

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Light of the World -March 22, 2009

**Reading I:** [2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23](#)

**Polluting the Lord's Temple**

**Reading II:** [Ephesians 2:4-10](#) **By Grace You Have Been Saved**

**Gospel:** [John 3:14-21](#) **God So Loved the World**

**Gospel Summary** - Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognize that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

**Reflection for Families** - In order for parents to help their children follow the light of Christ, they too must open their eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

**Bringing the Gospel into Your Family** - Make an effort today (or sometime this week) to really see God in our lives. This may take some time and deliberation, but take a walk together and look for signs of God in the beauty of nature. Talk about ways God has helped you see with your heart, and suggest ways you can share the sight of your heart with others. You might bring some of your findings to your family's prayer space.

### HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

March 22 - 28

Pam Lairdieson 610-353-0229

### MASS INTENTIONS

**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

### MONDAY, March 23

6:30AM Frank Holder

8:30AM Kit Mannion

### TUESDAY, March 24

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Dorothy Wilson

### WEDNESDAY, March 25

6:30AM Sick of the Parish

8:30AM Richard Javage

### THURSDAY, March 26

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Albert Postus

### FRIDAY, March 27

6:30AM People of the Parish

8:30AM Joanne Reid

### SATURDAY, March 28

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

5:30PM Int. of Vivian Federico

### SUNDAY, March 29

7:30AM Int. of Behrle Family

10:00AM Perry Bruno

11:30AM Joan Brisgone

5:30PM John A. Scarduzio

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

#### Bread & Wine

**In memory of Philomena & James Rotandaro**

**CELEBRATE WITH FR. JAMES OTTO AND  
THE ST. IGNATIUS CHOIR**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### A BEAUTIFUL EVENING

We wish to thank Stephanie Piraino, Patrick Davey, and Patricia An for the magnificent and inspirational evening of music and song last Saturday in our church. We are blessed to have such talent in our parish family. We would also like to thank Nick and Grace Giovanangelo for the gift certificate from Inside Jewelers which was presented to the entertainers.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Rite of Reconciliation

Wed, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 7-8:30PM & Sat, April 11<sup>th</sup>: 4-5PM

**Holy Thursday – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper+Washing of the feet & procession**

**Adoration of the Repository after Mass until Midnight**

**Good Friday – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**1-2PM – The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

**3:00PM Service & Communion**

**Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Vigil -at 7:00PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Masses: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30AM and (special note) 5:30PM Sunday Evening.**

### LETTER BY TWO OF OUR PARISH DOCTORS

Dear Senator Spector, Honorable Joe Sestack & President Obama,

#### Moral Opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act

We are against passage of the Freedom of Choice Act, and hope you are, too. Our government spends tax revenue to pay for a lot of things that we disagree with and we certainly do not want our hard earned tax money used toward the abortion entitlement that our government must fund and promote if this Act passes. As American taxpayers we do not want to be forced to fund abortions.

As physicians, we are concerned that this Act would eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists. This Act runs roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, as well as nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds.

Probably the most obviously ridiculous part of this Act, even if one was not opposed to abortion, is that the Act would strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision. As parents, we are responsible for our children, particularly when they are minors. Thus it is absolutely ridiculous that a minor could have a procedure performed as emotionally and physically important as an abortion and not have

to tell their parents. It is the parents' obligation to take care of their minor children, and thus the relationship has to work both ways, and this Act would absolve a daughter from her responsibility to her parents.



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

Home & School Board elections will take place on April 23, 2009. Please check SMM's web site for the nomination form needed to nominate someone for any of the following positions: (and remember, you can nominate yourself!)

--Vice-President

--Treasurer

--Corresponding Secretary

Positions are held for a two year term. Descriptions of these positions are included with the form. If you have questions about any position, do not hesitate to contact a present Board member.

In keeping with our push to "go green", the nomination forms will only be available on the website. Please download and print from there. Copies will also be available in the school office.

**Scholarship Update:** We are most proud of our eighth grade class. The following is the most current list of scholarship recipients:

Justin Barker-a partial scholarship to Devon Preparatory

Conor Bradley- the Augustinian Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory and The Ignatian Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory

Ryan Bradley- The Presidential Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory, and The Ignatian Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory

Natalia Fabisiak- The Presidential Scholarship to Archbishop Carroll High School

Stephen Fediw-The Rev. Stephen Bendik Scholarship to Devon Preparatory, and The Ignatian Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory

Kevin Fulmer- The Martin J. Devine Scholarship to Devon Preparatory

Richard Gargano- The Kevin Flatley Memorial Scholarship to Devon Preparatory

Alyssia LaMonaca- a Full Scholarship to the Academy of Notre Dame and a partial scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy

Rosemarie McLaughlin- The Connelly Foundation Neumann Scholarship  
Anita Morro- The Presidential Scholarship to Archbishop Carroll High School, The Connelly Foundation Neumann Scholarship  
Maura Murphy-a partial scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy, The Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, and the Academy of Notre Dame  
Christina O'Shea- a partial scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy  
Ryan Robinson-The Kevin Flatley Memorial Scholarship to Devon Preparatory, The Presidential Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory, and The Ignatian Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory

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

### CONGRATULATIONS

To **Evan Barr**, a student at Bishop Shanahan High School, for achieving second honors. To the students attending Country Day School of the Sacred Heart: 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 you academic achievements!

### 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening of the month from 7:35 pm – 9PM in our library. Please contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876: [gagm2002@comcast.net](mailto:gagm2002@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 is **May 13, 7:00 PM**. We ask you to come for instructions before you give birth so that you can be prepared in choosing your date and sponsors. We remind all parents and Godparents that they must be registered and practicing Catholics. Godparents must be 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**To be baptized:** Sadie Jean O'Brien.

**A time to die,** pray for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, **James McAlea** 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, Sean Cosden, Regis Cronin, Gennela D'Orazio, Ann DiDonato, Marcella DiMaggio, Erin DiMartino, Eleanor DiPangrazio, Carla Donato, Frances Dougherty, Ron Eubanks, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, 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, 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

**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**.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.malvernretreat.com)), or telephoning Dr. Jack Colombo (610-891-0731) or Vince Zeller (610-353-7739). Remember also, that several men from our own parish will be gathering for our special retreat weekend this year on June 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>** The Welcoming ceremony will begin at **7P.M. with the Mass starting at 7:30 P.M.** All family and friends are welcome to join you. A warm reception will follow to lift and love each other. A Grief Counselor will be available. Families in surrounding parishes are encouraged to join us. **Please register your**

**child's name** to be printed in the Mass Program by **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. We would like Altar servers to be family members or friends of those attending the Mass if possible. Please email or call Bill and Jean Cotter with your information. [J2215c@aol.com](mailto:J2215c@aol.com) or 610-565-3563.

### **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.

### **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 sees our Scrip salespeople.

### **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.**

### **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 26<sup>th</sup>. **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](mailto: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**

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**610-566-0288**

**Robert and Mary-Jo Goldhorn**

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**Doug and Lynn - 610-532-1400**

**D'Anjollell Memorial Homes**

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**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**

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**Thomas A McFadden-Attorney & Counselor**

**610-891-7910**

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**Jean & Bill Cotter 800-220-3901**

**Jean & William Boundy**

**Edgemont Flower Shop 610-566-6227**

**Hon & Mrs Joseph T Labrum, Jr**

**Elizabeth MacIntyre**

**Karin & Bruce LaMonaca**

**Mostardi Nursery**

**Cecelia & Stephen Mostardi 610-356-8035**

**Great American Pub – 610-964-9535**

**Mary Lou & Bob Mayer**

**SMM Healing & Wellness Ministry**

**CONSIDER ADVERTISING AND SUPPORTING**

**OUR PARISH PICNIC**

**CALL FR. CHIEFFO- 610-566-8821**

**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](mailto: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 15th - \$21,531.00**

**Last Year - \$22,206.00**

**Easter Flowers - \$1,127.00**

**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 **15<sup>th</sup>** of every **month**.

#### **GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

Gift Cards are still available for over 80 local and popular merchants. Please log onto [www.stmarymagdalen.net](http://www.stmarymagdalen.net) to print an updated order form or you may pick one up at our Scrip Sales table. This is an on-going program and orders are taken monthly. Merchants return on average 7% of our sales and all monies go directly towards our school tuition fund. 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](mailto: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.

#### **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY**

We will be hosting the week of March 29, 2009. Anyone who wishes to volunteer email [sfromholddcihn1@verizon.net](mailto:sfromholddcihn1@verizon.net)

#### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

##### **Friday March 27th - Stations of the Cross**

7:00PM – Z. Maylish, L. Trevlyn, J. McLarney

##### **Saturday – March 28**

5:30PM – M. Narzikul, A. Wilson, K. Cardamone

##### **Sunday – March 29**

7:30AM – A & R Gargano, J. Patrick Kirk

10:00AM – S. Jensen, R. Robinson, A. Battista

11:30AM – L. Trevlyn, M. Bradley, C. Babin

5:30PM – S. Byrnes, S. Grinnan

#### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

The next couples experience will be March 27 – 29, 2009. For more info call 1 800 456 8330.

#### **LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR**

##### **I CAN'T REMEMBER**

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead, though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in my head. I got used to my arthritis; to my dentures I'm resigned. I can manage my bifocals, but, God, I miss my mind. For sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stairs, if I must go up for something or have I just come down from there. And, before the fridge so often, my poor mind is filled with doubt, have I just put food away, or have I come to take some out?

And there are times when it is dark, with my stocking cap on my head, I don't know if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed.

So if it's my turn to write you, there's no need for getting sore, I may think that I have written and don't want to be a bore!

So remember that I love you and wish that you were near, but now it's nearly mail time so I must say “Good-bye, Dear”.

P.S. Here I stand beside the mailbox with a face so very red instead of mailing you my letter, I have opened it instead!

## 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-TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 7PM CHRISTIAN HUMILITY AND CONFIDENCE.**

Fr. Chieffo will combine an evening of recollection for women with the last session of our “Aspects of Healing Series”.

### **SPRING FLOWER SALE**

Spring is in the air! The Home and School Association will be sponsoring a Flower Sale after all Masses on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on supporting the school while picking up some beautiful potted flowers for Easter!

## 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. Please join us for a Derby Recruitment Party. Trainers: Joe and Kelly Hassey Track Location: 113 Spring Tree Drive, Newtown Square Post Time: Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 7 PM Silks: Casual. Odds are you’ll have a Great time! Kindly RSVP to [kellyhassey@msn.com](mailto:kellyhassey@msn.com) or 610-353-1750. Hope to see you at the Track!

### **HEAVEN’S GROCERY STORE**

I was walking down life’s highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, “Heaven’s Grocery Store.” As I got a little closer, the door came open real wide. And when I came to myself, I was standing right inside. I saw host o angels, they were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, “My child, shop with care.” Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. I f you could not carry it all, you could come back the next day for more. First, I got some patience; love was in the same row. Further down understood you need that wherever you go. I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or two of faith. I just couldn’t miss the Holy Ghost, for it was all over the place. Then I stopped to get some strength and courage to help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some grace. I didn’t forget salvation, for salvation was free. So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me. Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill. For I thought I had everything to do my Master’s will. As I went up the aisle, I saw a prayer and just had to put that in. For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin. Peace and joy were plentiful; they were on the last shelf. Song and praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself. Then I said to the angel, “Now how much do I owe?” He just smiled and said, “Just take them wherever you go.” Again I smiled at him and said, “How much do I really owe?” He just smiled and said, “My child, Jesus paid you bill a long time ago.”