

MAY 24, 2009

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday, May 25/Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor;
Gregory VII, pope; Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi,
virgin/Memorial Day

6:30 AM NO MASS

9:00 AM Deceased Veterans

Tuesday, May 26/Philip Neri, priest

6:30 AM Leonard J. Rucci

8:00 AM M/M Lester Stengel

Wednesday, May 27/Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

6:30 AM Frank Schmaldestin

8:00 AM Mothers of the Parish

Thursday, May 28

6:30 AM Mary LaRossa

8:00 AM Pauline Brutchak

Friday, May 29

6:30 AM Helen M. Shea

8:00 AM Rose Pramik

Saturday, May 30

9:00 AM Lila Smith

Vigil: Pentecost

4:30 PM Ellen Eardley

Sunday, May 31

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

9:00 AM Carl Foster

10:30 AM Dorothea Mascari

12:00 PM Lois Malarkey

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

As is our custom all Mass intentions on Father's Day will be for the Fathers, living and deceased who are enrolled in the Spiritual Bouquet intentions. The Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the parish office during business hours for \$5.00 each.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

- **Blood Drive Signups:** Next weekend in the vestibule of the church, before and after all Masses, will be signups for the blood drive. Thank you to our volunteers: 4-5:30 PM on May 30th – Scott & Maureen Scharnitz; Sunday, May 31st: 7-8:30 AM – Monica & Tony Cocca; 8:30-10 AM – Aljane & Noel Anatalio; 10-11:30 AM – Rheta Botteon & Carolyn Coni; 11:30 AM-1 PM – Bernadette & Donald Marushak. Anyone 17 years of age and older may donate blood. Please pray for a generous blood drive. The life you save may be your own.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: will meet Thursday, May 28, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at the Parish Center. 422 prayer shawls, etc. have been given to grateful parishioners or their loved ones. Please bring any completed shawls, etc., to the meeting of drop them off at the rectory this Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Crocheted or knitted baby blankets are greatly needed! We welcome any new members with these talents or those willing to learn, who feel called to this rewarding ministry. Thanks to all the parishioners who donate monetary gifts, new yarn and completed items!

Next Blood Drive: Please circle Sunday, June 7th, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in our parish hall.

MEMORIAL DAY

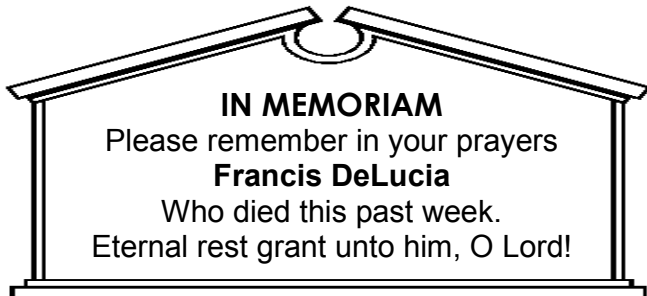
As has been tradition for the past seven years, the choir will once again honor our men and women who have served and continue to serve in the military to provide us with many freedoms including the freedom to worship. Our recessional hymn, at the 10:30 AM Mass, will be dedicated to them. If you have family, friend or neighbor who have defended our rights please remain in your seats and help honor them. If you are a present or past member of the military please stand to be acknowledged as your hymn is sung. Thank you for all you do to keep our world safe.

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.

ST. ELIZABETH GOLDEN AGERS

Tickets for the July 18th Picnic at Lake Hauto with bus (\$15) and the August 7th Picnic at St. Elizabeth @ \$5 each (refundable at the door) will be on sale at the June 5th Dinner. The August picnic will have game and contests for all to participate. Wear your most colorful Luau caftans, shirts, shorts, shoes, etc. You might win a prize.



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., Ryan Glose, John Handlon, Andrew Hein, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Roma Sweeney, Colleen Tomline, Timothy Yankowy and Theresa Yurasits.

GRADUATION/HONOR ROLL

Please submit the name, on index cards, of your parish family member who is graduating this year. Print name, school, grade (if applicable), honors, and if they are going on for further education (high school, college, graduate school.) Place the cards in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. **The deadline is June 15.** We ask that only parish member's names be submitted.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

Dear Alumni and Parishioners, I would like to inform you that Mrs. Macaluso, our 8th grade teacher at Saint Elizabeth Regional School will be retiring at the end of this school year. A huge thank you and congratulations are extended to her for the 23 years of dedicated service she has given to Catholic Education. The alumni, parish and school community are invited to a reception on **Sunday, May 31st from 10:00 am until noon in the parish hall.** This time will provide us the opportunity to extend congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Macaluso. Please mark your calendar and try to be with us to celebrate with Mrs. Macaluso. God bless you! Sister Bonita Smith

DO YOU BUY GROCERIES?

Shop at GIANT, REDNERS or WEIS? Do you know that by purchasing grocery store cards for any of the grocery stores above that you can pay the same amount you would spend in grocery money and still give a donation to the parish or school? The grocery stores allow us a rebate on parishioner and school family grocery card purchases. Stop after Mass or stop in at the Rectory or School and pick up your grocery card(s) this week. Everyone has to eat.....

VIKING BASKETBALL CAMP

Registration for the 2009 Viking Basketball Camp, for boys Entering grades 5-9 is **still available**. Day Camp June 22 -25th for Boys from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sites to be determined by camp enrollment sizes - St. Mikes and possibly Rockne Hall sites. Includes: **Camp T-shirt, Lectures and 4 Days of Clinic. Contact Coach Kern** for more information at 610-416-9868 or email at kkern@acchs.info.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Pregnancy Support Program: "Journey through Pregnancy," a free, weekly, four-session education series for expectant mothers and fathers is starting Monday, June 1 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at 530 Union Boulevard, Allentown. The program is co-sponsored with Sacred Heart Hospital. Please register with Diane at dthomsen@allentowndiocese.org or call her at 610-435-1541, ext. 317.

Counseling and Behavioral Health Program is accepting Medical Assistance/Health Choices Insurance at its Lehigh/Northampton County service office at 530 Union Boulevard, Allentown. Please call 610-435-1541.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Head Swimming Coach: Allentown Central Catholic High School is accepting applications for the position of head swimming coach. Please contact the Athletic Office at 610-437-4601, ext. 118 or sent a letter of interest and resume no later than August 1st to: Mike Kopp, Director of Athletics, Allentown Central Catholic, 301 N. 4th St, Allentown, PA 18102.

VACATION SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Handlon, Patricia Kantz and Pat Peapos who were winners in the Vacation Sweepstakes Lottery for the 2nd week of May. A total of \$350 in prize money was awarded. Thanks again to all who participated and good luck to all in the upcoming weeks.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS (ABCYA)

Attention young adults, in their 20's and 30's, come join the ABCYA for a young adult retreat in Northampton June 5th and 6th. This event is being sponsored and coordinated by the young adults of ABCYA. Please visit their website, www.abcya.org, for more details or call Ruthie at 484-554-5618.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

We are currently registering students entering grades K – 8. Please call the school at 610-264-0143 for more information. And don't forget to visit our web page at www.sercc.org/school.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$11,878 from 126 donors representing 10% of our total number of registered families in our parish. Please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. Extra pledge forms are available in the vestibule of the church and will be available next weekend in the pews. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our diocesan goal. You can make your gift online at www.adbaa.org or pickup a pledge form at the back of the Church.

POPPY DRIVE

Next weekend, May 30-31, the Catholic War Veterans "For God and Country" Post 454 will conduct their annual poppy drive. Donations collected will benefit hospitalized veterans at VA Medical Centers in Coatesville, Lebanon and Wilkes-Barre and the five state-operated Veterans Homes. They are also conducting an ongoing membership drive. Any Catholic veteran (men and women) interested in joining their organization should speak to a volunteer member during the "Poppy Drive" or call the Post at 610-261-2055. God bless you and God bless America.

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