

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the Shepherd

July 19, 2009

Reading I: [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#) Appointed Shepherds

Reading II: [Ephesians 2:13-18](#) Christ Is Our Peace

Gospel: [Mark 6:30-34](#) Sheep Without a Shepherd

**Gospel Summary** - In last week's gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out on a mission to teach others what they had been taught by Jesus. Certainly exhausted from their travels, they returned to Jesus who encouraged them to rest alone in a place with no distractions. However, before they could get away, the people found them and would not leave them alone. Rather than being perturbed by the intrusion, Jesus felt compassion for the crowd. To him they were a flock of sheep and he would be their shepherd. They sought knowledge and he would give it to them.

**Reflection for Families** - The crowds followed Jesus and his disciples even when what Jesus and his friends needed most was solitude. Jesus said they were sheep without a shepherd. So, with a great deal of compassion, he fed them what they needed to know to have eternal life & life where they would never be hungry again. Our children look to us with the same hunger and eagerness as the crowd did in today's gospel. Like Jesus, we can change the shape of our children's lives with our example and words to live by.

**Bringing the Gospel into Your Family** - Plan an outing together as a family where you can spend some quiet time with one another and Jesus. Allow members of the family to plan a small segment of the day - perhaps a reading from scripture, a prayer, a faith sharing question. On your way home from the outing, check in with one another and see how the day helped you personally, in your relationships with one another, and your relationships with Jesus. Try to see a connection between your experience and the experience Jesus had with the disciples.

### 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. St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Media, Pa. Info: Call **Karen Kelly 610-565-6539**. Our Lady is calling you to this great work!

### HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

Hope will be on summer respite starting 6/28 and will return with the schedule starting on 9/6. Thank You!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, July 18

8:30AM Louis & Elvira Martini

5:30PM Dr. Francis C. Lazorik

### SUNDAY, July 19

7:30AM Intentions of the Felton Family

10:00AM Ann Tavino

11:30AM Ryan Smith

5:30PM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv. -Denise & David Jordan

### MONDAY, July 20

6:30AM Joan O'Connor

8:30AM John Spinelli

### TUESDAY, July 21

6:30AM Louis Gentile

8:30AM Elizabeth Zeller

### WEDNESDAY, July 22

6:30AM Edward Feuerstein

8:30AM Robert Kefer

### THURSDAY, July 23

6:30AM Sick of the Parish

8:30AM Bill Sthier

### FRIDAY, July 24

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Catharine Ward

### SATURDAY, July 25

8:30AM Deceased members of the Martini Family

5:30PM Mary Sue Weaver

### SUNDAY, July 26

7:30AM Intentions of the Morgans Family

10:00AM Dr. & Mrs. Dennis J. Murphy

11:30AM Kathleen Finnegan

5:30PM Mary Morris

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

**BREAD, WINE & CANDLE -In memory of Jack O'Brien**

### PARISH STATISTICS

**We have 1711 families and 5,908 members**

### SAINT MARY MAGDALEN FEAST

As we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalen this Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we praise God for her many blessings received through our parish family. We praise God for the priests, deacons, faculty and parish ministers who continue to serve us so well since our humble beginning in a barn in 1963. Last Friday Bishop Joseph McFadden blessed our new statue from Bolzano, Italy. SMM was designed by Lucille Francesco, Rodie Henson, Anthony D'Angelo and Father Chieffo. Mary Magdalen carries the ointment for the anointing of our crucified Christ in her left hand and the empty cross announcing our Risen Lord in her right hand. Any individual or families who would like to donate for this statue, any amount would be appreciated.

### **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

The families will be here at St. Mary Magdalen for the weeks of July 12, July 19, and August 23. Please email Sue Fromhold at [sfromholddcihnl@verizon.net](mailto:sfromholddcihnl@verizon.net) if you can volunteer during this time. 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

I would like to thank the SMM Vacation Bible class for their donation of \$235.92 to the network. It was a very thoughtful gesture in this time of need.

### **MISSION CO-OP APPEAL**

On July 25 and 26 Sister Anila of the Congregation of Daughters of Mary, St. Joseph's Province, and Marthandam, India will come to make the mission appeal through the Propagation of Faith. She will speak at all the Masses and take up a second collection. Thank you for your generosity and spiritual support.

### **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.

### **THE ROSARY**

Join us every Tuesday in the chapel at 7:15PM to pray the Rosary. Benediction will resume in September.

### **BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

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

### **ST HENRY'S FAITH LIVES IN OUR POPE**

St. Henry was born in Bavaria in 973. He succeeded his father in ruling over a duchy and was later elected Emperor. He was most remarkable for his work in Church reform and for fostering missionary activity. He died in 1024 and was enrolled among the saints by Pope Eugene III in 1146.

"Henry, king by the preordained mercy of God, to all the sons of the Church, both future and present. By the most salutary instructions of sacred eloquence we are taught and advised to abandon temporal riches, to lay aside earthly goods and to strive to reach the eternal and everlasting dwelling-place in heaven. For present glory is fleeting and meaningless, while it is possessed, unless in it we can glimpse something of heaven's eternity. But God's mercy toward the human race provided a useful

remedy when he made the reward for earthly existence a share in our heavenly country.

"Therefore, not unmindful of this clemency and aware that by the gratuitous consideration or divine mercy we were raised up to a position of regal dignity, we think it fitting not only to enlarge the churches constructed by our ancestors, but for the greater glory of God to build new ones and to raise them up as the most grateful gifts of our devotion. Further more, not turning a deaf ear to the Lord's commandments and obediently following divine urgings, we desire to take the treasures of divine generosity bestowed on us by this bounty and store them in heaven, where thieves cannot dig them up or steer them and rust or moth may not destroy them. Moreover, when we reflect upon all that we have now stored up, our heart will be often drawn with longing and love.

"Accordingly we wish to make known to all the faithful that we have designated a portion of our paternal heritage called Babenberch to be raised to the dignity of an Episcopal see so that here we ourselves and our parents may be held in glorious memory, and that the sacrifice of salvation may be offered constantly for all the faithful."

The vibrant faith of Bavaria gave us the gift of Pope Benedict XVI in our time.

### **TV MASS**

Father Chieffo will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, August 2nd at 3PM at the Channel 6 Studio. If you would like to be the audience, see Fr. Chieffo.

### **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 preferable. 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.

### **PRAY TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN**

Paoli Hospital is having an OPENING CEREMONY for their new pavilion) on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please set aside this day and join us in a solemn vigil and prayer in front of the Hospital to end abortions here and at all Main Line Health hospitals. It's a mournful day when a new wing of a hospital opens with the blood of hundreds of little victims crying out for help in every counter!

**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 in September**. 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, **Jean Quarto**, 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, 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, Carla Donato, Sr. Michael Marie Donnelly, RSM, Frances Dougherty, Robert Franklin, Vincent Grasso, Dorothy Greenwald, John & Helen Hartman, Elliott Johnson, Henry Johnson, Rose Kenny, 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 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.

### **WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES**

**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**.

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

The Bereavement Ministry would appreciate help in sending cards a few times a year to those who have lost a loved one. These cards reinforce the concept that we are a caring parish. They mean a lot to those who are

grieving. If interested please contact **Dottie Donohue at ddonohue@cohs.com**.

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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.

### **LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR**

**Barbara Walters questioned the women of Afghanistan, if they are upset that they have to walk behind their men in public. One lady smiled and replied: "Not at all with all the Landmines."**

### **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. The original image is a replica from Mexico.

### **WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT**

This retreat is being held at the Malvern Retreat House July 31-August 2 or the weekend of July 25-26. This retreat will address feelings of fear, anxiety, depression or the general sense that God seems far away. We know that Johnette Benkovic and Fr. Ed Sylvia, CSC, have devoted much prayer and discernment to be the development of this retreat for women and we trust it will be very meaningful to many women at this time. For more information, contact Jane Schneider at 484-321-2562 or [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).

### **MALVERN MID-WEEK MEN'S RETREAT**

For those interested in experiencing the faith experience of a Retreat but who have family obligations over most weekends, there is a mid-week retreat group – Pope John XXIII – that will meet 6PM Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and ends after breakfast on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Mid-week retreats are an excellent way for family men to refresh their souls while not disrupting their family. For further info call Chris Sowa at 610-891-8971 or Bill Cotter @ 610-675-8003, or [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).

### **COMMEMORATIVES AVAILABLE**

**Reconciliation Room - \$15,000**  
**CHANDELIERS & PEWS (\$10,000)**  
**WINDOWS IN CHAPEL (\$25,000)**

**#10 The Ascension #14 The Last Day**

**MEMORIAL BOARD- \$5,000**

Call Mary Lou at 610-566-8821 X109.

**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. **A special request goes out to anyone who can be a leader for Little Church School starting next year in September.** Anyone who has experience with Little Church School and can act as leader, please call Deacon James 610-565-5782.

**REACH OUT WITH THE COMPASSION OF JESUS AND HE WILL BLESS YOU**

**Need a Huge Return on Your Investment?**

Our small Faith Sharing group is more a discussion group with your fellow parishioners using the current Sunday Mass readings as a kick-off point. The time you invest, especially will return to you a hundredfold in a deeper awareness of your own spirituality and that of your neighbors. Meetings are kept to an hour and a half and are in a relaxed, sociable setting. Facilitators and times of meetings are listed below. Please call **Bonnie Clark (353-7930)** or one of the facilitators.

**Mondays 2 PM:** Betty Mulhern 610-353-5035.

Twice monthly: Sue Mita 610-566-4819

**Tuesday 7:30PM** (monthly): Mary Ann Foster 610-566-1399.

**Men's Group:** Jim Dooley (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) 610-892-9684 at 7:30PM.

**Wednesday 7AM** Men's Group: Don Saleski (610-566-3492) in Church Gathering Room.

**Monthly, 9:30AM,** toddler's welcome: Jeanne Barker 610-627-1009.

**Weekly, 3 PM:** Eleanor O'Rourke, White Horse Village 610-558-9128.

**Thurs 7:30PM:** Bonnie Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> wks) 610-353-7930. If you would like to start a group, call Father.

**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. I am especially grateful to all who volunteer their time and talents to make Jesus live and love our parish family and friends.

Jesus loves you and so do I, Fr Ralph

**July 12th- \$19,825.00**

**Last Year - \$17,955.00**

**Human Development - \$1,957.00**

**Endowment - \$582.00**

**THANK YOU**

We thank Colleen Boyle and Jennifer Britt for their donation to the poor of \$5.00 given from profits made at their lemonade stand.

**SMM SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FACULTY  
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
PRAYERS AND SUPPORT**

We invite you to enjoy the blessings of a Catholic formation of your children by visiting our school. Contact Miss Minizak at 610-566-8821 ext. 122 or Ext. 100. Our class size is no more than 20 students per class for Kindergarten, 25 for first to third grades, and no more than 27 for fourth through eighth. Presently, we have 397 registered for the 2009-2010 school year. If you need information, please call us and we will be happy to give a tour of our school. Celebrate our vision for learning...moral awareness, academic excellence, responsible citizenship and cultural development. We are passionately Catholic and Academically Challenging!

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday – July 25**

5:30PM – S. K. Fulmer

**Sunday – July 26**

7:30AM A. & R. Gargano

10:00AM – R. Morro, S. Jenson

11:30AM – S. Byrnes, M. Volpe

5:30PM – J. Conroy, C. Mulhearn

**ENJOY THE SUMMER WITH JESUS  
IN DAILY PRAYER AND SUNDAY MASS**