

**Third Sunday of Lent
The Beloved Son of God**

March 15, 2009 Gospel, John 4:5-42.

Gospel Summary: Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

Reflection for Families: Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family: When you go to mass this weekend, be sure to invite the whole family to bless themselves at the baptismal font. On the way home, share your ideas about living water and the how the holy water of the font is living water for each person. Invite every member of the family to offer a way in which they can refresh someone at school, at work, or in the neighborhood by being living water for that person.

**HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM
March 15 - 21
Maureen Scheuerman 610-891-0757**

**MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, March 14**

8:30AM Anna Mai Le
5:30PM Antoinette Settanni

SUNDAY, March 15

7:30AM Dorothy Kelble
10:00AM Mae Williams & Dr Francis Lazorik
11:30AM Lena Ferrantina
5:30PM Julius DellaPenna

MONDAY, March 16

6:30AM Speros J. Leanos
8:30AM Hon. Harry Bradley

TUESDAY, March 17

6:30AM Joseph De Lone
8:30AM Joseph P. Mylottes

WEDNESDAY, March 18

6:30AM Sick of the Parish
8:30AM Albert Postus

THURSDAY, March 19

6:30AM Marie A. Hudy
8:30AM Hon. Harry Bradley

FRIDAY, March 20

6:30AM People of the Parish
8:30AM Anthony D'Angelo

SATURDAY, March 21

8:30AM Richard Javage
5:30PM John McGovern

SUNDAY, March 22

7:30AM William P. Hally
10:00AM Albert Postus
11:30AM Antoinette Settanni
5:30PM Josephine Cieri

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

Bread & Wine in memory of Anthony D'Angelo

GOD BLESS STEPHANIE AND PATRICK

We are most grateful to Stephanie Piraino, Patrick Davey, and Patricia An for their inspirational recital and Stephanie's family for providing the refreshments.

**STOP JUDGING AND YOU WILL
NOT BE JUDGED Luke 6:37**

If you're a defendant on trial in most democratic countries, you are presumed innocent until proven guilty. It's up to the prosecution to find you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. But even in lengthy trials with hours of testimony, mounds of evidence and twelve jurors weighing all the facts, wrongful convictions can still get handed down. It shouldn't surprise us, either. How many times have we made a snap judgment about someone and condemned them without a second thought – and been dead certain we were correct?

Jesus knew from experience just how wrong people can be. He himself was called a drunkard, a glutton, and a blasphemer. We can't read someone's heart to understand their motives, yet we make judgments in matters that have little or nothing to do with us. We criticize the people we see on the news and inwardly judge even our friends and neighbors if we hear some juicy gossip about them. It's as if we've judged them without a fair trial.

But even if we do get it right from time to time, what good is that? In fact, our judgments on others do nothing but reveal our own hearts. When we cast stones, we show that our own hearts are stony (John 8:7) And what's worse, we call down judgment on ourselves when we do so. To receive God's forgiveness, we have to be aware of our own capacity to sin and be able to forgive it in others. We have to learn to deal with our own weaknesses and failings so we can be instruments of compassion rather than condemnation.

With Jesus' help, we can recognize and root out our pride and judgmental attitudes. At every Mass, he is present in the Eucharist to bring us his mercy, so that we in turn can show it to others. When we partake of his body and blood, we receive the grace to see people as God sees us: as his children in need of patience, and understanding, and love. As we sow these seeds of compassion and forgiveness into our relationships, we'll reap them in our own lives – and we will see the kingdom of God spring up all around us!

“Lord, sometimes I fail to recognize your mercy, and then I cannot share it with others. Fill me anew with your Spirit, so I can witness to your saving love.”

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

We are most proud to announce that two eighth grade students have been named 2009 Neumann Scholars. 740

eighth grade students, representing the 182 area Catholic grade schools, were eligible to sit for this prestigious scholarship exam. Forty scholarships were awarded. Rosemarie McLaughlin will attend Cardinal O'Hara High School and Anita Morro will attend Archbishop Carroll High School. Each scholarship totals more than \$20,000.00. Emily C. Riley, Executive Vice President of the Connelly Foundation, announced the awards at our school assembly on Friday, March 6 Congratulations to both young women for this wonderful achievement!



The results are in.... Three of our students took First Place in the Delaware County Science Fair. Congratulations go to the following students: Thomas Allen- First Place: Environmental Science; Sarah Brown- First Place: Zoology; Stephen Weyler- First Place: Consumer Science. In addition, Stephen Weyler was awarded the Delaware County Science Teachers Award - "The Charles Beehler Award". All three students qualify to compete in the Delaware County Science Fair to be held this April. We wish them well!

The following students have received the Followers of Jesus Award during March's First Friday Mass for being caring during the month of February:
Grade 8: Michelle Laurenzi, Joseph Matthias
Grade 7: Sarah Brown, Courtney Newsome
Grade 6: Eric Goldhorn, Jacqueline Magnarelli
Grade 5: James Weyler, Anthony Ciro
Grade 4: Molly McFadden, Fiona Casey
Grade 3: Grace Grassi, Ryan McLaughlin
Grade 2: Sean Rushton, Troy Stefano
Grade 1: Joseph Boyle, Anna DiCandilo
We salute these students!

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

**CELEBRATE WITH FR. JAMES OTTO AND THE ST. IGNATIUS CHOIR
March 28th at 5:30 PM Mass
Fr. James Otto and St. Ignatius Gospel Choir will praise God with us. We will take up a second collection for their parish school that weekend.
Father also needs your time and talent.**

CYO FUND RAISER

Join your fellow parishioners for "A Nite at the Races" Saturday March 28, 2009 at 7PM. \$35 per person for tickets in advance or \$45 per person for tickets at the door. Price includes, footage of Thoroughbred races, beer, wine, light fare and DJ Dan Ryan to dance the night away. Make check payable to SMM CYO and mail to Maureen Rennie 120 Gordon Drive, Media, Pa. 19063. Fund raiser will be held in the School gym.

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 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, **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, Farnsworth Bisbee, Fred Cambio, John Cammorato, Gianna Campbell, Terri Campbell, Chick Carman, Rosemary Casey, Daniel Casullo, Nancy Clay, Christina Connors, Regis Cronin, Gennela D'Orazio, Ann DiDonato, Marcella DiMaggio, Erin DiMartino, Eleanor DiPangrazio, Carla Donato, Frances Dougherty, Ron Eubanks, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, 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, Joseph Maylish, Peggy Matthews, Kathy Mauer, Francis McCabe, Joe McCarthy, Mary McDevitt, Lucille Noonan, William O'Brien, Timothy Poole, James Ranieri, Sr, Bobby Ruggieri, Jean Quarto, Carolyn Rock, 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

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 the consolation and companionship of Jesus.

WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

Kenneth & Andrea Connors.

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 7:35 pm – 9PM in our library. Please contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876: gagm2002@comcast.net.

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 **either Terry Campbell (610-627-1109) or Lindy Zwahlen**, 610-565-0834, or on of the facilitators.

Sunday evenings, 7:30PM: Terry Campbell 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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

Twice monthly: Sue Mita 610-566-4819

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

Men's Group: Jim Dooley (1st and 3rd Tuesdays) 610-892-9684 at 7:30PM.

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

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

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

Thursday evening, 7:30 PM: Bonnie Clark (2nd and 4th weeks) 610-353-7930.

If you want to start a group, call Fr. Chieffo.

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.

LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. MULGREW

Each Tuesday at 9:30AM in a conference room of the lower church. He will discuss the scripture readings of the coming Sundays and also talk about why our youth don't want to go to church. Call Lindy Zwahlen at 610-565-0834.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Praise the Lord for the gift of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish. We need adorers for Friday 1-2 and 2-3 AM, Saturday 1-2, 2-3 or 3-4 AM and Sunday 4-5 PM. We would ask that you prayerfully consider one of these times. The graces and blessings of Eucharistic Adoration are incalculable and the AM hours are such a joy. A suggestion would be for a group of 4 to commit to an hour with each member adoring one hour per month. Call **Monica 891-9483 or Shelly 353-7739.**

SSM 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 19, 2009. Consider joining us. You may be pleasantly surprised by the experience.

HEALING AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

The healing and Wellness (H&W) Ministry has been bringing the good news of Jesus to our homebound, sick, bereaved and nursing home parishioners since October, 2007. This ministry stimulates a greater awareness of the fact that "we as a parish family are the church." The Healing Ministry, working in partnership with HOPE, Bereavement, Stewardship and Warm Welcome programs, is a valuable means of drawing our parish closer to Jesus and to each other. If you, your family or your small group would like to join the team, please call **610-566-8821X#121** or anitasmm@comcast.net Anita Morro R.N. Coordinator.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

As we begin the New Year 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.**

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 29th** 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 20th**. 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 or 610-565-3563.

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.

THANKS TO OUR PRE CANA TEAM

Saturday, March 7 was a powerful day for 18 couples who will be getting married within the next year. That was the day the couples looked beyond their wedding day to consider important subjects like putting God first in their marriage, prayer, children, financial planning and other pertinent topics.

Our Pre-Cana team would like to thank all those who organized the day so successfully including Deacon Martin and Lisa LoMonaco, Nick and Nicole Gibboni, Father Paul Mouawad, and Deacon James.

Please pray for these couples as they plan a lifetime of love and happiness together.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CLOTHING DRIVE – APRIL 2, 2009

Collecting donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. We will also be accepting small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots and pans, dishes, cooking utensils, shoes and books. We also accept small appliances in good working order. No baby equipment only clothing. Truck will be in the parking lot of SMM from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

CHURCH DEDICATION DVD

Cost is \$20 Call the Parish office or see our Scrip salespeople.

**TO MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL
FRIENDS IN
ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH**

Thank You so much for all the prayers you offered for me while I was in Riddle Hospital. I am sure that your prayers along with the excellent care which I received in the hospital contributed to my recovery. I want to thank so many of you for the expressions of sympathy and the beautiful thoughts which you shared with me and my two sisters as we gathered for the Prayer Service and the funeral of my sister, Eileen—Sister Eileen Hughes, I.H.M. May God reward you for your goodness and thoughtfulness. **Father Jim Hughes**

IRISH SAYING

May those who love us love us, and those who don't, may God turn their hearts, and if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we know them by their limping.

PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, and in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

CELEBRATING OUR NEW CHURCH

As we celebrate our first year anniversary of our new church, the parish leaders and I invite you to our Parish Picnic. If you want to be a sponsor for our Picnic, you can donate a gift certificate for your business or make a donation of \$100 or more for our Sponsor Advertisement in our parish bulletin from now until April 26th.

Everyone should have received an invitation to the picnic with raffle tickets. Please forward them to the parish office.

PARISH PICNIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS -

Give some of your time and still enjoy the picnic. Contact Alisa Czachor 610-459-3925 or Alisa@Czachor.com

PICNIC SPONSORS WE THANK YOU!

**Rigby, Harting, Hagan Funeral Home
Bill & Gigi - 610-566-3755**

**Moppert Brothers Auto Collision
Experts - 610- 544-4444
Inside Jewelers**

Nick Giovanangelo -610-359-0800

**Richard Bondurant Plumbing
610-566-0288**

**Robert and Mary-Jo Goldhorn
Goldhorn Electric 610-259-2529
Meissnerauto.com -**

Doug and Lynn - 610-532-1400

D'Anjollell Memorial Homes

Robert D'Anjollell 610-356-4200

Rafferty Subaru - 610-353-6900

Dorothy and Robert Rafferty

Dr. David and Joanne Thomas

Dr. Anthony and Pierina Antonello

Susan and John Klusarits

Creative Financial- 610-325-6262

Eileen and Ray Wilson

Safe Co. 215-495-0795

Trattoria Giuseppe Restaurant 610-353-4871

Rose Tree Inn 610- 891-1205

Patty and Rob Rottensteiner

Elizabeth and Ray Bewley

Dr John and Gail Pron

Dr Eric and Kimberly Deppert

Oliver Heating & Cooling 610-544-4884

Murphy Architectural Group – 610-696-3843

Keenan Auto Body

Don Keenan 610-325-9210

Hart Builders

Chris Meinhart 215-350-5502

**Thomas A McFadden-Attorney & Counselor
610-891-7910**

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Jean & Bill Cotter 800-220-3901

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Mostardi Nursery

Cecelia & Stephen Mostardi 610-356-8035

**CONSIDER ADVERTISING AND SUPPORTING
OUR PARISH PICNIC**

CALL FR. CHIEFFO- 610-566-8821

CONGRATULATIONS to the students of Country Day School of the Sacred Heart who achieved honors for this quarter: **Highest Honors:** Lauren Grajewski, **High Honors:** Stephanie Finley and Julianna Sincavage **Honors:** Brynne E. Martin, Kelsey Kirk and Maggie Shay. We are very proud of their academic achievements!

SMM ALUMNI NEWS: Thank you for your response to “finding” and “connecting” our alumni with the parish. Many of the notes and e-mails are very assuring that our alumni are making a difference in our world. Also, they are very interested in renewing old friendships and recalling many memories. We are planning a fall all class reunion. So, alumni forms are in the narthex of the church or you can contact by e-mail at presidentsmm@comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

In these times of financial crisis, we are blessed with faith, family, and friends whose true wealth we enjoy now and forever. God bless your family-team spirit as we praise God together for providing for our material and spiritual needs. Jesus loves you and so do I, Fr Ralph

March 8th - \$23,576.00
Last Year - \$26,445.00
Endowment - \$1,075.00

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

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

Gift Cards are still available 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. This is an easy and beneficial fundraiser and there's no extra money out of your pocket. Any questions contact Nicky Verna. tnverna@comcast.net or 610-639-3816.

COMMEMORATIVES AVAILABLE
STATUE OF ST MARY MAGDALEN- \$50,000
NATIVITY PAINTING by Rafael- \$12,000
CHANDELIERS & PEWS (\$10,000)
WINDOWS IN CHAPEL (\$25,000)
#10 The Ascension #14 The Last Day
MEMORIAL BOARD- \$5,000
CHOIR AND SERVER ROBES- \$100
CRUCIFIXES FOR OFFICES - \$100
Call Mary Lou at 610-566-8821 X109.

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.**

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

We will be hosting the week of March 29, 2009. Anyone who wishes to volunteer email sfromholddcihn1@verizon.net

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday March 20th` Stations of the Cross
7:00PM – Sarah Jensen, J Patrick Kirk, An-Thu Le
Saturday – March 21
5:30PM – Szipszky, K. Flumer, S. Grinnan
Sunday – March 22
7:30AM –C. Bauwens, B. Rennie, S. Weyler
10:00AM –J. Nolen, C. O’Shea, L. Tortella
11:30AM –Julio & Gonzalo Del Peon, B. Byrne
5:30PM –Benjamin & Timothy Aman

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH TO KNOW GOD’S WILL

O great St. Joseph, You were completely obedient to the call of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know and choose the unique vocation and mission God has designed for me. Pray that I may receive the light of truth to know God’s will, the grace to carry it out faithfully and the wisdom to make choices that help me be and do what god wants. I ask that you intercede before God on my behalf that I may see and understand the path He holds open for me. Help me make choices which will be in response to God’s love for me and my potential, so that I may follow Jesus more closely. Amen.

WITHOUT GOD

Without GOD, our week would be Sindyay, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday and Shatterday. If you are not ashamed of GOD, pass this on.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SENIORS

St. Mary Magdalen Explorers will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. At St. Mary Magdalen Church in the basement meeting room. Come and join the fun. On March 24, 2009 there will be a Seniors retreat at the IHM Center in Bryn Mawr, which includes continental breakfast and lunch for \$30.00.

Travel with us: The Potomac River Cruise on the Odyssey is coming up on April 3, 2009. Cruise luncheon, entertainment, tour and bus for \$99.50. Joe has lined up three additional trips in 2009 – South Pacific, which won the Tony Award, on April 22nd at a price of \$199.00; includes transportation and dinner at SPQR. Also 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 CapeTown in Sept. 2009 at a price of \$3,895.00. SURPRISE! Jersey Boys is back on the agenda. July 15, 2009, transportation, dinner at O'Caseys for \$190.00. A play getting lots of kudos is "Billy Elliot" we have tickets for August 26th, bus and dinner at O'Caseys for \$199.00. We are thinking of Villa Roma in the Catskills in October. For more information call Joe Profeta at 610-359-0931 or write to him at 2689 Old Cedar Grove Road, Broomall, PA 19008.

Mothers' Home Fundraiser

Saturday, March 21, 7:30pm to 11:30pm, at St. Pius X in Broomall. There will be large screen TV's to watch basketball, wine tasting with Chaddsford Winery, catered dinner, beer and wine, dancing and a silent auction. Price is \$35.00.

You can order tickets online at www.mothershome.org. Or contact Chris or Kristine Freind for tickets at 610-325-0167. E-mail: Kristine.Freind@astrazeneca.com

BOOK PRESENTATION

Presentation by Father Dennis J. Billy, C.Ss.R on C.S. Lewis on the Fullness of Life: Longing for Deep Heaven. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:00PM in the Ryan Memorial Library at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood PA 19096 For information call 610-785-6500.

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC LITURGY with Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers which is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 2:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. For information call 215-587-3913 or E-mail: PCPDDEAF@adphila.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

What a difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend will make in your marriage. The next weekend will be March 27 – 29, 2009. For more info call 1 800 456 8330.

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

One of our senior's pushed her clock backwards instead of springing forward. She showed up to greet on Saturday morning instead of Sunday. Betty remarked: "I am here, because I am not all there."

FOCA

A Radical Threat to Human Life

We are facing the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever – the "Freedom of Choice Act", or FOCA. This bill would create a right to abortion. The government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the US Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. Citizens would lose the freedom they now have to enact even modest regulation of the abortion industry. FOCA would: Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists. Force American taxpayers to fund abortions. Force every state to allow partial-birth abortions – its sponsors have said a primary purpose of the bill is to ensure that killing partially born children will again be permitted nationwide. Run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds. Strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision.

For the next 30 days, the present administration is holding hearings in Congress to rob us of our human freedom and to eliminate tax credits to charitable institutions which refuse to promote abortions. Pick up your phone and express your personal values and the right to choose life and not death. Send a postcard available in the narthex and please contact our Senators and US Representative.

LADIES: are invited to an evening of recollection with Fr. Chieffo on Tuesday, March 31st at 7 PM on **CHRISTIAN HUMILITY AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.**