

Seventh Sunday of Easter

United in Christ- May 24, 2009

Reading 1: [Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26](#) Matthias Is Chosen

Reading II: [1 John 4:11-16](#) Remain in Love

Gospel Summary - As Jesus prepares to return to God, he is in the midst of a long prayer for his disciples. It is a prayer for unity even though Judas is no longer among the disciples. Jesus asks his Father to seal and strengthen the disciples as they will now be the ones to carry out the work begun by Jesus. He especially asks that they not be influenced by the evil one.

Reflection for Families - It is likely that John is making a connection between Jesus asking God to commission the disciples and the fact that the Church is being passed on from the first generation to the second. As parents (and probably as every generation of parents) we know how unsettling that can be! We worry about things like the next generation not working hard enough, not saving enough money, not valuing important things, and in general, they just don't think like we do! But isn't it amazing how life goes on and pretty well at that. We need to be clear to our children that we believe in them and have faith in God. Try for one week (or even one day) to consider each statement you make to your children or in their presence. Will they have the feeling that you are really hopeful for the future their generation will bring?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family - Designate a special cup as a 'blessing cup' in your home. At a meal when the family is gathered, pour wine or grape juice into the cup. Have one adult begin by stating one thing about his/her faith that is important to pass on to the children. The adult may then take a sip of wine and pass the cup to the next person. Children may decide if they want to share something important that has been passed on to them or something they hope some day to pass on to their own children. When the cup has returned to the person starting, she/he may say these or similar words: "Let this cup be a reminder to us of all that has been passed down through the years." Amen.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

May 24th – 30th – Maureen Scheurman– 610-891-0757

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 23rd

8:30AM Ints. of Holly & Kal Bassily

5:30PM Ints. of Henry Federico

SUNDAY, May 24th

7:30AM E. Barbara Martini

10:00AM Martha Bean

11:30AM Michele Rumes

5:30PM Little Sisters of the Poor

MONDAY, May 25

8:30AM Daniel O'Leary

TUESDAY, May 26

6:30AM Carmen Conicelli

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

WEDNESDAY, May 27

6:30AM Terry Cambell

8:30AM Kenneth Barlow

THURSDAY, May 28

6:30AM Children of the Parish

8:30AM Mary McGowan

FRIDAY, May 29

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

SATURDAY, May 30

8:30AM Patricia Comly

5:30PM Corinne Sullivan

SUNDAY, May 31

7:30AM Charles Michael Nolan

10:00AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

11:30AM Paul Charles Quinn

5:30PM Ints. of the Garvey Family

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

Candle -In memory of Marian Vadino

WELCOME TO OUR PRIESTS RESIDENTS

We welcome back to the parish Rev. John E. Mulgrew as our resident. Fr. Mulgrew will be here starting September. We also welcome Rev. William J. Chiriaco who will be here on June 16th. Fr. Bill will be a fulltime theology teacher at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please support the St. Mary Magdalen Red Cross Blood Drive - Friday June 12 2:30PM to 8:30 PM. Please help to save a life. To make an appointment please call Lori Trevlyn 610-566-0340.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

We are hiring **Karen and John Hoey** to replace **Paul Manion** after 5 years of great service as our Youth Minister. They will lead the music for 5:30 Sunday Mass. 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. We congratulate **Brendan Barker** for receiving the St. Timothy Youth Award for organizing our Youth Music ministry. We congratulate all our graduates and pray for them!

GOD BLESS BARBARA EUBANKS
Who graduated 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.

A RALLYING CRY

53% of Americans claim to be Pro-Life rather than Pro-Choice. Praise the God of Life!

Do not become discouraged! Discouragement is the tool of the devil! It is easy to get discouraged when some of our leading Catholic Universities honor those who do not respect the lives of our pre-born children. Rather than get discouraged, we should get stronger! Their actions should encourage us to be more aggressive in communicating the pro-life message.

We now have a major new tool to clearly establish that life begins at conception. It is called **DNA**. It stands for a long medical term but I like to think of it as god's way of saying **Do Not Abort**. DNA is our entire genetic blueprint. Science has proven that it is established at conception and determines our eye color, skin tone, height, sex and all of our other characteristics. Therefore, this is when you became the person that you are. Any intentional interruption of your growth is a killing of you.

Edmund Burke said: "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". More than ever, NOW is the time for all good men and women and children to actively promote the sanctity of life! If you think that you would like to get involved in the pro-life cause, please give me a call 610-359-9394. - John J. Donohue - St. Mary Magdalen parishioner

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

The following is a copy of the "Thank You" letter we received from Most Reverend Bishop Mc Fadden, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia:

Dear Mrs. Burke and Students,

I sincerely appreciate your generous gift of \$2,717.72 to the 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal through Nickels for Neighbors. The total collected as a result of this effort was \$62,500.00.

It is truly wonderful when young people are willing to offer their time and energy to help others who are less fortunate. The warmth and affection that you have displayed is truly admirable. I wholeheartedly commend you. May God bless you for your goodness, and I pray that you will always be as caring as you are today. We

are deeply grateful for your support and for what is accomplished through this support. Again, on behalf of all those whom you will help- thank you.

Registration information: 610-565-1822

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

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. Presently, we have 392 registered for the 2009-2010 school year.

BUDGET 2008-2009

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

BRAVO – ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

The May 14, 2009, edition of the Catholic Standard & Times has a front page article praising the efforts and contributions that Archdiocesan school children have made to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Number 1, in that article is St. Mary Magdalen School. Our children raised the sum of \$2,717.72, through the youth sponsored, "Nickels For Neighbors Campaign", this is the largest single total out of all the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese!

The official slogan for this year's Catholic Charities Campaign begins with the question, "Who Cares" – St. Mary Magdalen School children have answered "We Do". On behalf of Father Chieffo and our parish committee, we extend our sincerest thanks, Anne and Rudy Chillemi

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-26 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.



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, **Lisa Quagriello, 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: Joan Anderson, Constance Ashbach, Fred Cambio, John Cammorato, Gianna Campbell, Chick Carman, Rosemary Casey, Daniel Casullo, 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, Louis Gentile, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, Dorothy Greenwald, 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.

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

Christopher & Lisa Cox, Charles & Jeannie McCauley, Stephen & Jennifer Degan & Family and Mark Panichi & 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.**

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 or 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.

Healing Ministry and Loving Bridges Joining Hearts and Hands By Anita Morro

Each Christian person is called by God **"to walk humbly, love tenderly, and act justly!"** Here are just a few of the tender acts that our Loving Bridges program made possible:

One of our lovely partners, **Carolyn Labrum**, partnered with our 6th graders throughout Lent. The children were thinking of ways to lift Carolyn's spirits as she recovered from a serious fall this winter. Avelina Gargano keyed in on the fact that she has 3 dogs. She brought up the idea of taking up a collection for the Sandy Bank SPCA in Carolyn's name. The sixth graders embraced the idea and collected donations from Ash Wednesday through Easter week in addition to their prayers and acts of kindness for the spiritual bouquet. When we spoke with Carolyn, she lit up like a Christmas tree and was so delighted to hear their idea. It turns out her dogs are from the SPCA and whenever there is an injured animal, she is known as the neighborhood 'Outreach Director' for all animals, most recently a 3 legged old dog lost! Carolyn was appreciative of the children's visit and interest in her. She invited the whole

6th grade to visit next time. We are blessed to have Carolyn as our Loving Bridges partner.

Ron Eavey was partnered with the 4th grade with Pam Lairdeson as the Loving Bridges Mom in command. "I had the most fantastic experience" exclaimed a most kind Ron... "Fifteen children and three parents came and sat in a big circle in my den and started quizzing me!!" We took pictures out in the yard and they made me a big card shaped like a baseball diamond signed by 48 students. It was wonderful. The card and the spiritual bouquet are hanging in my kitchen and center hall so that all may see it as they enter my home. "We had a ball!"

Eleanor DiPangrazio, who had recently lost her husband, and her sister Floss, who was suffering with bone cancer, partnered with the second grade. On Easter Wednesday, class representatives, Jack and George Higgins along with their little sister, Robin and stewardship Mom, Chrissy, visited Eleanor. Floss had just been admitted to Little Flower Nursing Home. Eleanor said that the cards and the spiritual bouquet were hanging in Floss's room and that the staff read them to her each day. Eleanor's mantelpiece was covered with cards and the children presented her with a gift bag of cozy socks from their class. Eleanor gave the children Easter baskets and Robin particularly appreciated the marshmallow egg! Stories were shared and pictures were taken to share with Floss. Two weeks after Easter, Floss passed away and the children have each written to their dear partner Eleanor. They are praying for her and for the souls of her husband and sister. Eleanor has had a most difficult year and the second graders have been instrumental in carrying her through these months.

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.

Dr. Deborah Donze is a Psychotherapist specializing in trauma therapy. She holds a Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Neumann College and a Doctorate in Natural Health from Arkansas College of Natural Health. Dr. Donze is also a licensed Life Coach, and has advanced training in Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing, and Grief Counseling. She is a member of St. Mary Magdalen parish. Contact Dr. Donze at 610-363-1844 or debdonze@hotmail.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 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 (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

MEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Join us on Saturday, June 13th for 8:30 AM Mass followed by prayer, speaker and sharing.

MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

Pray and meditate with Fr. Dan Hennesy. Come at 6:30 PM for Pizza, followed by talk, opportunity for Reconciliation and Mass. Contact Don Saleski- 610-566-3492

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

Saturday – May 30th

5:30PM – J. Fraton, M. Volpe, C. Babin

Sunday – May 31st

7:30AM – J. & S. Weyler, Z. Maylish

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

11:30AM – J. & G. Del Peon, S. Brown

5:30PM – Need volunteers

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.

Above all, I am most grateful for the many volunteers who serve in our ministries, associations, and organizations. Again I thank you for partnering with me and with Christ, Father Ralph and all our parish leaders.

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS

**In Memory of Terry Campbell-altar candle
By her Mom, Rose Canuso**

Fred "Sid" and Pat Dolente – a pew

**In Memory of Marian Vadino
By Patricia Pettinati
By Caryl Schaefer**

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 17th - \$20,265.00

Last Year - \$18,486.00

Catholic Charities - \$40,277.00

School children- \$2,717.72

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

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.

SMM News: *Our Graduates excel in the Arts!* **Tom Coyne, is a 1989 SMM Graduate**, and his novel, *A Gentleman's Game*, was named one of the best 25 sports books of all time by the *Daily News*. Tom wrote the screenplay for the film version of the novel which starred Gary Sinise. He is also the author of *Paper Tiger: An Obsessed Golfer's Quest to Play with the Pros*, which was an editor's pick in both *USA Today* and *Esquire Magazine*. His latest book, *A Course Called Ireland: A Long Walk in Search of a Country, a Pint, and the Next Tee*, is currently a Barnes & Noble Recommends selection, and has appeared on the American Booksellers Association bestseller list. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and he lives in Philadelphia and teaches creative writing at St. Joseph's University.

Stephen Ciavardini, a graduate of the class of 1998, believes that his firm foundation from St. Mary Magdalen lead him to continue his education at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia then on to Temple University where he majored in Film. Immediately following his graduation from Temple in May 2006, Stephen moved out to Hollywood in Los Angeles, CA, to begin work in the film industry. Following internships with Fremantle Media and Spring Creek Productions, Stephen found his current home at media conglomerate Strange Fruit Films/Strange Fruit Media/Momentum Entertainment where he was hired as a Production Assistant/Runner on "Exalted" (a TV show aired on BET) and "Family Reunion" (aired on TV One). He has since worked his way up within the company and was most recently hired as an Associate Producer on "Sunday Best", also aired on BET. Next up for Stephen are two feature films in pre-production, including numerous in-development features housed at major studios, and a few original and follow-up reality and scripted television shows on major networks, as Producer.

P. J. Mullen, SMM School class of 1999, graduated from Penn State in May 2007 and after a few radio stints in Carlisle, West Chester and Washington DC, now has returned to find himself back in Happy Valley. He is currently the Operations Manager for five stations in the Johnstown-State College region including an ESPN affiliate as well as an ABC affiliate. Half the work he is behind the scenes and the other half is on-air. He produces and co-hosts a daily entertainment, sports and news morning show on WBHV-FM and hosts the afternoon drive show on WOWY-FM. The rest of his work includes all of promotional, programming and production that goes into making the stations run properly. In addition, P. J. has joined and gotten heavily involved with the CYO in the different parishes where his jobs have led him. He writes, "Call me a homer but none of them compare to what we have at St. Mary Magdalen's. It's always great to visit home then head to Sunday mass with my parents and see how much St. Mary's has grown; it's even better to see that so many of the old-timers are still extremely active with both the church and school."

We would love to hear what our many graduates are doing. Please e-mail any alumni updates to 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 2005 is planned for Saturday, November 28, 2009. In the spring we will have a reunion for all of our high school students.

MARY, OUR PEARL OF GRACE
BY OUR 8TH GRADERS: Talene Brinker, Michelle Laurenzi, Alyssia LaMonaca, Deanna Javage, Rose McLaughlin, Shannon McCabe & Maddy Pelesh.

Mary, Mother of our Lord
We ask you to be near
And guide us on our path in life
Pearl of Grace, our Guardian Dear.

We ask you, Blessed Regina,
Our Helper and our guide,
To lead us on our way to Heaven
And stay now by our side.

Oh Mary, Star of the Sea,
Blessed Beacon of God's Light,
Help us all to find our way
On the stormy seas of life.

Teach us to be like you
In our thoughts, our words and deeds
Enlighten us to know your ways
Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace.

O Breath of Heaven, Chosen One
Look down on the Class of '09.
We thank you for all you have done,
Blessed Mary, Eternally Divine.

SMM MOMS IN TOUCH
GOD BLESS YOUR FIDELITY THIS PAST YEAR!
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.

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

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY EVANGELIZATION DO YOU LOVE DIVINE MERCY?

We are seeking parishioners who love Divine Mercy and desire to become a Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy. Our New Divine Mercy Cenacle will meet twice a month. If you want to live the Divine Mercy message, please call George Hudson at 610/565/8098 for more information.

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

KEEP USING MY NAME IN VAIN IN TRAFFIC
AND I'LL MAKE RUSH HOUR LONGER. (God)

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.

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.

CHURCH MINISTRY INSTITUTE

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Do you want to fill in some learning gaps for personal reasons or to enable you to volunteer with confidence? Then consider attending the Church Ministry Institute, a three-year certificate program offered by the Archdiocese. There are no papers to write or test to take. Meet committed faculty, and enjoy excellent texts. For a brochure, call 215-587-0551 or visit our web site: Google: Church Ministry Institute of www.archdiocese-philadelphia.org/evalgelization/formlity/churcmin.htm

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. **We presently have 32 families set up electronically.** 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

Deepen and enrich your Marriage. The next couples experience will be June 19 – 21, 2009. For more info, call (800) 456-8330.

THERE IS ALWAYS A PLACE FOR YOU AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD!