

MARCH 1, 2009 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday, March 9/Frances of Rome, religious

6:30 AM Ryan Cole
8:00 AM Laura & Ray Bonenberger
12:25 PM Susan Vogel

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 AM Angela Oberg
8:00 AM Anne Fifick
12:15 PM Elizabeth Dieter

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 AM Eileen Hughes
8:00 AM Mary Kweder
12:15 PM Shirley Robbins

Thursday, March 12

6:30 AM Catherine Lake
8:00 AM Stephen Kuncio
12:15 PM Richard L. Hoff

Friday, March 13

6:30 AM James Schmaldest
8:00 AM Charles Keiser
12:15 PM Carolyn Marino

Saturday, March 14

9:00 AM James E. Bucklin, Sr.

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Edward Pramik

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM Roman Oleksy
9:00 AM Angelo L. Albino
10:30 AM Robert Dolan
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., Joanmarie Boyle, Frank DeLucia, Angela Gaal, Ryan Glose, John Handlon, Andrew Hein, Andrew O'Boyle, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Janice Shovelin, Colleen Tomline 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.

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.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

- The 7th grade students of Saint Elizabeth Regional School will present Stations of the Cross on the following Fridays at 1:45 pm in St. Elizabeth Church. Please join us on March 13, 20 & 27 if you can.
- Please pray for the soul of Mrs. Cecelia D'Annibale, wife of our music teacher, Mr. Jim D'Annibale. Mrs. D'Annibale passed away on Monday, February 23rd after a long hard fought battle with cancer.
- 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.

PIEROGIE SALE

Pierogie Sale now going on at the school - You have until March 9th to order potato & cheese pierogies. Cost is \$6 a dozen and will be available for pick up on Wednesday, March 25th. Please call the school office 610-264-0143 for more information.

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICES



Second grade will be maintaining the Lenten Giving Tree in the vestibule of the Church during Lent. All donations will be given to the young families at Mary's Shelter and the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley. Together we are working to bring about God's love to all His people. We greatly appreciate our parish family's kind support.

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!

ST. ELIZABETH GOLDEN AGERS

The next meeting of the Golden Agers will be Friday, March 6, 2009. The entertainment is Chuck Bar and dues will be collected at this meeting. Tickets for the Anniversary Dinner on Friday, May 1, 2009 will also be on sale at this meeting.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

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.

CATHOLIC MORALS ISSUES

During Lent, our Candidates and Catechumens in the R.C.I.A. program enter into what is known as a period of purification and enlightenment. It is designed to enlighten the mind and heart with a deeper knowledge of Christ our Savior. Lent is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to scrutinize their lives and relationship with God and one another. Classes on a variety of topics on Catholic Moral Issues will be held in the parish center meeting room on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm until 8:30 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please call the parish center at 610-266-0695.

BREAKFAST BUFFET



We will serve our monthly Breakfast Buffet next Sunday, March 9, after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast sticks, Danish, juice & coffee - all this for only \$5.50/adult, \$2.50/children & children 3 & under are free. Why not treat your family to a great meal at a reasonable price? Besides getting a good meal, you are also helping your Parish! Hope to see you there. This month's sponsor is **Hickory Grove Greenhouses, Inc.**

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting**, for all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of **abstinence from meat** is to be observed, by all Catholics who are 14 years and older, on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

KEEP IN MIND

Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7 PM in the Church.

Lenten Weekday Masses are in the Chapel at 6:30 and 8 AM and 12:15 PM

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 OFFICE

Do you seek healing from a past abortion experience either recent or many years ago? Call 1-866-3RACHEL, the confidential Project Rachel Hotline, to get information about compassionate post abortion counseling and reconciliation and Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we express our gratitude for your donation of 29 bags, 5 boxes of bakery items and 10 boxes of food. Because of your caring and sharing, hungry people of our area are being fed.

ST. MARY'S BASKET SOCIAL

Saturday, March 28th from 10 to 7 pm and Sunday, March 29th from 9 am to 1 pm St. Mary's in Catasauqua will have a basket social. Tickets on sale at the door and you need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's CCD program. Please call 610-264-0332 or 610-264-9383 for more information.

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