

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Living from Love - May 17, 2009

Reading I: [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#) God Shows No Partiality

Reading II: [1 John 4:7-10](#) God Is Love

Gospel: [John 15:9-17](#) Love One Another

Gospel Summary - A complete circle of love is found in this gospel reading. God loved the Son, Jesus. The Son loves his followers, and the followers show their love for God through their love for one another. It is clear in this reading that while we are part of this circle, we are only part of it because God chose us to be. Our response to God's choice for us is simply to show our love for God through the love we show to other human beings.

Reflection for Families - The lives of parents are very full and busy. It's like juggling apples and catching each falling one to prevent it from splatting to the floor while tossing the others high in the air. But sometimes we need to think beyond the immediate demands of jobs, family, and home. When we widen the circle of those we include in our love, our children see first hand how we live this gospel message. When we reach out to others, especially those who are difficult to love, they learn by our example what Jesus asks us to do in showing our love to one another just as he shows his love to us.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family - Jesus asks us to love one another as he has loved us. It's easy to love those who love us, but what about the hard part of this command? How do we show love to the person that does not show us love? Think about who those people are in the lives of your family members. Allow each person to offer suggestions about how they will show Jesus' love to the person that is difficult for them to love.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

May 17th - 23rd - Bernadette Grandieri - 610-565-6141

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 16th

8:30AM Louis F. Procaccini

5:30PM 2nd Anniversary for Deacon James & Classmates and our CYO Teams & Coaches

SUNDAY, May 17th

7:30AM Deceased members of the Felizzi Family

10:00AM Elizabeth Manion

11:30AM Rose Carrozza

5:30PM Mike Doyle, Sr.

MONDAY, May 18th

6:30AM Terry Campbell

8:30AM Mary McGowan

TUESDAY, May 19th

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

WEDNESDAY, May 20

6:30AM For parents who have lost children

8:30AM Joseph Pasquill

7:00PM Catharine Ward

THURSDAY, May 21- Ascension of the Lord

8:30AM Dolores M. Smeck

10:30AM Carl DiOrio

7:00PM Philip Franco

FRIDAY, May 22

6:30AM Sick of the Parish

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

SATURDAY, May 23

8:30AM Int. of Holly & Kal Bassily

5:30PM Int. of Henry Federico

SUNDAY, May 24

7:30AM Barbara Martini

10:00AM Martha Bean

11:30AM Michele Rumes

5:30PM Little Sisters of the Poor

5:30 SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!!!

FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL

In Thanksgiving for Erik Chickowski

GOD BLESS BARBARA EUBANKS

Who will graduate from Church Ministry Program

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor extend their thanks to you for allowing us to plan a visit to your parish the weekend of May 23-24 to make an appeal after the Masses.

GRATITUDE IS THE ATTITUDE

As we enjoy the blessings our Catholic formation as adults and students at SMM, I am grateful to all who not only pass on information but witness by their fidelity to our faith values and serve as role models for our young. Please take time this summer not to go on vacation from God, but rather renew and refresh your soul and body by practicing your faith in church, at home, and on the beach. God loves us and wants us to love and cherish each other in the sacrificial love Jesus offers us each time we worship at Mass or slow down to praise and thank Him for the many blessings we enjoy.

I stand in gratitude to our wonderful parish leaders, our deacons, our principal, president, faculty, youth minister, business manager, pastoral council and finance committee, musicians, and all stewards of our sacred trust. Together let us continue to be a radiant light leading others to Jesus, the Way and the Truth to eternal Life and Love.

As the Statue of Saint Mary Magdalen welcomes us into our church, may we pray that like her we can be delivered of the seven demons of sin and selfishness and be transformed into disciples bearing good news to all.

SMM SCHOOL REPORT

We invite you to enjoy the blessings of a Catholic formation of your children by visiting our school. Contact Miss Miniszak at 610-566-8821 ext. 122. Our capacity is at 460 with no more than 20 students per class for Kindergarten, 25 for first to third grades, and no more than 27 for fourth through eighth.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010

		Available
Gr K	36	4
Gr 1	36	14
Gr 2	41	9
Gr 3	48	2
Gr 4	43	11
Gr 5	47	7
Gr 6	50	4
Gr 7	45	9
Gr 8	46	8
TOTAL	392	

BUDGET 2008-2009

School Revenues	\$1,027,650
School Expenses	1,805,700
Parish Subsidy	(\$778,050)

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

Registration information: 610-565-1822

Celebrate our vision for learning...moral awareness, academic excellence, responsible citizenship and cultural development.



On Wednesday, May 20th we will hold our annual Field Day events and talent show. The students will be treated to a hot dog lunch compliments of Mrs. Burke and refreshing snow cones from our parents. We look forward to a wonderful day! We thank our Home and School retired members Jennifer Engels, Norma Giannini, Mike Fediw and we welcome Catherine Markley, Chrissy Higgins, and Kathy Dolan. God bless our Board.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-26 9AM 12 Noon.

\$35 per child for music, snacks, activities, and fellowship! Go to www.stmarymagdalen.net for registration form. **ADULT volunteers URGENTLY needed for Vacation Bible School.** We need adults to lead age groups to different activities, take roll, etc. One morning or all 5 mornings, anytime you can give us is appreciated. In order for VBS to happen, it is required that we have proper adult coverage. We are seriously short of adult volunteers. Contact Nicky Verna TNVerna@comcast.net, 610-627-2383 or check www.stmarymagdalen.net for forms and details.

MATTHEW MULLIN CHARITY FUND

The Parish Family and I grieve the loss of our dear parishioner Matthew Mullin. Matt graduated from SMM School, St. Joseph Prep, and St. Joseph University. He was working in China and drowned while on a boating trip. Matt was 27 years old, most respectful, industrious, and a faith filled person. His parents are Mike and Sheila and he has a brother, Mark. He coached our CYO HS teams and loved rowing. Matt loved to care for the needy and a charity fund has been established in his honor. If you want to participate, you can write a check: **SMM Mullin Charity Fund** and send it to our church. I praise God for the deep faith and devotion of Matty's family and grateful to our parish family for reaching out so generously and compassionately to them. Fr Ralph

GOD BLESS OUR PREP TEACHERS

Father Chieffo and Deacon James would like to thank all the PREP students for their faithfulness in completing their Religious studies this year. We also thank our Catechists, **Paula Campbell, Beth Flynn, Jacqueline Dooley, Mary Byrne, Debra Mathews, Kathy DiMichele, Maryanne O'Donnell, Lorraine Kinslow, Maria Courter, Hope Kinnard and Debra Conan** for their outstanding efforts to pass our faith on to our children. A special thank you goes to our Snack Coordinator **Marguerite Hennessy** and her assistants **Michael Hennessy and Eric Courter.**

GOD BLESS OUR DEACONS

We welcome this weekend the Deaconate Ordination Class of 2007. Deacon James and Ro hosted the fourteen Deacons and their wives at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday for their second anniversary as ordained Deacons. Those Deacons included **Tom Concitis, Adolfo Crespo, Fred Druding, Tom Fitzpatrick, John Ferreira, Steve Guckin, Felipe Hernandez, Homer Panganiban, Mark Salvatore, Ralph Shirley, Patrick Stokely, Jorge Vera, Raymond Wellbank and Stan (Rabbi) Zaleski.** We congratulate these Deacons and their wives for commitment to serve the Church

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
WHO CARES, WE CARE AT SMM**

Cardinal Rigali commended our parish family for donating beyond our goal last year - \$97,000. Our School Children have already contributed \$2,700 to this year's appeal. We ask all of you to do your best, so that God can do the rest in caring for our needy brothers and sisters in our own Archdiocese. Our goal is \$85,000. If we are hurting, imagine those who have lost jobs, handicapped, or mentally ill. God bless your for your sacrificial love and generosity. Contact Ann or Rudi Chillemi to help us make telephone calls.

A time to be baptized....Angelica Li Schinella

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, **John T. Kelly(father of Rich Kelly), Teresa Campbell and Robert Bonner** 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, 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, Sr. Michael Marie Donnelly, RSM, Frances Dougherty, Robert Franklin, Louis Gentile, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, Dorothy Greenawald, John & Helen Hartman, Rev. James Hughes, Elliott Johnson, Henry Johnson, Richard Leighton, Richard Lucente, Joseph Manion, Michael Manganiello, Joe MacDonald, Theresa MacCombie, Elizabeth MacIntyre, Debra Marcoux,II, Joseph Maylish, Peggy Matthews, Joe McCarthy, Mary McDevitt, Ann Miniszak, Lucille Noonan, William O'Brien, Fran Okon, Timothy Poole, James Ranieri, Sr, Bobby Ruggieri, Jean Quarto, Carolyn Rock, Billy Saar, John Scott, John Shea, Dan Shillington, Betty Tedesco, George Tyson, Samantha Johnston-Twining, Louise Veit, Catherine Walsh, Lindy Zwahlen

WEDDINGS need to be arranged 6 months ahead by

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**.

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 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening of the month from 7:35PM-9PM in our library. Please contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876: gagm2002@comcast.net

**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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTER

We are planning to hire Karen and John Hoey to replace Paul Manion after 5 years of great service as our Youth Minister. We thank Paul for his labor of love and wish him well for serving as an inspirational role model as a man of faith, husband and a proud Daddy.

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.

THE ROSARY

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

DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THE QUANTITY OF MINUTES, BUT THE QUALITY OF TIME SPENT TOGETHER.

Need a Huge Return on Your Investment?

Our small Faith Sharing 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. 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 (1st & 3rd 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 (2nd & 4th wks) 610-353-7930.

If you would like to start a group, contact Fr. Ralph

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), 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 and be pleasantly surprised.

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Feast of the Ascension

Wednesday, May 20th

7:00PM – A. & G. Ciro, B. Byrne

Thursday, May 21st

8:30AM - G. Fardone, P. Belczyk

10:30AM – M. Bane, T & A. Le

Saturday – May 23rd

5:30PM – C. Bewley, D. Javage, G. Fitzgerald

Sunday – May 24th

7:30AM – E. & M. Goldhorn, K. Cardamone

10:00AM - C. O'Shea, H. Casey, M. Bastion

11:30AM – E. Campbell, L. Croquette, R. McLaughlin

5:30PM – J. Conroy, R. & C. Robinson

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 or 610-353-1750. The Parish Family and I are most grateful to Kelly and Joe Hassey.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the students attending **Devon Preparatory School** who achieved **Distinguished Honors: Stephen Johnson, Brendan Fulmer, Thomas Hallinan, Alexander Sidor, Zachary Hallinan and Marco DiLeonardo. Honors: Richard Dicolli, Richard Gallo, Brian Koskinen and Matthew Sidor.** We are very proud of all of you and your accomplishments.

CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Open for on-line only registration

Must register by May 22, 2009

Cross Country, Varsity & JV Soccer, Varsity & JV Field Hockey, Varsity & JV Volleyball

Please register on-line at www.eteamz.com/smmcyo

SMM CYO Coaches Needed

Please volunteer to coach one of our many teams

Cross Country, Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, High School Basketball, Track, Lacrosse,

Golf, High School Volleyball, Softball, Baseball

Coaching applications must be sent to one of our

Athletic Directors by May 8, 2009. You can download the application at www.eteamz.com/smmcyo/handouts/

CHURCH PLEDGES

903 Families have pledged to date and our parish debt is \$350,000. Please join us!

Dear Parishioner,

We celebrated the One Year Anniversary of our new church in April, 2009. The Parish Picnic on Sunday, April 26th was one of the ways we expressed our thank you to all of our parishioners. I especially want to thank the parishioners that gave so generously. To those parishioners who were not able to make a pledge during the Capital Campaign or the Building phase, I ask you to consider doing so now if it is at all feasible. Again I thank you for partnering with me and with Christ, Father Ralph and all our parish leaders.

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS

**Rita Butterfield
Janis & Louis Testa**

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.

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

**May 10th - \$21,366.00
Last Year - \$22,800.00
Catholic Charities - \$24,632.00
School children- \$2700.00
Endowment - \$977.00**

Please consider using Electronic Fund Transfer or donate by mail or collection by a monthly donation to help us budget our income.

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.

SMM Alumni News: *Our graduates continue to excel in medicine and law!*

Doctor Joanne Filicko O'Hara, MD, SMM Class of 1978 was especially honored recently by the Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey chapters of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at their Annual Black Tie Gala at The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Philadelphia. Joanne was awarded their annual "Service to Mankind Award" for her service as a member of the Board of Directors of the organization, a speaker at patient and professional education programs, and a fund raiser for leukemia and lymphoma related activities. Joanne is an Assistant Professor of Medical Oncology and Director of Hematology Medical Oncology Fellowship Training Programs at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Joanne's twin sister Terry Filicko, also SMM 1978, is an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Lori Frio, SMM Class of 1996, did her undergraduate studies and graduate studies at Saint Joseph's University and obtained her MBA in management. Then, Lori went on to graduate from Villanova Law School. While at Villanova Law School, she was Editor in Chief of the Women's Law Forum Journal and Associate Editor of the Journal of Catholic Social Thought. After law school, Lori sat for both the PA and NJ bar exams and is now both PA and NJ bar certified. She is currently working at Dilworth Paxson, LLP in both the Philadelphia, PA and Cherry Hill, NJ offices, and working in the litigation department, primarily on bankruptcy matters.

We would love to hear what our many graduates are doing. Please e-mail any alumni update to presidentsmm@comcast.net. Thank you again for the information for our alumni database. Our all class reunion will be on Saturday, November 28, 2009.

BOB PREIS IS RETIRING

Dear Father, SMM Staff and Parishioners,

I will be retiring as of June 30th, 2009 but June 11th will be my last day. I would like to thank the school and church staff, the Board of Directors, the Senior Group, the Hot Food Mom's, the Mom's In Touch, the

Parishioners, the Students and the SMM Alumni for your help.

My wife and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support in our many hours of need. I feel privileged and blessed to have worked with each and every one of you.

May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Love and Prayers, Bob Preis

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. Come join the fun. **Our Installation Luncheon will be held June 10th at 12:00 at Charlotte's Restaurant, 3207 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square (Members \$18.00 and Non-members \$22.00) Call Marie Burns at 610-566-5733. Guests are welcome.** 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. Joe has finalized plans for a trip to the Catskills at Villa Roma on October 5th to 9th at a cost of \$495.00(double). The Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show is always a winner! Join us on November 30, 2009 - \$144.00 per person (includes show, dinner and bus.) For more information, call Joe Profeta at 610-359-0931 or write him at 2689 Old Cedar Grove Road, Broomall, Pa. 19008.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

If you would like to make a donation to the IHN Program, you can send a check to: Delco IHN, PO Box 2384, Aston, PA 19014. Funds are desperately needed.

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Feed Jesus in the hungry and needy! Parishioners collect donated non-perishable food and cleaning items for the distribution to families in need. Donations are left in the wood container on the side of the Narthex. Sue Fromhold 610-356-3626.

BETHESDA (My Brother's House)

Parishioners prepare casseroles to serve 8-10 homeless men. Tins, lids, and recipes are provided in the school cafeteria. Prepared casseroles are placed in a labeled freezer in the school kitchen during school hours to be delivered to My Brother's House as the freezer is filled.

Your generosity feeds our needy. Mary Ann Schriver 610-356-9870.

A GOOD DRUG PROBLEM FOR ALL

Randy and Melanie Bordelon

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied I had a drug problem when I was young; I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for wedding and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of my family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us.

DIVINE MERCY EVANGELIZATION

We are in a spiritual warfare with Satan and his forces of evil. Seek the graces flowing from our crucified by risen Lord by praying the chaplet and joining our Divine Mercy Eucharistic Apostolate Cenacle which meets here every second and fourth Thursday at 2 PM-4 PM. Call George Hudson at ghudsonjr@aol.com or Doris Dolan at 610-325-2876

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR
Adult version of "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesue loves me, this I know,
though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.**

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Yes, Jesus loves me....

The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water."

The sermon next week: "Searching for Jesus."

Don't let worry kill you off – Let the Church help.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00PM – Prayer and Medication to follow.

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

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 **15th** of every **month**.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

For over 80 local and popular merchants. Please log onto 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 or 610-639-3816.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next couples experience will be June 19 – 21, 2009. For more info, call 1 800 456 8330.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

May is National Foster Care Month, a time when we look to individuals and communities to come forward and make a positive difference in the life of a child. At present, there are over 4,000 children in foster care in

Philadelphia in need of safe, temporary homes. Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages and races. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please contact Melissa at 215-587-2458. Remember, you can make a difference that will last a lifetime!

IN HIS SIGN NETWORK

In His Sign Network is sponsoring a weekend healing retreat at the Malvern Retreat House on May 29-31. Directed by Kathleen McCarthy, Fr. Bill Halbing and Fr. John McFadden, this powerful retreat is entitled, **In the Name of Jesus, the Nazarene, Rise Up and Walk**. The weekend will include inspirational life-changing talks, healing services, Sacred Scriptures, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. For additional information please contact 610-527-2906.

COMFORT CARE PACKAGES

If anyone would like to donate items for those serving in the military, here are some suggestions: Spring, summer & early fall 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

PEOPLE OF FAITH

We who have traveled through agnosticism or atheism beg you to lay aside prejudice, even against organized religion. We have learned that, whatever the human frailties of various faiths may be, those faiths have given purpose and direction to millions. People of faith have a rational idea of what life is all about.

Actually, we used to have no reasonable conception whatever. We use to amuse ourselves by cynically dissecting spiritual beliefs and practices, when we might have seen that many spiritually-minded persons of all races, colors, and creeds were demonstrating a degree of stability, happiness, and usefulness that we should have sought for ourselves.

Alcoholics' Anonymous, p. 49