

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 9, 2009**

- 1) **1 Kings 19:4-8**
- 2) **Ephesians 4:30-5:2**
- 3) **Ephesians 4:30-5:2**
- 4) **John 6:41-51**

Life's difficulties can bring us, at times, to want to give up and say, like the prophet Elijah: This is enough, O Lord! Take my life. But there is no reason to allow despair to take hold of our lives. Just as God provided Elijah with what he needed to carry on, he will provide for us in any time or circumstance of our lives. Amen

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, August 8**

8:30AM George Arneson

5:30PM Michael Doyle

**SUNDAY, August 9**

7:30AM Frederick Harmer

10:00AM Bob Protesto

11:30AM Michael & Bonnie Belton

5:30PM Robert Bonner

**MONDAY, August 10**

6:30AM Rosemary Craig

8:30AM Joseph Dolan

**TUESDAY, August 11**

6:30AM Patrick Cotter

8:30AM Victor Chieffo

**WEDNESDAY, August 12**

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Catharine Ward

**THURSDAY, August 13**

6:30AM Edward Feuerstein

8:30AM Erik Trimarelli

**FRIDAY, August 14**

6:30AM Joseph Argentieri

8:30AM Thomas F. Reilly

**SATURDAY, August 15**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30AM Samuel Shay

5:30PM Thomas & Elizabeth Hughes

**SUNDAY, August 16**

7:30AM Veronica Tonart

10:00AM H. Joseph DiCandilo

11:30AM Bernard Vanella

5:30PM Catherine Caligiuri

**We need lectors for 5:30 SUNDAY MASS**

**BREAD & WINE & CANDLE**

**In memory of Gaetano LoPiccolo**

**FLOWERS IN CHAPEL-In memory of Patrick Cotter**

**SMM FISCAL YEAR REPORT 2008-9**

Each time I think of your deep faith, hunger for an intimate relationship with Jesus, and your many acts of charity and compassion, I praise God and thank you for the joy of serving as your pastor. In collaboration with our deacons, principal, president, wellness coordinator, business manager, musicians, cantors, and parish leaders, we certainly are **building a family of faith in Jesus Christ through Catholic worship, education and charity.**

Hope you are enjoying the booklet capturing the inspirational beauty of our new church which gives glory to God and lifts our minds and hearts to intimacy with our Lord and the saints. Please offer your personal thanks to Peter Lerro for photographing and writing this book. Also, thank Cecilia and John Hallinan, Diana and Joseph Naselli, Kimberly and David Panichi, and JoAnne and David Thomas for covering part of the cost. Extra copies are available in the parish office for \$5 each or at the SCRIP Table on Sundays.

I am especially grateful to our charitable outreaches as we share our collections, host our homeless, and provide meal and food for the needy. This year in addition to meeting all of our parish expenses, we donated \$318,561.00 to help the mission of our Catholic faith within and outside our Archdiocese. We are truly tithing the tithe and sharing our blessings with others. We hope in the future to have a dedicated fund for the poor.

In this Year of the Priesthood, please pray for all priests and especially for Fr. James Hughes, Fr. John Mulgrew, Fr. William Chiriaco (our resident teaching at Cardinal O'Hara HS), and your pastor so that in the words of Pope Benedict we can be **"the heart of Jesus for you."**  
**Love and prayers, Father Ralph**

**SSM FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING - JUNE 30, 2009**

	<b>Church</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Income	\$1,457,488	\$1,026,561	\$2,484,049
Op Exp	<u>675,066</u>	<u>1,653,985</u>	<u>2,329,051</u>
Exp-Inc \$	782,422	(\$627,424)	\$ 154,998
Parish subsidy to school		\$627,424	
Parish Debt		\$291,175	
Extra Parish Donations		\$197,461	
Archdiocesan Assessment		<u>\$121,100</u>	
Parish Stewardship		\$318,561	
Parish Cash		\$221,450	
Endowment		\$853,523	

Due to you, our generous parishioners we have greatly reduced our church debt to \$291,175 and all our contractors are paid to date. For that we are most grateful. Church pledges remaining to collect total \$265,843. There are still some commemoratives available and you can contribute any amount towards our lovely St Mary Magdalen statue. Please contact Mary Lou in our parish office if you are interested.

Last year our Sponsor a Student program (again with your aide) allowed us to help 6 families keep their children in our wonderful school. We are in the process of offering assistance to another 4 – 5 families for this coming school year. Please contact Mary Lou if you can see your way to help this year.

Our parish family presently stands at:  
 1716 families  
 5927 members

**FAMILY GIVING July 2008-June 2009**

Amount Given \$	#	%
0.00 - \$0.00	386	23
0.01 - 100	149	9
100.01 - 500	294	18
500.01 - 1,000	289	17
1,000.01 - 2,000	309	9
2,000.01 - 4,000	148	9
4,000.01 -10,000	59	4
10,000.01-15,000	12	1
Over 20,000.01	8	.5
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,967,789.96</b>	

**SMM SCHOOL NEWS**

**By: Barbara Burke, Principal**

Due to the generosity of all those who have participated in our fundraisers and special programs for the 2008-2009 school year, we were able to purchase 9 smartboards, 1 projector, and 16 laptops. We thank our Home and School Association.

During the summer months, the school hallways, gymnasium, cafeteria, faculty room, school offices and designated classrooms received a fresh coat of paint thanks to the generosity of David and Denise Jordan. New tile was laid in Sister Kathleen Hall, a new carpet was installed in the library, and thermal glass was installed in the principal’s office. The Art Room was refurbished, several bathrooms were refitted with new countertops and fixtures, and a new drain system was installed underground. The gymnasium stands were power washed and varnished. Heat vents and mats were

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vacuumed in both the gymnasium and cafeteria and kitchen was thoroughly cleaned. We were also able to purchase one new freezer and repaired one freezer and two refrigerators.

We are most grateful to all those who generously gave of their time and talent to make all these improvements possible.

SMM Kentucky Derby: contact Kelly and Joe Hassey (353-1750) to help in our Parish Social and Fundraiser on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Drexelbrook.

**PREP NEWS**

Our PREP school year for Grades 1 through 6 begins with a Parents Meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM. Classes for students will start on Wednesday, September 23 at 4:00 PM. Registration forms and a schedule for the year can be found in the Church Narthex. We still need 1 or 2 teachers for the coming year. Call Deacon James 610-565-5782.

**First Holy Communion for Grade 3 is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 AM in the Church.**

**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin in September. Classes are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish meetings rooms. Individuals who are interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not received all the Sacraments are invited to attend the RCIA program which culminates on the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil.

Deacon Peter Zurbach conducts the classes. Deacon James and others assist. Please call Deacon James for more information 610-565-5782

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

We welcome **Karen and John Hoey** as our Youth Ministers. They will lead the music for 5:30 Sunday Mass. Karen will lead the Junior Youth (6-8<sup>th</sup>) and John will minister to the High School each Sunday following the 5:30 PM Mass in September. We need lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, musicians and singers for the Sunday 5:30 PM Mass. Please see Karen or John.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

The families will be here at SMM for the week of August 23rd. Please email Sue Fromhold at [sfromholdcihn1@verizon.net](mailto:sfromholdcihn1@verizon.net) if you can volunteer. Meals and supplies are needed. Please help us keep the IHN in Delaware County. Donations can be sent to: Delco IHN, P.O. Box 2384, Aston, PA 19014

**Baptized: John Charles Martin, Eva Rose Marguis**  
**BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES:** Call **Peter or Mary Zurbach** to sign up for class at **610-565-5736**. Sponsor Eligibility Letters from the parishes are needed three weeks before the Baptism. Next Pre Jordan **will be September 16**. We ask you to come for instructions before you give birth so that you can be prepared in choosing your date and sponsors. We remind all parents and Godparents that they must be registered and practicing Catholics. Godparents must be 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**A time to die, pray** for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, **Rev. Msgr. Alexander J. Palmieri** all victims of war, hurricanes, and the 4,100 daily abortions.

**A time to heal...PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & OUR SOLDIERS in harm's way: Our Children:**

Constance Ashbach, Bernie Brill, Fred Cambio, John Cammorato, Giana Campbell, Rosemary Casey, Daniel Casullo, Lily Ciocca, Dave Clark, Nancy Clay, Christina Connors, Sean Cosden, Regis Cronin, Gennela D'Orazio, Ann DiDonato, Marcella DiMaggio, Erin DiMartino, Eleanor DiPangrazio, Rose Dennin, Carol Desko, Carla Donato, Sr. Michael Marie Donnelly, RSM, Frances Dougherty, Robert Franklin, Vincent Grasso, Dorothy Greenwald, John & Helen Hartman, Elliott Johnson, Henry Johnson, Rose Kenny, John & Claire Laskas, Richard Leighton, Richard Lucente, Joseph Manion, Michael Manganiello, Joe MacDonald, Theresa MacCombie, Debra Marcoux, II, Peggy Matthews, Mary McDevitt, Patrick McFadden, William O'Brien, Timothy Poole, James Ranieri, Sr, Bobby Ruggieri, Carolyn Rock, Louise Saar, John Schad, John and Phyllis Scott, John Shea, Dan Shillington, Betty Tedesco, George Tyson, Louise Veit, Catherine Walsh, Lindy Zwahlen

**WEDDINGS** need to be arranged 6 months ahead.

**Please call the rectory if you are sick or want a priest** to visit you in the hospital or at home. Please pray and visit the sick & bring them consolation and companionship. You can contact Deacon James or Anita Morro also to provide Communion.

### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Let Jesus reveal his plan and power  
for your peace of mind and heart!**

Consider the blessing we have here at SMM to have the Risen Jesus present in our Monstrance just waiting for a visit from YOU. We need an adorer for Saturday, 1-2 AM and there are many hours with only one adorer where two are preferred. Won't you prayerfully consider spending one hour per week or even every other week with the Lord who has done so much for YOU? Call Monica 891-9483 or Shelly 353-7739.

### **WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES**

**Joseph & Patricia Hartzell**

**Ed & Krista Wintrade & Family**

**See Fr. Chieffo for a Registration Form after Mass.**

If you would like your family and home to be blessed, please call the parish office. If you are interested in visiting our new families to share about our parish activities, please contact Joanne Hinkle at 610-892-3998

### **LEGION OF MARY**

**Come and pray for our Blessed Mother to grant you the peace of Jesus in your hearts and home.** We meet Mondays, 7:00PM, Parish conference room. Info: Call **Karen Kelly 610-565-6539**. Our Lady is calling you to this great work!

### **THE ROSARY**

Join us every Tuesday in the chapel at 7:15PM to pray the Rosary. Benediction will resume in September. The parish family thanks you for your prayers.

### **BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on August 10th at 7PM in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **RELIGIOUS BOOK STUDY GROUP**

Celebrate the year of St. Paul by joining the religious book study on **St. Paul & His Epistles**. The group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening of the month from 7:35PM-9PM in our library. Please contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876 or [gagm2002@comcast.net](mailto:gagm2002@comcast.net).

### **IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at SMM on Saturday and Sunday, August 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning a special Mass and Rosary Procession on Saturday at 7 PM. All are welcome to join us. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image left on St. Juan Diego's cloak. The rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy Ponce, blessed the Image for the mission of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life and a civilization of love.

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY: Angel Visits**

Our parish needs individuals who can visit private homes and Nursing Homes with Holy Communion and good cheer for those who are sick or can't come to Sunday Mass. Visits can be made on any day of the week. Some of these visits will be once each week, others may be for a short term only. If you can help us bring God to those in need, please call **Anita Morro and Deacon James** in a ministry that lets you bring spiritual aid and comfort to those in need.

## LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that **Little Church School** takes place most Sundays during the 10:00A.M. Mass. **Little Church School** is for children from ages 4 to 5. Parents bring children to the Gathering room in the church opposite the restrooms. Children learn about God through stories and arts and crafts while parents are attending the 10:00A.M. Mass. **We are forming a team for this ministry. We have a leader; volunteers are needed to assist her starting in September.** Please call Deacon James 610-565-5782.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

### Saturday – August 15

5:30PM – E. & M. Goldhorn

### Sunday – August 16

7:30AM – A. & R. Gargano

10:00AM – A. Battista, M. Campbell

11:30AM – M. Volpe, G. Fardone

5:30PM – B. McCarthy, J. Fratoni

## STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

### It is truly more blessed to give than to receive.

May God bless your family-team spirit for providing for our material and spiritual needs. Our business manager, Mr. Tony Antonello reported that our fiscal year report is outstanding due to your continued generosity and goodness for the betterment of our parish family. Tony volunteers his time and talents and saves our parish about \$50,000 a year. I praise God and thank all who volunteer with the love of Jesus.

Jesus loves you and so do I, Fr Ralph

**August 2nd - \$21,536.00**

**Last Year - \$18,697.00**

## COMMEMORATIVES AVAILABLE

**Be part of our new statue of SMM with any donation you can afford.** Call Mary Lou at 610-566-8821 X109

## MUSIC WORKS COMES AT SMM

MusicWorks is a nonprofit, music therapy service provider working with children (3-20) and young adults (21+) with autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other special needs. In September 2009, SMM is offering small group music therapy sessions on Tuesday late afternoons & early evenings. We have been operating music therapy sessions at St. Denis in Havertown on Mondays and Saturdays & at Notre Dame de Lourdes in Swarthmore on Thursdays. New for 2009, MusicWorks will be offering financial assistance for families who qualify. MusicWorks also works with Magellan Behavioral Health Clients. Please call us at 610-449-9669 to register for sessions. For more info, go to [www.musicworkswonders.com](http://www.musicworkswonders.com) today!

## SPONSOR A STUDENT

We would be very grateful to anyone who can help a needy student attend our parish school. Donations to our **“Sponsor a Student Program”** allow us to help those who otherwise could not take advantage of our wonderful school. Please forward your donation to the parish office attention Mary Lou.

## SMM ALUMNI NEWS

We would love to hear what our graduates are doing. Please e-mail any alumni update to [presidentsmm@comcast.net](mailto:presidentsmm@comcast.net). Thank you again for the information for our alumni database. Our all class reunion for the classes from first graduating class to the class of 2005 is planned for Saturday, November 28, 2009. In the spring we will have a reunion for all of our high school students. *In many different areas our graduates are continuing to make a difference.*

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

All volunteers at St Mary Magdalen School and Parish who have contact with children must meet the following requirements before any contact with children.

1. Attendance at a Safe Environment Workshop.
2. A current Criminal Background check.
3. A current Child Abuse clearance.

These requirements from the Philadelphia Archdiocese apply to all adult participants at St Mary Magdalen School, PREP, CYO, Scouts and anyone working with children in any capacity. St Mary Magdalen Parish will hold a seminar on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM in our school. Forms for the two background checks will be available at this session or at [www.epatch.state.pa.us/Hone.jsp](http://www.epatch.state.pa.us/Hone.jsp). This one time seminar will fulfill the Archdiocese requirements. Please register with Pierina Antonello at [www.smmnurse@comcast.net](mailto:www.smmnurse@comcast.net) or [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Registration is needed to prepare for workshop materials.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual evening has been scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2009. If you or anyone you know would like to fill our vendor tables, please contact Nicky Verna at [tverna@comcast.net](mailto:tverna@comcast.net) or 610-627-2383. Please mark your calendars for this fun and friend-filled evening.

## LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

**DUMBWAITER:** One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert?

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

**The Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother** is not a holy day of obligation this Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to join us for Mass at 8:30 AM followed by our Novena to the Miraculous Medal.