

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 9

6:30 AM Paul Bonenberger

8:00 AM Teresa Todd

Tuesday, February 10/Scholastica, virgin

6:30 AM Regina Beidler

8:00 AM James McDonnell

Wednesday, February 11/Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 AM Margaret Ferry

8:00 AM Donald Pasda, Sr.

Thursday, February 12

6:30 AM Kathryn Trescak

8:00 AM William Anthony

Friday, February 13

6:30 AM Margaret Rucci

8:00 AM Clark Conway

Saturday, February 14

9:00 AM Anthony Fasching

Vigil: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Shirley Casari

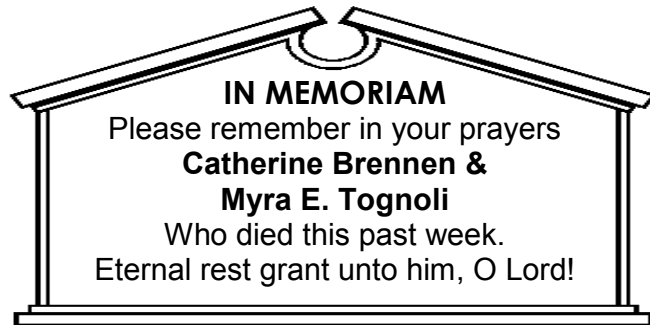
Sunday, February 15

7:30 AM J. Michael Kresge

9:00 AM William J. Robbins

10:30 AM Assunta Muntone

12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family



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., Raymond Breck, Adam Demetrovics, Frank Fasching, Ryan Glose, Andrew Hein, Elizabeth Holubowsky, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Irene Steiner, Colleen Tomline, Rosemarie Toronto, Bishop Welsh and Timothy Yankowy.

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.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Luke Ronco, a fourth grade student at St. Elizabeth Regional School is having serious surgery on February 10. The family asks for the parish community and school community to keep him in their prayers during this difficult time.

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.
- 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.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children to our family of faith. Congratulations to parents, godparents, family members and friends.

**Gianna Brielle DeMonaco
Kerigan Lee Dreisbach
Kaden Reese Nichol**

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.

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 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.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet this 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**.

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

Blood Drive: 47 units of blood / platelets were collected last Sunday, which "translates" into 141 lives saved. **Year 2008** donations totaled 171 units which includes 3 blood drives at St. E's and MBCB which "translates" into 513 lives saved. Congratulations! Your efforts and prayers have played a significant part in the health and welfare of hospital patients in our area. Thank you. Our next blood drive is **Sunday, June 7th**. Please circle the date!

Outreach Ministry: Our fellow parishioners with health issues, who are unable to cook for themselves, wish to extend their sincerest gratitude to all the members of Friendly Meals Ministry and the "anonymous" cooks. 64 delicious and nutritious meals that included homemade soups, "desserts" and assorted dishes were delivered in the month of January. Thanks to Elaine Richmond for coordinating this noble cause. Anyone interested in sharing his/her time and talents, please call the rectory.

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.

PRO-LIFE

Protection of innocent human life is not an imposition of personal conviction but a demand of justice. "Each human being is known by God and loved by him. Each is willed by God, and each is God's image...whoever violates a human being violates God's property." (Pope Benedict XVI)

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