

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



EASTON ROAD & FAIRHILL AVENUE ❖ GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

MARCH 1, 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, respecting our tradition, affirming our strong family ties, and valuing our diverse community, are called by Baptism to commit ourselves to:

- *Give glory to God by liturgy which unites and strengthens the community of faith;*
- *Build a church community that welcomes all, encouraging each home to be a domestic church;*
- *Listen to the Gospel of Jesus, live it in our daily lives, and share it with one another; and*
- *Serve others as Jesus did, especially the poor and those in need.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Daily (Monday - Saturday): 6:30 & 8:30 AM

Additional Mass during Lent, Monday - Thursday: 5:30 PM

Holy Day: varies; Holiday: varies

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Wednesdays in Lent: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Eve of First Friday: 7:30 - 8:00 PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you."
Genesis 9: 9-10b

What can you do to protect human life in all its stages?

What must you do to protect the environment so that it will continue to be a blessing for generations who follow us?

SPAGHETTI SUPPER—THIS SUNDAY

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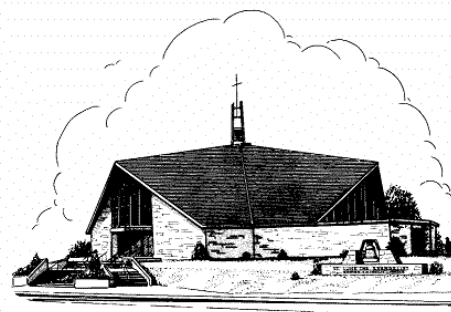
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, MON

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, TUES - THURS

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, FRI

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM, SAT

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, SUN



www.stlukerc.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2009

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15
Mon Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tues Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thurs Esther C:12,14-16,23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat Deuteronomy 26:16-19, Matthew 5:43-48
Sun Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 2 – Lenten Weekday

6:30 am Bill McGettigan
8:30 am Joe Mooney req. by the Cunnane Family
5:30 pm Larry Dunigan

Tuesday, March 3 – Lenten Weekday / Katharine Drexel, virgin

6:30 am Tom Lydon req. by Larry Shannon
8:30 am Anne Gallagher req. by the Cunnane Family
5:30 pm Frederick J. Hegerich, Jr. req. by
Jim & Barbara Burke

Wednesday, March 4 – Lenten Weekday / Casimir

6:30 am Timothy Walsh
8:30 am Kevin McKee req. by the Joan & Bill
Cunnane Family
5:30 pm Mark Timoney req. by his wife, Rita

Thursday, March 5 – Lenten Weekday

6:30 am Barbara Knutson req. by Eileen & Joe Kelly
8:30 am Daniel Marinelli
5:30 pm Neil McGeehan (25th Anniversary)

Friday, March 6 – Lenten Weekday

6:30 am Emily Jaworowski
8:30 am Stephanie Spasari req by her family
10:30 am John Farrell req. by St. Luke Home &
School Assn.

Saturday, March 7 – Lenten Weekday / Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

6:30 am Doris McCann
8:30 am Don Staley

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

Sunday, March 1 – First Sunday of Lent

Central & Eastern Europe Collection
9:30 am CYO Mass
3:00 pm Spaghetti Supper, FFH
6:30 pm Rite of Election at the Cathedral

Monday, March 2

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society, Rectory
7:30 pm RCIA, Alumni Room

Tuesday, March 3

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:30 am St. Luke's Over 50's, FFH
7:00 pm Sodality, Church
7:00 pm Youth Group Choir, MMR
7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FFH
7:30 pm Bridges to Contemplative Living, Alumni
Room

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Gym
7:00 pm Safe Environment Training, FFH
7:30 pm Music Rehearsal, MMR

Thursday, March 5

10:00 am Moms & Tots, FFH
6:30 pm Camp Fire, FFH
7:30 pm Choir, MMR
7:30 pm CYO Board, Alumni Room
7:30 pm Venture Crew, FFH

Friday, March 6

10:30 am First Friday Mass
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

Haiti Benefit Dinner Tickets Sale
4:30 pm Anointing of the Sick
5:00 pm Youth Group Lock In, FFH/Gym

Sunday, March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent

Haiti Benefit Dinner Tickets Sale
9:00 am Eucharistic Ministry at Abington Hospital
7:00 pm Evening Prayer, Chapel House

THE POOR BOXES ARE THE BREAD BOXES
OF THE NEEDY

The Pro-Life Rose,
placed before the statue of Mary, and the
St. Vincent de Paul Carnations,
placed before the statue of St. Joseph,
are in loving memory of
Sr. Mary Dolorosa, IHM

**WELCOME OUR NEWEST
PARISHIONERS!**

Alexis Marie D'Amore,
daughter of
Anthony & Maria D'Amore,
and
Evan Thomas Hillman, son of
Myles & Eileen Hillman,
were baptized on
February 22, 2009.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 5 families, providing certificates for food, and help to pay for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

Here you will find a variety of suggestions and resources to facilitate your Lenten practice and your journey with Christ.
www.usccb.org/lent

**SODALITY AND
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, **March 3** at 7pm. The Novena prayers and Benediction end our services. Plan to come to our weekly devotions. If questions re weather, please call Teresa Duff, 215-887-4727, or Marie Winstanley, 215-886-3863.

SECOND COLLECTION

Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe need your help to continue to revitalize the Church and to foster the Spirit of Love in their parishes and communities. In 28 countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the Collection funds vital pastoral and social projects and contributes to programs that promote Catholic life.

Please be generous in **today's Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love.

VOCATION VIEWS

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. (Mark 1:12-15)

Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday of the month. The next Anointing is **March 7** at 4:30pm, just before the 5pm Vigil Mass.

We invite those who

- are of advanced age
- have a serious illness (including mental illness)
- are facing surgery in the near future
- are in treatment for prevention of return of serious illness
- those who are usually homebound

to receive this sacrament.

Of course, the Sacrament will be administered to anyone in an emergency at any time.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**REFLECTION ON THE 1ST
SUNDAY OF LENT**

by Jude Siciliano, OP

From Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8 – 15

God said to Noah...

“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.”

Reflection:

The covenant God made with Noah and his descendants states that God wants to continue working with us to care for what God has created. God's good purpose not only includes humans and their care, but also all of the natural world which the Book of Genesis tells us, God called “good.” What God calls good we must also treasure and protect.

We ask ourselves:

What can I do to protect human life in all its stages?

What must I do to protect the environment so that it will continue to be a blessing for generations who follow us?

THE BOOK FOR LENT

The Shack

by William Paul Young

Look for the discussions on this book that we will schedule during Lent.

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
MEN'S SPIRITUALITY
CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, March 7, 2009
8:45 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Cardinal O'Hara High School
Springfield, Delaware County**
*Closing Mass at 4:00 pm with His
Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali*
**Keynote Speakers: Rich
Gannon and Marcus Grodi**
Featured Topics: Fathers &
Sons: Embracing God's Call;
Evangelizing the Word of God;
Spiritual Leadership in the Work-
place and Home; Establishing
Faith-Sharing Groups in the Par-
ish.

More info at
[www.archphila.org/evangelization/
famlife/famlife.htm](http://www.archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/famlife.htm)

SUMMERSTOCK NEWS

The 2009 production this year will be Beauty and the Beast Jr which was our first show! The Show will be at the Keswick Theater **August 6 & 7.**

All returning cast members for the Junior Show have been emailed a 2009 registration form which **MUST** be returned by **2/28/09.** Registration has closed for returning Main Show Cast Members.

Any openings for new cast members in both the Main Show as well as the Junior production will be via a lottery drawing. Please refer to St Luke's website for more detailed information: ... stlukerc.org ... under Summerstock.

For questions, please contact Sharon Slusarski, 215-887-4475 or stlukesummerstock@comcast.net

**ST. LUKE KINDERGARTEN
CLASS HATCHES CHICKENS**

In February, St. Luke Kindergarten classes performed a ten-day chick-hatching project in their classroom. Organized through "Quiver Farms" based in Pennsburg, PA, the classes participated in the process over a ten-day period, watching the birds hatch from eggs into fuzzy, cute chicks.

The class was responsible (with supervision) for regulating the temperature and humidity, and turning the eggs a few times per day. Quiver Farms states that the project is designed to teach life lessons about "farm life and about the animals that make our life possible." The class was able to hatch chicks from all 12 eggs, who were collected by Quiver Farms and made the journey back to the farm. For more info visit www.quiverfarm.com



Kindergarteners proudly display their chicks.



Students waiting to taste the donuts!

ST. LUKE SCHOOL

**KINDERGARTENERS MAKE
"DONUT DAY" THEIR OWN!**

On Tuesday, St. Luke Kindergarten classes marked "Donut Day" (or Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras) by frying their own donuts. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Kelly Gaynor organized and supervised the event in the classroom.

The children enjoyed making (and eating) the donuts, and the event was a tangible way to introduce them to the concept of the upcoming Lenten fast.

Can you help to call donors for the next Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Luke's? The Blood Drive will be on April 29. Contact Sue Borowy at 215-884-3781 for more info or to volunteer.

**KEEP OUR SISTER PARISH IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

St. Luke School Class of 1969 Reunion! For info, contact Denise (Trudeau) Sabol at 302-521-2375 or DSabol@comcast.net.

**SAINT LUKE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
FOR THE
2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR**
Registration appointments will take place each Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. You may make a registration appointment by calling the school office - 215-884-0843. *NB: Parents with students already attending Saint Luke's School should also call the school to schedule registration appointments for their new Kindergarten or first grade child.*

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays 7:30 pm

Join us for the series *Bridges to Contemplative Living* on Tuesday evenings during Lent (beginning **March 3**) in the Alumni Room, in Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall at 7:30 pm. Any questions call Mary Lou Smart 215-887-6484 or just come.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

No classes on **Monday, March 2**. Classes resume on the 9th.

The **Confirmation Retreat** for all candidates is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 3**. Students should bring a bagged lunch and drink, and their permission slips, and report to Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall by 8:30am. Students will return to FFH at approximately 2:30pm.

Frank Runyeon will perform on **Monday, March 30** at 7pm.
Open to all parishioners.

Save the Date!

Holy Communion Dates for November, 2009

Sat., Nov 7 - 5 pm family setting
Sun., Nov 8 - 9:30am family setting
Sun., Nov. 15 - 11:30 am traditional

Sacrament Saturday September 26, 2009

A presentation for all parents who will have children receiving the Sacraments of

First Penance in 2010,
Confirmation 2010, or
Holy Communion in 2009.

The Year of St. Paul

June, 2008 — June, 2009

BENEFIT DINNER FOR OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI

The teacher and students at the Easter Center for Arts and Technology are again joining in our effort to raise money for our sister parish. The young people in the culinary arts program will prepare a meal for this benefit.

Buffet Dinner will start at 6pm at the Center (Dining Room at 3075 Terwood Rd., Willow Grove) on **Wednesday, March 11, 2009**. The price is \$15.00.

You can also assist our sister parish by taking a chance on a Haitian wall sculpture representing the Tree of Life. Chances are just \$1 each, 6 chances for \$5.

Tickets and chances will be available at Masses on weekend of March 7/8 and in the rectory beginning March 2.

OVER 50'S

The Over 50's Club will meet on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 11:30am in Father Fitzpatrick Hall. We will have a representative from Primex to discuss the upcoming gardening season for flowers and vegetables. This should prove to be most interesting. Once again, we invite anyone interested in our senior meetings to come and enjoy. A buffet luncheon will be available.

Trip to West Virginia and Pittsburgh - **April 28 to April 30**. Guided City Tour of Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle. Tour of Oglebay Park. Visit St. Anthony's Chapel. Price \$252.00. If interested call Nancy Catania 215-884-2423.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

This training is required for all adults who are active in parish activities involving children. The next training session in our parish will be on Wednesday, **March 4**, from 7 to 10 pm.

To view list of all local dates and locations, and register for a session visit:

http://www.virtus.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

ATTENTION

CYO COACHES

All coaches must COMPLETE the Safe Environments requirements BEFORE their rosters are approved.

Requirements are

1) **PA State Police Criminal Record Check** or **Federal Background Check** (for those who do not live in Pennsylvania, or have lived outside of PA during the past two years.)

2) **PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Check**

3) **Safe Environment Training** (*see above*)

4) Volunteer must **sign a statement** to the effect that they have received and reviewed the "Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries for Priests, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff and Volunteers" and that they **understand and will abide by all the standards in the statement**. (The signature form and Standards are given at the Safe Environment Training - and available on our website)

PREP PROFILES

“I do my homework in church.”

If a child were to make this statement, they should probably ready themselves for a lecture on the importance of paying attention, being quiet, and thinking about God. **Chris Campoli**, one of our three fifth grade PREP instructors pays attention, reflects quietly, and thinks about God, ALL while doing some of *her* homework in church! To prepare for her weekly PREP classes, Chris “listens to the readings at Mass on Sunday ... and (tries to) incorporate some of the Sunday Gospel readings into each weekly lesson.”

In addition, Chris does much of her class preparation, or “homework,” at home. She previews upcoming feast days, reviews the Catechist Guide for 5th grade teachers, and reflects on how best to tie these two things in with the Sunday readings to create a meaningful lesson plan. Topics Chris covers with her fifth graders are the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, parts of the Mass, and the liturgical year. The lessons she enjoys most are those that relate to the life of Christ, and Chris tries to approach this area from a historical as well as spiritual perspective. She designs her class around readings and reflections that help her students to understand what it was like to live in Jesus’ time and how He was received by His fellow Jews. One of her biggest challenges is “answer (ing) all the questions the children have about our faith, but it is refreshing to see they care enough to be inquisitive!” She and her class enjoy the occasional classroom visits from Monsignor Flood, who is always “gracious enough to answer a barrage of questions from the children.”

Chris and her husband, David, have been married for 24 years, and have been members of St. Luke parish for 19. Their five daughters range in age from 23 to 9. Chris’ involvement as a catechist began a few years ago. She shares “up until that point, I always had a child home with me while my other children attended PREP. Two years ago, Grace was beginning 5th grade, and her PREP registration arrived in the mail; **Teacher: unknown**. It was then that I considered becoming her teacher.”

Thanks, Chris, for stepping into the “unknown,” doing your homework, and performing a great service to families at St. Luke’s.



Chris Campoli

Each friendship is unique, as are the ways that each friendship is nurtured. Typically, solid friendships are built on common interests and shared beliefs, and are deepened through time spent together doing things that are enjoyable or meaningful to the individuals. For many of us, time spent with friends might include activities such as hobbies, parties, sporting events and possibly even work events. For **Caitie Coupe** and **Katie McIntyre**, two of our three fifth grade PREP instructors, **teaching PREP** is included in *their* list of activities shared as friends!

In their second year here at St. Luke’s as PREP teachers, Caitie and Katie share the responsibility for our evening fifth grade PREP class. Both educators for the public school system, Caitie and Katie each know the great value of education in all its forms. “We realize the importance of (religious) education, and the value it has instilled in us as adults.” Their commitment to education is evident in that their classroom time does not stop at the end of the school day, or even at the end of their Monday night PREP sessions. Both women are also currently students at Arcadia, pursuing graduate degrees.

Sacraments are a favorite topic for the teachers, especially delving with their class into the true meaning behind each one. Preparation for their classes includes searching for a “variety of activities that are both fun and educational.” Caitie and Katie incorporate crafts, games and even performances such as plays and skits to get the message of the lesson across to their students.

Thanks, Caitie and Katie, for making St. Luke’s PREP program one of the activities you choose to share as friends. Our parish children are fortunate to have role models in their lives of young women who are educated, independent, and so willing to play such an active role in their Church.



Caitie Coupe & Katie McIntyre

**CALIX - COMMUNION WITH
CHRIST ENHANCING OUR
12 STEP PROGRAM**

A new chapter of Calix has been recently formed in Philadelphia. Calix is an international association of Catholic alcoholics (founded in 1942) who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with, and participation in, the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. We meet on the last Saturday of each month at St. Luke's parish in Glenside, PA. We have received approval for this chapter from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and have a participating chaplain. There are a group of individuals who carpool from the Media area.

Calix's first concern is to interest Catholics with an alcohol problem in the VIRTUE of total abstinence. Our second purpose is to promote the spiritual development of our membership. Our participation in all other spiritual activities of Calix, such as the frequent celebration of Mass, Sacraments, personal prayer, Holy Hours, retreats, etc., aid us in our third objective, namely, striving for our personal sanctification.

If interested, please contact Ken at 215-327-3236 or Amy at 610-405-7747, e-mail us at StLukeCalix@comcast.net. Visit us at www.stlukecalix.org.

During Lent there will be a **5:30pm Mass** Monday through Thursday, in addition to our usual daily Masses at 6:30 and 8:30 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every **Wednesday** from **7-8:30pm**.

ST. LUKE'S 70TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

This Sunday, March 1



All are invited to the St. Luke 70th Annual Spaghetti Supper, held in Fr. Fitzpatrick Hall on Sunday, March 1st from **3 to 7pm. (Take out will be limited to 2 to 4:30pm. Bring your own pots or use one of our take-out pans.)**

The menu is: all the spaghetti, salad, and Italian bread you can eat, plus two meatballs, a soft drink, and homemade dessert. Our bar will be serving wine and beer at a bargain price.

For your listening pleasure, the very talented Joe McHugh, who has entertained us for so many years with his excellence on the piano.

The pricing is: \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids 12 and under, and toddlers under 3 are free (children's platters have just one meatball).

Donations for the dessert table can be dropped off in the Hall on March 1st at any time.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Lock-in Saturday/Sunday March 7 and 8. Deadline for signing up for the lock-in is tomorrow, **Monday March 2**. Return your money and permission slips to the rectory. If you have any questions contact Charlie Spencer at 215-287-8731.

Youth Mass: Sunday March 15. Youth Mass starts at 5:30pm. Following the Youth Mass we will have pizza in the Father Fitzpatrick Hall and Part 4 of our college series.

College Information Series *Sponsored by: St. Luke's Youth Group.* The College Information Series seeks to inform families and prospective college students about several aspects of college life in an informal, intimate setting. Students and families will learn strategies for success in searching for an institution, strategies for success during the first year, strategies to maintain positive familial relationships during the transition, and will make contact with professionals within the parish that will be excellent resources and support during this very exciting, yet stressful, time.

Part Four:

Finding the Right Fit: Selecting a College that is Right for You

Target Audience: Parents and students (high school age, concentration on 10th and 11th grade)

Date and Time: **March 15, 2009** after our 5:30pm Youth Mass. Location: Father Fitzpatrick Hall (under the church)

Session Description: For many students, choosing a college is an overwhelming experience. Nevertheless, many go about this decision haphazardly. We'll help break down the complexities of this process. In this interactive session, you will think about what is important to you, and how to find a college that will meet your expectations and support your success.

ANNUAL MASS

The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate cordially invite you to attend the **Annual Archdiocesan Eucharistic Liturgy for Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Parishioners, Family, Friends and Caregivers** on Sunday, **March 22**, 2009 at 2:30pm at the Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia is Principal Celebrant and Homilist. Tonya Dorsey and the New Vision Choir will provide the liturgical music at the Mass. The One Flock Choir, children from the Archdiocesan Special Education Schools, will be the featured guest choir. The Nevlairens Choir will provide musical entertainment at the reception immediately following the Mass. Join the Archdiocese in the effort to raise awareness, create access and celebrate the presence of people of all abilities in the life of the Church. A light reception follows the Mass. All are welcome. To register call 215-587-3530 (voice), 215-587-3913 (tty/vp), Email: PCPDDEAF@adphila.org

IRISH NIGHT

Queen of Peace Parish will hold its 2nd Annual **Irish Night** on **March 7** in the school hall. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door and include food, beer, soda and entertainment by Seven Rings Band, Jamison Celtic Traditional and Rock Band and the Timoney Irish Dancers! For more information, contact Susan Webb @ 215-885-4006 or webbsj@comcast Get your tickets early—they sold out last year!

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring people for temporary jobs, both full-time and part-time. Many of the jobs are based in our local area. For more information, visit the website listed below or call 267-207-2230. Note that the website contains a practice test that can be printed. Take a look at the practice test before you apply.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

RETREATS FOR

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat conducted by professional counselors that offers spiritual and emotional healing for post-abortive women. The next retreat in this area will be in Philadelphia from **March 13-15**. Contact Priscilla, 215-906-6337 or occonnor1@comcast.net, or Geri Simboli. 610-399-0890 or simboli2@earthlink.net. For more information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org

BEEF AND BEER

Honoring the Memory of Jim Winter

Saturday, March 14, at the Knights of Columbus, 235 Limekiln Pike, Glenside, 7pm - 11pm, \$30 a ticket. Gift baskets, raffles, and 50/50. Beer, wine, food and a DJ! All proceeds will be going to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Contact Jimmy Winter at 215-260-8903 for tickets or send a check to Juan Salazar, 2160 Mount Carmel Ave, Glenside, PA, 19038.

JOHN W. HALLAHAN

CATHOLIC GIRLS' HS

Irish Night

Hallahan is hosting an IRISH NIGHT featuring the Irish Band, Twirlin' Martha on **March 13** from 7-10pm at 311 N. 19th St., Philadelphia. Cost: \$30.00 per person, includes: Beer, Soda, Food and Entertainment.

This event is for ages 21 and older. To buy tickets please call 215-563-8930 ext. 251 or email edumin@jwhallahan.com.

A LIGHT ONCE HIDDEN: THE JOURNEY OF WOMEN SINCE VATICAN II

lecture by Sandra Yocum Mize, Ph.D, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Dayton, at Saint Joseph's University, **March 2**, at 7:30pm in Mandeville Hall, Wolfington Teletorium. More info:

www.sju.edu/resources/mission/cis.html

BISHOP MCDEVITT HS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BEEF & BEER

Saturday, **March 7**, in the Auditorium (handicap accessible) 8pm - 12 midnight. Tickets are \$35 per person and include complete buffet provided by Sam Rizzo Caterers + beer and set-ups. In addition, the **class of 1968 is holding its reunion** that evening. For information and reservations call Pat Siegfried at 215-576-5651.

<p>Administrative Assistant needed full time to provide support to Administrator and Development Department of LTC facility located in Philadelphia. Must have experience and be proficient in MS office software. FAX 215-727-8524 or phumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org.</p>

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR REFUGEES FROM BURMA

The families need assistance to help them begin their new life For more information contact Jeanne Kyle at the rectory, 215-572-0128.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A time for married couples to deepen their relationship. The next couples experience will be **March 27-29**, 2009. For more information, call 1-800-456-8330.



**Remember those who are serving
in the Armed Forces**

Sean Biggio	Andy Johnson	Brian Starkey, Jr.
John Crockett	Michael Johnson	John L. Sullivan
Michael DiCicco	Charles Keller	Marygrace
Eric Duckworth	Edward Keller	Telman
Erin E. Duffy	Nicholas Lynch	Travis Telman
Colin A. Graham	Randall Main	Calvin Travers
Ronald Green	John Monaghan	Tim Tumelty
Robert Grimming	Nicholas Nedbal	Kevin Ward
	Daniel Scharle	

STAFF

Rev. Msgr. J. Michael Flood	Pastor
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Rev. Joseph T. Murphy	Retired
Rev. Msgr. John F. O'Brien	Retired
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Sharon D'Amore	Director of Religious Education
Jeanne Kyle	Director of Parish Services
Molly Mahoney	.....	Director of Music Ministries
Tina Dean	.....	Secretary
Cathy Berry	.....	Evening Secretary
John Alekna	.....	Maintenance
Dave Daniel	.....	Maintenance
Joe Hart	.....	Business Manager
Beth Stieritz	.....	Development
Cathy Foley	.....	Sacristan

RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT:

The cleansing power of water

Today's first reading speaks to us of Noah's Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah's day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by a deluge, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us.

Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to become who we already are. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live.

God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let's look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn.



*Remember
Our Deceased...*

Patty Hogan
Andrew Wargo



*Remember
Our Sick*



James Bradley	David Jenkins
Jerry Bradley	Anna Marie Larkin
Joan Brindley	Ginger Luskin
Fred Calio	Ruth McCarthy
Patricia Carter	Louise McCartney
Ted Chapman	Norva McGrogan
Caterina Costanzo	Connor McKemey
John Coughlan	Marjorie Miller
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Lou DiLanzo	Edwina Randall
Coeli Duke	Jim Rowley
Kate Dwyer	Violet Ryan
Thomas Flagg	Ralph Siani
Harold Fleming	Kevin Smith
Joseph Flint	Mary Jo Smith
Mike Gillespie	&
Deborah Gormley	All those who are sick
Joseph Granahan	and homebound in the
John Guarro	parish, and patients at
Julia Hassan	Abington Memorial
Elda Ianna	Hospital

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER:

That the Church may show the world the way to God through repentance and prayer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 11	Haiti Benefit Dinner
March 30	Frank Runyeon: Year of Paul Presentation
April 12	Easter
April 17	Confirmation
August 6 & 7	St. Luke Summerstock Show
August 22	St. Luke School All Class Reunion
October 4	Parish Picnic

SCHEDULES

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 5 pm Vigil, Feb 28

5:00 pm Cameron Gillaspy, Sarah Sydlowski, Anthony Scalfaro

Sunday, Mar 1

6:30 am Maura Brownsey, Jake Meizinger

8:00 am Dan Affleck, Stephanie Mahoney, Stephen DiCicco

9:30 am Joseph Krause, Michael Joyce, Paul McNamara

11:30 am Kyle Donahue, Loribrooke Howell, Sean Dawson

LECTORS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

5:00	Helen Watkins	Cathy Dunigan
6:30	Dan Moyer	Agnes DiLanzo
8:00	Thomas McCarthy	Al Dorley
9:30	CYO	
11:30	Ken Johnston	Mary Jane Dean

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

5:00	Del Axford, Eileen Breslin, S. Nora Friel, Chris Gardner, John Monaghan, Pat O'Donnell, Drew Sharkey, Jane Turk
8:00	Dorothy Baer, Cathy Berry, Anne McFadden, MaryBeth Meakim, Linda O'Donnell, Barb Piper, Mary Santarelli, Jayne Spencer, Nancy Traister
9:30	Terry Biansco, Marie Brett, James Gauger, Janet Gauger, Mary Limburg, Jailer Sanchez, Lorrie Szuch, Phil Szuch
11:30	Anne Clancy, Bernadette Dougherty, Dan Dougherty, Trish Hayes, Donna Scully, Michael Shea, Susan Shea, Maryann Vesce, Mark Zehner

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our faith community will join millions of U.S. Catholics this year by participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. Just as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays, we can use Operation Rice Bowl throughout Lent as a way to "break bread" together with family and loved ones. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and **pray** as a community, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **give** concrete assistance to those most in need, while we **learn** about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

There are the cardboard 'rice bowls' on the tables in the rear of church. You may take one to remind you to sacrifice for others this Lent. At the end of Lent or after Easter, please make your contribution to Operation Rice Bowl. Use the Operation Rice Bowl envelope or your own envelope with *Operation Rice Bowl* written on it.

What is Catholic Relief Services?

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LENTEN PRAYER

Oh loving Lord,
during this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you.
Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice
in the voices of the poor, your people.
May I find in their example the path
to my conversion.
Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning,
and Giving in this season of grace.
May these actions answer the call
to transform our world.
Amen.