

JANUARY 25, 2009

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday, January 26/Timothy & Titus, bishops

- 6:30 AM Special Intentions for Anna & Al
Tauber's 60th Wedding Anniversary
8:00 AM Special Intentions for Robert C.
Wolf, Sr.

Tuesday, January 27/Angela Merici, virgin

- 6:30 AM Edward J. Bendekovitz
8:00 AM Paul Hutnick

Wednesday, January 28/Thomas Aquinas, priest &
doctor

- 6:30 AM Lila Smith
8:00 AM Elizabeth Dieter

Thursday, January 29

- 6:30 AM Anna Mae Berlin
8:00 AM Theresa Bartolacci

Friday, January 30

- 6:30 AM John Zagari
8:00 AM James J. Fox

Saturday, January 31/John Bosco, priest

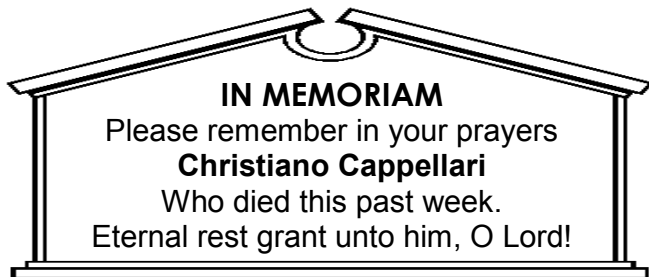
- 9:00 AM Ben Bermudez

Vigil: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 4:30 PM Julius Meyer

Sunday, February 1

- 7:30 AM Carl Moran
9:00 AM Theresa Regits
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish Family
12:00 PM Anita Tomcho Molinatti



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., Kristen Bloomfield, Joanmarie Boyle, Rudolph Brem, Catherine Brennen, Frank Fasching, Steven Gasdik, Ryan Glose, Cooper Gulycz, Andrew Hein, Elizabeth Holubowsky, Mary Kula, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Irene Steiner, Colleen Tomline, Myra Tognoli and Timothy Yankowy.

CONFIRMATION 2009

Our 8th grade children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 10. If you would like to be a prayer partner for one of these young people, please call Carol O'Connor (610-266-0695). All this entails is praying for the person during their time of preparation.

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. There will be tickets available for purchase at the baseball and softball sign ups and are also available in the parish office.

Baseball/Softball Sign Ups - All parishioners, regardless of school are eligible to play for St Elizabeth. Signups will be Sunday January 25th after the 9:00 and 10:30 masses. All sign ups are in the Social Hall.

CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK

Come tour our School this Sunday and see the wonderful things our children learn and do. See firsthand the leadership we are providing to our faith and our community. You needn't have children in school to visit! 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

▪ Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th at 7 pm in the school library. Letters were sent home to all parishioners with eligible Kindergarten school age children (must be 5 by October 15, 2009). Letters were also sent home with our pre-school children who do not belong to our parish. If you know of anyone who has children of school age, please encourage them to come to our registration night to hear about our Kindergarten program. If you wish to attend the registration night or have any questions, please call the school office at 610-264-0143.

▪ 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.

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.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

Blood Donor Signup: Today, in the vestibule of our church - Over 400 units of blood are needed every day by the hospitals in our region. Our bodies contain 10 to 12 pints of blood. Can you "spare" approximately 30 - 40 minutes (donation process) on Sunday morning, February 1, to help save lives? **F.Y.I.** for donors on Sunday, Feb. 1st - **Everyone must present a valid ID** issued by Miller Keystone Blood Center, or a federal, state, county, city, municipality, workplace or school ID. All **new donors** must complete a preregistration form (given to you at sign ups). **Anyone registering without valid ID will not be permitted to donate!** Please eat a healthy meal and **drink plenty of water** on Sunday, prior to your donation. Refrain from caffeinated drinks 4 hours prior and alcohol 8 hours prior to donating. Know all meds you're taking. Please pray for a generous response for the Gift of Life!

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.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

Celebrates Service - this week, we will begin our Catholic Schools Week observance, the annual celebration of Catholic education and its role in making the world a better place. Catholic schools incorporate service projects into the curriculum, teaching students the value of helping others as an expression of faith and good citizenship. Catholic Schools Week - Saturday, January 24th, CSW begins with our School Board sponsored Spaghetti Dinner and will conclude on Friday, January 30th with a student assembly. Look for our schedule of events on the school web site: www.sercc.org/school

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we express our gratitude for your donation of 34 bags and 5 boxes of food. Because of your caring and sharing, hungry people of our area are being fed.

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE

When does a human life begin? When is there a new living organism of the human species, distinct from mother and father and ready to develop and mature if given a nurturing environment? While ancient thinkers had little verifiable knowledge to help them answer this question, today the science of embryology confirms beyond a doubt that a new human life begins at conception.

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