

Pentecost

The Sending of the Holy Spirit
May 31, 2009

Reading 1: [Acts 2:1-11](#) Filled with the Holy Spirit
Reading II: [Galatians 5:16-25](#) The Fruit of the Spirit
Gospel: [John 15:26-27; 16:12-15](#) The Great Advocate

Gospel Summary - Following Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear, locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed.

Reflection for Families - Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal either in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family - Using the newspaper, news broadcast, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these (or some) people.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

May 31st – June 6th
Pam Lairdieson – 610-353-0229

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, June 1

6:30AM Alfred J. Lutz, Jr.
8:30AM June Caulfield

TUESDAY, June 2

6:30AM Ints. Of Margaret O'Malley
8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

WEDNESDAY, June 3

6:30AM Marian Vadino
8:30AM Stephen Phillips

THURSDAY, June 4

6:30AM Frank Celia
8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

FRIDAY, June 5

6:30AM Rosemarie Hallermeier
8:30AM Isabel Murphy

SATURDAY, June 6

8:30AM James Fay
5:30PM Stella Green DeCwikiel

SUNDAY, June 7

7:30AM Alfonso Giliotti
10:00AM John Clark
11:30AM Richard Dunn
5:30PM Ints. Of the Sirianni Family

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

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 12th, 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 all our graduates and pray for them!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor extend their thanks to you for your generosity in the amount of \$3,500. Miss Ann Miniszak, our dear parishioner, is now a resident in their home. For those who were away and would like to donate, make checks to: Holy Family Home, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia PA 19143.

TO OUR WONDERFUL

ST MARY MAGDALEN PARISH FAMILY

Please accept our sincere and humble appreciation for all your prayers, concerns and contributions made in our behalf during this time of loss in our lives. With our long history here, Sheila and I have stated many times before and have always believed the good people of this terrific parish step up, always, when needed. Once again, this time on our behalf, you have proven your charitable heart, magnanimous spirit, and prayerful soul in providing Sheila, Mark, Lauren and I with your unconditional support while we tried to reason the meaning of God's will taking our Matt this time in his young life.

We will always remember the magnificence of Matt's Funeral Mass as Fr. Chieffo and Fr. Sauter moved the congregation along with Fr Hughes, Fr Bur, Deacons Pete Zurbach and Jim DiFerdinand. We will also fondly remember the efforts by the Parish community in the transformation of our parish center into the beautiful reception center with all provisions for our many guests. Sheila and I would like everyone to know how much we appreciated all the efforts by everyone involved with this concerned act of kindness by the parish community. St Mary Magdalen has once again proven to us how lucky Sheila and I are to be a part of this parish. We are also sure our Matt would agree you are **"Simply the best"**.

Warm regards, Sheila and Mike Mullin

**We are grateful to all who contributed \$7,750
towards the Matty Mullin Charity Fund.**

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.

KINDERGARTEN TIME CAPSULE

The kindergarten graduation committees are making time capsules for the children's gift. The children's graduation is June 5, 2009. The class of 2009 includes: Christopher Bogdash, Matthew Behrle, Isabella Carlucci, Michael Behrle, Alexander Currie, Evan Coury, Thomas Finley, Julia Czachor, Robin Higgins, Kate Grauer, Bandy Khoury, Nacie Hneleski, Marisa Lucente, Victoria Hneleski, Ryan McCabe, Kevin Keith, Molly McCarthy, Owen Kelly, Mary Pahides, Thomas Klusartis, Drew Roehrig, Paige Mazzola, Alexis Sarne, Tia McHugh, Zachary Sharkey, Elena Palomba, Sarah Sposato, Nicole Ruggieri, Jonathan Valdes, Michael Sposato, Noelle Wilson, Lucy Stewart and Natasha Szipszky.

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 gam2002@comcast.net.

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 be baptized...Shane Preston Panichi

A time to die, pray for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, **Gea Del Sordo, Ralph Caratelli (father of Gina Lucente), Frank Celia (father of Diane Murphy),** 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, Anthony Del Sordo, 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, Anthony Libri, 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 Degnan & 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.**

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's go to Bible Camp!

Monday June 22 - Friday June 26.

9:00AM to Noon

Crafts, Music, Games, and More!

Join us for a Bible Camp adventure.

Hurry up and REGISTER NOW! \$35 per child.

Forms are at www.StMaryMagdalen.net and in the Church Narthex.

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)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday – June 6

5:30PM – C. O'Shea, K. Cardamone

Sunday – June 7

7:30AM – R. McFadden, O. Patane

10:00AM – M. Verna, M. Bastion

11:30AM – J. DiDomenico, M. Gilligan

5:30PM – J. Nolen, M. T. Bane

**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 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.

**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**.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Anyone having difficulty resuming your former life style after experiencing the loss of a loved one, please join us June 1st at 7:00 PM in the parish office meeting rooms. For further information or questions call Barbara Eubanks at 610-891-8851.

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

**ONE OF THE SECRETS IN LIFE IS TO MAKE
STEPING STONES OUT OF STUMLING BLOCKS!**

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.

THE ROSARY

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

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.

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.

CHURCH PLEDGES

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

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. May God bless your family-team spirit and 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 so many.

Jesus loves you and so do I, Fr Ralph

May 24th - \$16,391.00

Last Year - \$15,313.00

Little Sisters of the Poor - \$3,492.00

Catholic Charities - \$45,314.00

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

SMM SCHOOL ALUMNI 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.

GARRISON'S THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who donated blankets this year, including the CYO Teams that collected and donated blankets as their team service projects. This year over 200 blankets were collected and donated to 2 area shelters and to Catholic Social Services. We appreciate your generosity for those who benefited from your kindness. The Garrison Family

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.**

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

Super dedicated altar server Jimmy called Fr Chieffo last Tuesday evening. Jimmy: Father, I'm not feeling well. I don't think I'll be able to serve the 8:30 Mass tomorrow. Father: That's OK, Jimmy. Thanks for calling. I hope you'll be feeling better soon. Jimmy: But Father, don't you need me? Father: Of course I need you Jimmy, but don't worry; somehow I'll manage without your help. Jimmy: But Father, who will wash away your iniquity?

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. Deadline is June 11th. Call Marian Moran at 610-892-0255 or email marianLmoran@hotmail.com

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.

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.

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.

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 tests 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

CHESTER COUNTY VOICES ABROAD will present **An Evening of Sacred and Secular Music in Grateful Praise of the God of All** on Friday, June 12th, 2009 at 7:30 PM. Saints Simon and Jude Church, route 352 and West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA. For more information about this group and their departure concert, see: www.chestercountyvoicesabroad.org.

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.

**THE OPPOSITE OF SIN IS NOT VIRTUE,
BUT PRAISING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HIS
HOLY SPIRIT THAT RENEWS US IN LOVE!**