

MAY 8, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday, May 9

6:30 AM Andrew Sedmak

8:00 AM Emma DeLucia

Tuesday, May 10/Saint Damien Joseph de Veuster of

Moloka'i, priest

6:30 AM Walter Bowski

8:00 AM Edward Ernst, Sr.

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 AM Frank A. Faustner

8:00 AM Robert Dolan

Thursday, May 12/Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus,

martyrs; Saint Pancras, martyr

6:30 AM John Taus

8:00 AM Sr. Regina Smith, 2nd Anniversary

Friday, May 13/Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 AM William Speicher

8:00 AM David Dickinson, 1st Anniversary

Saturday, May 14/Saint Matthias, apostle

9:00 AM Vincent P. Kulhamer

Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM June Kilhefner

Sunday, May 15

7:30 AM Laura & Raymond Bonenberger

9:00 AM Adelina Finelli

10:30 AM Jan Komperda

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember to ask for God's blessing and the gift of good health for the 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 and Rose Bellucci, Dolores Boyce, Ken Boyce, Joan DeLong, Ryan Glose, Lucy Kozic, Bernadette Marushak, Trudy Olsovsky, Elizabeth Porter, Luke Ronco, John Schedler, Margaret Sneary, Pauline Sosnowsky, Frank Szajkovic, Stella Taus, Colleen Tomline, Karen Wertz and Annette Yurish.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$5,840 from 52 parishioners representing 4.25% of our total number of registered families in *our* parish. Please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. Extra pledge forms will be available in the back of the church. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our diocesan goal. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at www.adbaa.org.

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The classes for the 2011-2012 school year are filling fast but there are still a few openings. Please call Mrs. Hock or Mrs. Gnall for more information. 610.266.0450

SUMMER CHILD CARE

Summer care is available for ten students K-6th grade. Registration fee will be waived for early bird registrations before May 1, 2011. Please call Ms. Maria for more information. 610.266.1322

**SAINT ELIZABETH REGIONAL
SCHOOL NEWS**

- Saint Elizabeth Regional School is now accepting registrations for students in Grades K - 8. Kindergarten students must be 5 by October 15, 2011. Please visit our web page www.sercc.org/school for information about our school.
- We also save Campbells labels and Boxtops for Education, Redner's tapes, empty ink cartridges and pull tabs from cans. Monies received from these items help with the everyday operation of the school. Pull tabs are sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia.
- If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call Joan Glover in the school office @ 610-264-0143 or send an email to school@sercc.org.

BLOOD DONOR SIGNUPS

Signups next weekend in the vestibule of the church, before and after all the Masses. Thank you to our volunteers: May 14 @ 4:30 PM Mass Mike & Vera Andrejow, May 15 @ 7:30 AM Mass Tony & Monica Cocca, 9:00 AM Mass Linda Melosky & Cathy Bonshak, 10:30 AM Mass Bob & Janet Hartzell and 12:00 noon Mass Mark & Edith Quiteles. Anyone 17 yrs of age and older may donate. Call Mike and Vera Andrejow @ 484-695-5629 to signup if you will not be at Mass next week. Please pray for a generous response for the Gift of Life.

DIOCESAN DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Day of Pilgrimage is Sunday, May 22nd. Join the Diocese as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a Diocese. Join parishioners throughout the diocese on a day of pilgrimage to the oldest church in each deanery, and our Cathedral. This one afternoon will allow us the chance to learn more about our diocesan history and each of these truly historical churches. This would be a great family event as well! Confessions will be heard during the pilgrimage hours of 12:00 - 4:00 PM. A brief closing service for those who are present will be held at 4:00 PM. The Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence to all those who visit one of these Churches and fulfill the requirements to gain the indulgence. Listed below are the Churches. Feel free to visit one or as many as you wish. Directions to each church and more information are listed in the AD Times: Berks County: Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Bally, PA. Carbon County: Immaculate Conception Church, Jim Thorpe, PA. Lehigh County: Immaculate Conception Church, Allentown, PA. (1:30 - 4:00 PM) Northampton County: Saint Bernard Oratory, Easton, PA. Schuylkill County: Saint Patrick's Church, Pottsville, PA

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...

To Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown. Join other parishioners in celebrating our 50th Anniversary as a Diocese at a Reading Phillies (July 9th) or Iron Pigs (July 14th) game this summer. Great seats have been reserved for our parishioners. Both parks are wonderful family environments so bring out the whole gang to enjoy one of America's favorite pastimes. Call the Parish Office for more information or consult the full page ad in the AD Times for all the information you need. Reservations must be made by June 1st while seats last. Reservation forms are available either in the AD Times or at the Parish Office.

ALTAR SERVERS – CANTORS – LECTORS –EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please check your calendars for **June, July and August**. Call the parish office by May 16 with the dates you will be unavailable to serve. If you do not notify the office before May 16, and your name appears on the schedule, remember it is your responsibility to find someone to substitute for you. Please call the Parish Office at 610-266-0695 or email Lisa Bucklin at lbucklin@sercc.org.

PRIMARY ELECTION –MAY 17

Be a faithful citizen and vote on Tuesday, May 17. For a copy of the document on faithful citizenship (www.faithfulcitizenship.org) or to join the Diocesan Legislative Advocacy Network, please call Office for Pro-Life Activities and Social Concerns (610) 289-8900 x244.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORTERS

We need your help! Catholic education in the state of Pennsylvania is on the cusp of a significant era of educational reform. There is proposed legislation in our state senate that would increase the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program that provides scholarships to middle and low-income families and create Opportunity Scholarships for the lowest income families in our Diocese to attend Catholic schools. Senate Bill #1 could help thousands more families in our Diocese choose Catholic education for their children. Our entire Catholic community needs to work together to speak with one voice to get Senate Bill #1 passed. We need your help. Please contact your State Senator by fax, email, phone or online at www.pacatholic.org/ace-pa and voice your support for Senate Bill #1.

MAY PROCESSION

St. Elizabeth Regional School's May Procession will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 pm. Please join us to celebrate our devotion to Mary. CCD students are invited to be in the procession; please see Sister Bonita that evening to find out where you would be in the procession line.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Families from our parish will be selling roses and carnations after all the Masses this weekend to benefit PHL (Pennsylvanians for Human Life.) Please consider buying a couple flowers to support our cause to protect and defend all life. Both the roses and carnations will be sold for \$2.00 each. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Happy Mother's Day!

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, May 12th, @ 7:00PM-8:30 PM in the parish center. Please bring completed items to the meeting or drop them off at the rectory. We need men's lap covers, women's shawls, and baby blankets. 759 prayer shawls etc. have been given to grateful parishioners and their loved ones. Thank you to all who donate gift cards for yarn and to all the participants who share their time, talent, generosity and prayers for their fellow parishioners. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join us for a rewarding ministry!

MISS YOU

I've missed very much celebrating Mass with you the past two Sunday's. I had some very minor surgery, followed by some very major pain and discomfort, followed by a whole lot of medication which seemed to make things a whole lot worse. But things are looking up and I am hoping to be with you at Mass very soon. Msgr. Muntone

MOTHER'S DAY

"This word of thanks to the Lord for his mysterious plan regarding the vocation and mission of women in the world is at the same time a concrete and direct word of thanks to women, to every woman, for all that they represent in the life of humanity. Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."

Pope John Paul II, Letter to Women 1995

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