

**Divine Mercy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
The Gift of Faith – April 19, 2009**

Reading I: Acts 4:32-35 One Heart and Mind

Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6 Faith in Jesus Christ

Gospel: John 20:19-31 That You May Come to Believe

**Gospel Summary** - Because they still did not understand all that Jesus had told them, the disciples were huddled together, frightened, in a room. The doors locked, notwithstanding, Jesus entered the room and greeted the disciples with a sign of peace. Some have interpreted this sign of peace as more than the “all be well with you,” variety but more of the “shalom” type which entails a perfect harmony with God. In any case, the disciples received the Holy Spirit and came to understand the peace Jesus intended. The authority and power to forgive sins was also given to the Church at that time. It happened that Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared, but the following week, Jesus returned and Thomas was present. He would only believe what he had heard about Jesus' appearance if he could touch the wounds in Jesus' body. Jesus invited Thomas to do so, but also told him that the people who believed without seeing or touching were truly blessed.

**Reflection for Families** - Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them. And after reading today's gospel, we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children that we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not “lack of faith” that causes us to not know. It is a lack of knowledge because, it's true, none of us knows exactly.

**Bringing the Gospel into Your Family** - Since this gospel passage reminds us that the Church received the power to forgive our sins, this might be a good time to talk about reconciliation as a family and how receiving forgiveness from one another or through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, helps us heal and grow.

**HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM**  
April 19 – 25 –Mary Byrne – 610-565-9742

**THE RISEN JESUS RADIATES HIS DIVINE MERCY**  
As we celebrate the first anniversary of our new church, we praise God and thank you for your awesome faith and the continued funds that help us increase our services offered by our inspirational staff and parish leaders. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I am most grateful for those participating at mass regularly and enjoying the peace from the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us for daily Mass and Adoration, so that Jesus can transform our hearts into his loving and compassionate presence.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SATURDAY, April 18**

8:30AM Richard Javage, Sr

5:30PM Joseph & Paul Dolan

**SUNDAY, April 19**

**2:00PM DIVINE MERCY SERVICE**

**3:00PM MASS OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

7:30AM Int. of Colette & William Murphy Family

10:00AM Gaetano LoPiccolo

11:30 AM Anthony Elia

3:00PM Patrick & Arthur D'Orazio

5:30PM Robert Protesto, Sr. & Joseph McGowan

**MONDAY, April 20**

6:30AM Anthony D'Angelo

8:30AM Phyllis Friedman & Ida Mulgrew

**TUESDAY, April 21**

6:30AM Anthony DelBorrello

8:30AM Thomas Dix

**WEDNESDAY, April 22**

6:30AM Thomas Moore

8:30AM Albert Postus

**THURSDAY, April 23**

6:30AM Int. of Lindsey Zwahlen

8:30 AM John McGovern

**FRIDAY, April 24**

6:30AM Mary Chieffo

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

**SATURDAY, April 25**

8:30AM Donald D'Angelo

5:30PM Dr. Francis C. Lazorik

**SUNDAY, April 26**

7:30AM Sister Eileen Hughes

10:00AM Albert Postus

11:30AM Paul Buckley

5:30PM Edwin Culin

**Bread & Wine**

In memory of Gaetano LoPiccolo

Candle - In memory of Daniel Giangulio

**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY**

We are especially grateful to God for our new converts who were Baptized and received into faith on Holy Saturday after the fine teaching and witness of Deacon Peter and our RCIA team.

Eric Loper, Raymond Bewley, Robert May, Jennifer McHugh, Meng Tan, Annamarie Tierney, Vickey Thompson, Arlene Stromberg, Joseph Welsh.

**CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy of Cluster 67 will sponsor the celebration of Divine Mercy this Sunday at 2:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalen Church. Mass is at 3 PM. All of the Cluster 67 parishes and surrounding parishes are cordially invited to attend.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN OF OUR  
SMM PARISH PICNIC!**

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 12:30PM-5:00PM**

**Time is running out! Please RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE by returning the form and the raffle tickets that were sent to every family. Please help us to estimate the amount of food that will be needed. Bring your family for an afternoon filled with free food, games and prizes, music, and fun for everyone!**

**FOOD:**

Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Hotdogs  
Pasta Salad, Tossed Green Salad, Coleslaw  
Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Water  
Popcorn and Cotton Candy

*Food service will shut down at 4:00PM.*

**Please remember to bring a plate of brownies, cupcakes, or cookies to share.**

**GAMES:**

Child's Moonbounce, Obstacle Course Moonbounce  
Carnival Games: Frog Toss, Rat Race, Duck Pond, Tip-a-Troll, Skee Ball, High Striker and Can Toss  
Horse Shoes, Senior Quizzo Trivia, Face Painting

**MUSIC:**

Live Music By: Connie Pelesh with UpFront and  
Somewhat Automatic

With Luke Westby & friends.

DJ: Soul Purpose

School and Church tours will be available.

Volunteers are still needed! Can you spare an hour to help with the fun? Contact Alisa Czachor at 610-459-3925 or Alisa@Czachor.com

Rain or shine the picnic will go on. In the event of rain, all the events will take place in the school. Additional RSVP forms and raffle tickets are located at the back of the church, in the church office and at the school. I am very grateful to Carolina Stangis and the Picnic Committee for their labors of love as well as all who made donations and bought raffle tickets. We still need volunteers to help serve and run the games. We guarantee you a great time to enjoy our parish family and make new friends. Everyone should have received an invitation to the picnic with raffle tickets. Please forward them to the parish office.

**PICNIC SPONSORS WE THANK YOU!**

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**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 is **May 13, 7:00 PM**. 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 be Baptized...**Eric Loper**

**A time to die, pray** for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, **Thomas Moore brother of Bill Moore, Phyllis Friedman sister of Joanne Thomas, Ida Mulgrew, Kathy Zamrowski, Harry Kalas** and 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, Gianna Campbell, Terry Campbell, Chick Carman, Rosemary Casey, Daniel Casullo, Nancy Clay, Christina Connors, Sean Cosden, Regis Cronin, Gennela D'Orazio, Ann DiDonato, Marcella DiMaggio, Erin DiMartino, Eleanor DiPangrazio, Carla Donato, Frances Dougherty, Ron Eubanks, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, Alfonso Giliotti, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, John & Helen Hartman, Rev. James Hughes, Elliott Johnson, Henry Johnson, Nancy LoMonaco, Joseph Manion, Michael Manganiello, Joe MacDonald, Theresa MacCombie, Elizabeth MacIntyre, Debra Marcoux,II, Barbara Mauer, Joseph Maylish, Peggy Matthews, Kathy Mauer, Joe McCarthy, Mary McDevitt, Lucille Noonan, William O'Brien, Timothy Poole, James Ranieri, Sr, Bobby Ruggieri, Jean Quarto, Carolyn Rock, Billy Saar, John Scott, John Shea, Dan Shillington, Gerald Snyder, Betty Tedesco, George Tyson, Samantha Johnston-Twining, Ron Eubanks, Jay Valdes, Marian Vadino, Louise Veit, Catherine Walsh, Lindy Zwahlen

#### **WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES**

Robert & Jill Magliano, Michelle Rullo, Irene Roy, Shane & Wendy Dreher & Family, Robert & Donna Ciampitti, Thomas & Carole Felton & Family, and Miss Julianne Roe. **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**.

#### **MENS EVENING OF REFLECTION**

Wednesday April 29 @ 6:30. Pizza in the downstairs meeting room, meditation 7-8PM followed with Mass. Father Dan Hennesy will be leading the Meditation which is – Christian Joy and Optimism. Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening.

#### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the same Jesus Christ that suffered and died for us and is now risen from the dead, is present every day and night in the Monstrance in our very own Chapel! Stop and reflect for a moment what that means. It has been said that if we truly believed in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we would be crawling on our hands and knees to Church to visit with Him and to be near Him. As it is, the Lord of the Universe has one or two adoring Him most hours. 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 Sat. 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.

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

The many small Faith Sharing groups in our parish are **NOT** a Bible Study. They are more a discussion group with your fellow parishioners using the current Sunday Mass readings as a kick-off point. The time you invest, especially now that Lent is upon us, 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. Some groups will be meeting weekly during lent. Facilitators and times of meetings are listed below. Please call one of the facilitators.

**Sunday evenings, 7:30PM:** Terry Campbell 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> .

**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 want to start a group, call Fr. Chieffo.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school students are welcome to join us on Sunday nights in the Youth Room in the basement of the school for fun, food, and faith. We meet at the 5:30 Mass and head over, or you can just join us around 6:15.

## SMM Legion of Mary (PRAESIDIUM)

Meetings will recommence starting on Monday, April 20th, at 7:00 PM in the church basement offices – Conference Room #1. Please pray about becoming an instrument of the Holy Spirit through this balanced program of prayer and service. All are welcome to come and learn more about the Legion as a guest – there's no obligation. For information contact Karen Kelly 610-565-6539 or Mary Brady 610-566-2392.

## PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

**Families Who Have Lost a Child** are invited to Celebrate your child's life in a **Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Magdalen Church** on Wednesday evening **April 29<sup>th</sup>** The Welcoming ceremony will begin at **7P.M. with the Mass starting at 7:30 P.M.** All family and friends are welcome to join you. A warm reception will follow to lift and love each other. A Grief Counselor will be available. Families in surrounding parishes are encouraged to join us. **Please register your child's name** to be printed in the Mass Program by **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. We would like Altar servers to be family members or friends of those attending the Mass if possible. Please email or call Bill and Jean Cotter with your information. [J2215c@aol.com](mailto:J2215c@aol.com) or 610-565-3563.

## 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](mailto:ddonohue@cohs.com)**.

## FATHER CHIEFFO ON THE RADIO

Each **Thursday on AM Radio 800, 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Fr. Chieffo** explains the **Catechism of the Catholic Church on In His Sign Radio**. If you would like to donate for a program, make a check to IN HIS SIGN Ministries and give to Fr. Chieffo

## THE ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Join us every Tuesday in the chapel at 7:15PM. Benediction will be on April 28th Deacon James DiFerdinand will offer a scripture reflection and Benediction after the Rosary.

## SMM MOMS IN TOUCH

**Meet for prayer hour on Tuesday mornings at 9:00AM in the St. Katharine Drexel Room in the school.** Even if you are not comfortable praying in a group, just joining us and praying silently in your heart will add to the strength of all our prayers! Small children are always welcome. Not sure if our group is for you? Call Dana Westby at 610-892-9680.

## SMM MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN

The Malvern Retreat League invites you to experience the benefits of a weekend retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills. Retreats are conducted most weekends of the year at Malvern and information may be obtained by logging on to their website ([www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)), or telephoning Dr. Jack Colombo (610-891-0731) or Vince Zeller (610-353-7739). Remember also, that several men from our own parish will be gathering for our special retreat weekend this year on June 12, 2009. Consider joining us. You may be pleasantly surprised by the experience

## COMFORT CARE PACKAGES

If anyone would like to donate items for those serving in the military, here are some suggestions: Spring, summer & early fall month temperatures are very warm. Desired items are: chapstick, sun block, insect repellent, white cotton tube socks (can be cheap), travel pillows, baby wipes in soft packaging, soap. For games/entertainment: Frisbees, cards, dominoes, dice, music CDs...make a copy, movies...any kind, books, magazines: sports Hollywood, local papers, snack packs, candy, gum, canned chips. If you would like to assist with the cost of packaging and shipping there will be a basket for donations. Call Marian Moran at 610-892-0255 or email [marianLmoran@hotmail.com](mailto:marianLmoran@hotmail.com)

**ENCORE! SACRED SONGS AND ARIAS** - Perhaps you were among the 350 + who attended and want to share the experience with others or just hear the stirring performances given by Stephanie Piraino, Patrick Davey and Patricia Au again (and again). If so, you can reserve a recording of the entire program, including Father Ralph's pre-show, on CD (for a suggested donation of \$10) or DVD (for a suggested donation of \$20). Sign the order sheet in the lobby or contact Dr. Tony Piraino (e-mail: [Anthony.piraino@comcast.net](mailto:Anthony.piraino@comcast.net)) for more information. Proceeds benefit Saint Mary Magdalen Church.

**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

## AND WE'RE OFF!

Help us "Groom the Track" for the 2010 SMM Spring Auction and Social (save the date: **March 20, 2010**) "The Kentucky Derby... A Night at the Races"

Step into the Winner's Circle by volunteering your time and talent on one of the committees. Contact [kellyhassey@msn.com](mailto:kellyhassey@msn.com) or 610-353-1750.



### From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

Congratulations to Stephen Weyler for taking First

Place in the Delaware Valley Science Fair. Additionally, Steve was awarded the Delaware Valley Science Fair's special award, the "Jack Mixit Award". This year 961 students competed. We thank our seventh grade science teacher, Miss Maryanne O'Donnell for all she did to support Stephen's efforts.

Registration information: 610-565-1822  
Celebrate our vision for learning...moral awareness, academic excellence, responsible citizenship, and cultural development.

### 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 3 to 5. Parents bring children to the Kindergarten room in the school. 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 DiFerdinand 610-565-5782

**SMM Alumni News:** *What wonderful accomplishments our graduates are achieving.* Since sixth grade, **Kevin Moran**, a 1996 SMM School graduate, set his goal to be a pilot in the United States Navy. He received his pilot wings in 2006. Today, in San Diego, he is assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron, the Black Jacks. Last summer, he was deployed on the USNS Mercy, a naval hospital ship that performs many operations on children and adults in the attempt to show the good will of the United States. Thank you for your service to your country and achieving your goal Lt. Kevin Moran USN.

The **Sincavage college daughters** are excelling. **Caroline**, a 2001 SMM School graduate, is a member of the Chi Omega sorority and was first runner up on the

homecoming court for the University of Pittsburgh. Her sister, **Rosemary**, a 2003 SMM School graduate, because of being an Archdiocese Scholar and many AP credits will graduate a year early and begin her M.Ed. next summer after graduation. Congratulations girls!

We would love to hear what our other graduates are doing. Please e-mail any alumni update to [presidentsmm@comcast.net](mailto:presidentsmm@comcast.net). Thank you again for the constant information for our alumni database in preparation for our all class reunion in the fall. Forms are in the narthex of the church.

### COMMEMORATIVES AVAILABLE

STATUE OF ST MARY MAGDALEN- \$50,000  
WINDOWS IN CHAPEL - \$25,000  
#10 The Ascension #14 The Last Day  
CHANDELIERS & PEWS - \$10,000  
MEMORIAL BOARD- \$5,000  
RESTORED PEW IN NARTHEX - \$1,000 each  
CHOIR FRONTALS - \$600  
CHURCH CHAIRS - \$500  
CHOIR AND SERVER ROBES- \$100  
CRUCIFIXES FOR OFFICES - \$100  
Call Mary Lou at 610-566-8821 X109.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday – April 25th  
5:30PM – R. Brennan, D. Grandieri, S. Grimman  
Sunday – April 26th  
7:30AM –B. Rennie, A & J. Lombardi  
10:00AM –C. O'Shea, H. Casey, L. Tortella  
11:30AM –D. & C. Patt, L. Trevlyn  
5:30PM –E. Poynton, J. Nolen

### STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

In these times of financial crisis, may God bless your family-team spirit and for providing for our material and spiritual needs. Jesus loves you and so do I, Fr Ralph

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - \$26,844.00**

**Last Year - \$20,582.00**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> - \$55,931.00 (Easter)**

**Last Year - \$50,362.00 (Easter)**

**Catholic Charities - \$3,675.00**

**Please consider using Electronic Fund Transfer or donate by mail or collection by a monthly donation rather than weekly.**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 22 thru Friday, June 26, 9am until noon. Adult volunteers are needed for this program to continue. Go to [www.stmarymagdalen.net](http://www.stmarymagdalen.net) for forms and details. Or contact Nicky Verna, 610-627-2383

## BASEBALL PLAYERS PRAYER

Dear God, we praise you for the gift of baseball and all the players, coaches, public servants, family and friends gathered to begin this season.

We pray that whenever we reach first base, we will stand grateful for all the athletic talent you have blessed us.

We pray that when we steal second base, we beg your forgiveness and healing for any errors we may commit.

We pray that as we slide into third base, we will learn to listen and obey the guidance of our coaches and referees.

We pray that when we run home, we will rejoice and give thanks for doing our best and for our team effort.

Above all, May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit bless us with health and safety and a winning season of divine faith and fun with all of our family and friends that play and support us. Amen! Alleluia!

### Archbishop Carroll High School Honors

Congratulations to our Students: **First Honors:** Tobiasz Fabisiak, Alyssa Bellia, Catherine Erbicella, Maura Campbell, Alyssa DiBona, William Garrison, Nicholas Hope, Danielle Morro, John Erbicella, and Jeffrey Gropp. **Second Honors:** Alexander Christinzio, Eric Dowrick, and William Ghaul.

## Divine Mercy Conference

### Day of Recollection

#### *St. Mary Magdalen Parish*

Saturday, May 2, 2009

<b>8:30</b>	Holy Mass
<b>9:30</b>	Session 1 - Paul Regan
<b>11:00</b>	Chaplet and Benediction
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch (bag lunch)
<b>1:00</b>	Session 2 - Paul Regan
<b>2:00</b>	Session 3 - Paul Regan

The speaker will be Paul Regan, Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy from Massachusetts. Paul is an international speaker and founder of "The Chaplet for the Sick and Dying." Contact Eleanor Rostien at 566-0317 to register.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss, and forgive yourself and others. Held at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA on May

15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Call 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890. All contacts are confidential. National website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) this retreat is sponsored by Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia.

## LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

The pastor was preparing for dinner with a younger family. While the parents were busy in the kitchen, the pastor inquired from the children what was cooking for dinner. One of the little ones quickly responded: "We are having goat for dinner." "How do you know that," inquired the pastor. The elder child responded: "Because we heard Dad tell Mom that it is about time we have the old goat for dinner."

## VOCATION

Have you ever considered being a priest? What an awesome life it is! Do not be afraid to heed the call of Christ. This overnight Friday & Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles Seminary will provide an opportunity for you to come and see those who are considering the call to the priesthood. For more information, please see our website [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org) or call 610-667-5778 for more information. Registration is required.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MARY'S SHRINE

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Join Cardinal Rigali and the faithful of the Archdiocese as we honor Mary, Our Mother during this special day of devotion, prayer and Mass. The cost of the day is only \$20.00 and lunch will be provided. Buses will leave from St Katharine Drexel, 20<sup>th</sup> & Providence in Chester at 8:00 AM and return by 8:00 PM. All are invited. Please call 610-872-3731 to reserve your place.

## 2009 OLPH Business Expo

The OLPH (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish) Business Persons Network invites you to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Expo on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00, featuring parishioners representing a variety of business fields and organizations. Admission is free and this event is open to the general public. Join us for an enjoyable evening of networking and socializing, complete with refreshments and door prizes. Bring plenty of business cards! For more information, contact John DeStefano at 610-328-7007.

## MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has one opening for a full time teaching position in a combined roster of secondary mathematics and physics

for the 2009-2010 school year. Qualified applicants with a degree in these disciplines are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Experience preferred. Send to: Mary Ann Danovich, Or email: [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com)

### JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

Internationally Renowned Christian Musician John Michael Talbot will be in concert on Friday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at St. Madeline Church, in Ridley Park. John Michael's concert ministry has blessed millions over the past thirty years and thousands of lives have been transformed. General Admission to the concert is \$20. Please contact 800-965-9324 or visit [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com) for tickets or more information.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Anniversary Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 11 AM and 2:30 PM, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. In order to accommodate the large number of couples and their families attending, we ask that you attend the Mass designated for your county. Couples celebrating **50 or more** years of marriage from **Philadelphia** and **Montgomery** Counties are invited to the **11 AM Mass**. Couples celebrating **50 or more** years of marriage from **Bucks, Chester, and Delaware** counties, as well as couples celebrating **25 or more** years of marriage from **all counties**, are invited to the **2:30 PM Mass**. **No registration required. Family members and friends are most welcome and will be seated with the anniversary couple. Parking:** Limited parking is available on the Cathedral parking lot and on the street. Additional parking is available at the Gateway Parking Garage located at 16<sup>th</sup> & Vine streets (Fee Charged) **Arrival and Seating:** Anniversary couples and their families will be seated together on a first come basis; therefore, please allow ample time for arrival and seating. Everyone is asked to be seated 15 minutes before the beginning of the Mass.

**Handicapped Access:** An access ramp is located from the Cathedral parking lot, chapel side. (Limited handicapped parking spaces are available). Please call the **Family Life Office** if someone will be attending in a wheelchair. 215-587-3516.

### ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER

"EFT" electronic fund transfer is available to parishioners who wish to make regular **Sunday** contributions on a **monthly** basis. Bank forms are available in the church narthex. Complete the form and turn it into our church office, located under the church. Call Mary Lou for information, 610-566-8821 X109, if needed. Your **monthly** contribution will be electronically transferred on the **15<sup>th</sup>** of every **month**.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Make a Weekend and enrich your marriage. The next couple's weekend will be June 19 – 21, 2009. For more info, call 1 800 456 8330.

### GIFT CARD PROGRAM

For over 80 local and popular merchants. Please log onto [www.stmarymagdalen.net](http://www.stmarymagdalen.net) to print an updated order form or you may pick one up at our Scrip Sales table. This is an on-going program and orders are taken monthly. Merchants return on average 7% of our sales and all monies go directly towards our school tuition fund. Any questions contact Nicky Verna. [tnverna@comcast.net](mailto:tnverna@comcast.net) or 610-639-3816.

### MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

Catholic men and woman ages 49-63 are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together bi-monthly. Our next scheduled event is on (Sat.) May 16, 2009 @ 6:30P.M., our "Pre-Memorial Day House Party" at a member's home in Ardmore, Pa. Updated info will follow about our restaurant event to take place on (Sun) May 31, 2009. Ask about our once a month Bowling Night. Call Barb for more information at 610-896-6542.

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN SENIORS

St. Mary Magdalen Explorers will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement meeting room. Our Installation Luncheon will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Charlotte's Restaurant, (Members \$18.00 and Non-members \$22.00) Guests are welcome. A special trip to Atlantic City has been arranged on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to see Tony Orlando. The price for transportation and show is \$58.00 with a \$20.00 rebate. Also on the schedule a tour of America's Majestic National Parks on May 23, 2009, a seventeen day trip for \$3,145.00 and a nineteen day trip to South Africa to Johannesburg, Kruger national Park and Cape Town in Sept. 2009 for \$3,895.00. SURPRISE! Jersey Boys is back on the agenda. July 15, 2009, transportation, dinner at O'Casey's for \$190.00. Also planned tickets for Billy Elliot and dinner on August 26 for \$199.00 and a trip to the Catskills at Villa Roma on October 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$495.00(double). Call Joe Profeta at 610-359-0931 or write him at 2689 Old Cedar Grove Road, Broomall, Pa. 19008.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a training session for both new Eucharistic Ministers and for those who serve in nursing homes and hospitals at St. Philip and James Church, 723 East Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA on Tuesday, April 28 from 7:00-9:00P.M. Call Deacon James @610-565-5782 or Office of Worship at 215-587-3537. Register on line at [www.archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm](http://www.archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm)

