Kahr, Richard Kahr, Ferdinando Loffredo, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Janice Shovelin, Colleen Tomline, Bishop Welsh and Timothy Yankowy.

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.

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. 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.
- St. Elizabeth School will begin a Pierogie sale on February 25th. Potato and cheese pierogies are \$6 per dozen and will be delivered March 25th. If you wish to order, please call the school at 610-264-0143.
- Check out the school website for more information about the school: 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.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

On behalf of the Breakfast Club and all the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth's we would like to extend our sincere thanks to **St. Elizabeth Athletic Association** for sponsoring our Parish Breakfast this past Sunday. Because of their generosity, we made a 100% profit for our parish. We would also like to thank all those who patronized our breakfast, without you it would not have been a success.

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 24th to Mary Fran Hartigan at 610-289-8900, ext. 226 or email 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.

DESIGNER CLOTHING SALE!

Ladies, we will once again have a Designer Clothing Sale! If you have come to this sale in the past, you know the clothing is of exceptionally good quality and is discounted at 70% off the regular retail price! Don't miss this sale on Saturday, 2/28 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and on Sunday, 3/1 from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the St. Elizabeth Parish Social Hall. Proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth Regional School. Don't miss this fantastic sale!

PARISH NURSING NEWS

Caregiver Support Group: will meet Thursday, Feb. 19th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in our Parish Center. Steve Hawkes, MSW, LSW, will facilitate a discussion on "Caregiver Choices/Needs" for future meeting topics. If you are caring for a loved one, spouse or parent at home, their home, a nursing home or assisted living facility, this group may be helpful to you. If you are doing shopping, banking, paying bills, transporting for medical appointments, laundry, cooking meals, etc. for a family member, relative or friend, consider nurturing yourself and come to the meeting. To ask questions, call: Steve @ 610-504-8079.

Wellness Program: Dr. Micah Sadigh will be speaking on "Healing Power of Self: How To Find The Healer Within" on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Center. Dr. Sadigh is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Cedar Crest College, a graduate of Moravian College and Lehigh University. He completed his postdoctoral Training in Behavioral Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Please call the rectory, 610-266-0695, to register so that adequate seating will be provided.

Spring Wellness Program: - Line Dancing led by Myra & Ray Rosenberger, starting Wednesday, March 11th. (8 Wednesdays) thru April 29th, 6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m., in our parish hall. Registration forms are on the table below the Parish Nursing Bulletin Board in the vestibule or at the rectory office. Minimum of 21 participants is needed by March 2nd to conduct class. Please register a.s.a.p. if you are interested. Unfortunately, Low Impact Aerobics will not be held in spring.

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.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

March 2, 2009 the Golden Agers are going to Ballys in Atlantic City. The bus leaves the church parking lot on Pershing Blvd at 9:30 AM. Contact John Klusarits at 610-437-1570.

ANNUAL WOMEN AFIRE RETREAT

The Annual Women Afire Retreat will be held at **Malvern Retreat House, in Malvern, PA, March 27-29**, in the Family Life Center. *Stirring into Flame the Gift of God* is the theme of the retreat, directed by the Women Afire team of Anna latesta, Kathleen McCarthy, Anne McGlone and June Piola. Fr. Stephen DeLacy will also direct this retreat; music by Grammy nominee, Marty Rotella. Inspirational preaching, teaching, healing services and quiet time just for women. Delicious meals! Register by calling 610-644-0400 or register online at: www.malvernretreat.com Come as an individual or with your parish group. All are welcome!

LUKE RONCO UPDATE

The Ronco family would like to thank you for all your prayers and would hope that you continue to pray for him. His surgery went well and he is recovering nicely. If you would like more information about Luke and his condition you can visit his web pages at <http://www.caringbridge.org/pa/lukeronco/index.htm>. Any cards should be sent to him via the school at 433 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA 18052.

MIDLIFE – CROSSROADS & TRANSITIONS

A conference for Mid Life Adults will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 9 AM to 3:30 Pm at the Bear Creek Resort & Conference Center in Macungie. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown, is sponsoring this conference event, made possible in part through SOFF funding. Registration fee is \$20. Seating is limited. Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church or by calling 610-791-3888, ext 304. More information is available at www.catholiccharityAD.org. Registration deadline is March 20th.

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