

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Followers of Christ – March 29, 2009

Reading I: [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) A New Covenant
Reading II: [Hebrews 5:7-9](#) The Obedience of Christ
Gospel: [John 12:20-33](#) The Grain of Wheat

Gospel Summary - God's love is clearly demonstrated in this gospel reading. Some people of Jesus' time had shallow faith and would believe only if they saw signs of God's power. Jesus helped his listeners recall an event in which God instructed Moses to lift up a bronze serpent. Anyone who looked at the snake would be cured of poisonous snakebites. In the gesture of "lifting up" Jesus projected his own glory. God loved the world so much that he sent his own son. He did this to make clear to us how very much God loves us and wants to provide salvation for all of us who have failed.

Reflection for Families - It is not hard for parents to understand how much God loves his people. No matter how many times we have to discipline, guide, and correct our children, our love never diminishes. We know that our efforts and energy are shaping them into the best people they can be. We only need to show them the light of God's way and walk with them in that light.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think of someone your family knows who might be experiencing a time of darkness a time when it might be hard for them to understand that God really loves them. Think together of a way your family can reach out to that person by sending a card, making a phone call, or sharing friendship with them.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

March 29 – April 4

Beth Hallinan – 610-353-1282

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 28

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

5:30PM Intentions of Vivian Federico

SUNDAY, March 29

7:30AM Intentions of the Behrle Family

10:00AM Perry Bruno

11:30AM Joan Brisgone

5:30PM John A. Scarduzio

MONDAY, March 30

6:30AM John Peacock

8:30AM Dorothy Wilson

TUESDAY, March 31

6:30AM Sick of the Parish

8:30AM Sarah Godfrey

WEDNESDAY, April 1

6:30AM Eleanor Jardella

8:30AM Albert Postus

THURSDAY, April 2

6:30AM Walter Scheuerman

8:30AM Richard Javage, Sr.

FRIDAY, April 3

6:30AM Joseph Melsheimer

8:30AM Frank Szipszky

SATURDAY, April 4

8:30AM Georgia May Fowlie

5:30PM Antoinette Settanni

SUNDAY, April 5

7:30AM William P. Holly

10:00AM John McGovern

11:30AM George Schoener

5:30PM Intentions of Terry Campbell

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Rite of Reconciliation

Wed, April 8th: 7-8:30PM & Sat, April 11th: 4-5PM

Holy Thursday – April 9th, 7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper+Washing of the feet
Adoration of the Repository after Mass until Midnight

Good Friday – April 10th

1-2PM – The Seven Last Words of Jesus

3:00PM Service & Communion

Holy Saturday, April 11th

Easter Vigil -at 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 12th

Masses: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30AM and (special note)

5:30PM Sunday Evening.

The Miracle of Our Continuous Recreation

Like the sculptor, God sees in the soul not only what it is, but what he can make of it if we let him have his way, and offer no obstacle to the hand that chisels, molds, or hews us. Like the celebrated statue of David that was produced from a block of marble spared for any but the supreme artist's hand, and owning the very beauty, and genius of the poise to the original shape of the block – so God can make of us masterpieces of his hand and skill, if only we let him. It is not external events which make the differences in our soul, but the way the soul reacts to circumstances, the use it makes of all the materials placed within its reach.

Paul the Persecutor became Paul the Apostle. Magdalen the Sinner became Magdalen the Saint. Augustine the earthly lover changed into God's lover. "All things make

for good to those who love God.” Let us leave ourselves in the hands of God. He knows, and he can do. Father Bede Jarret, O.P.

FR. JAMES OTTO AND ST. IGNATIUS

We welcome Fr. James Otto and the St. Ignatius Choir and parishioners to our 5:30 PM Mass this evening. If you would like to offer your time, talents, and resources to help their parish school, then contact the parish at 215-386-5065 or our parishioner Joe Corr (610-353-9040) who serves on their development board.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 31st 7PM

Fr. Dan Hennesy, LC and Fr. Chieffo will combine an evening of recollection for men and women. Fr. Chieffo will offer a meditation with the ladies on **CHRISTIAN HUMILITY AND SELF-CONFIDENCE**. Separately Men will be participating in our Evening of Reflection with Fr. Dan. The meditation and discussion will be followed by mass for all participants together. This is an excellent way to prepare for Holy week. Men get a baby sitter and encourage your spouse to join Fr. Chieffo for the evening.

The Evening of Meditation topic for the Men will be - **following Christ during Holy Week** along the way of the Cross. The agenda is:
* 6:30pm - Pizza in church gathering room
* 7:00pm – Meditation * 7:40 - Discussion
* 8:15 - Mass - joined by Women
Reconciliation will be available for all.

SMM Legion of Mary (PRAESIDIUM)

will recommence meetings starting on Monday, 4-13-09, at 7:00 PM in the church basement offices – Conference Room #1. Please pray about becoming an instrument of the Holy Spirit through this balanced program of prayer and service. All are welcome to come and learn more about the Legion as a guest – there’s no obligation. For information contact Karen Kelly 610-565-6539 or Mary Brady 610-566-2392.

LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. MULGREW

Each Tuesday at 9:30AM in our church conference room. He will discuss the scripture readings of the coming Sundays and passing our faith to our youth. Call Lindy Zwahlen at 610-565-0834.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION- Oct. 17, 2009!

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 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

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.

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 or 610-353-1750. Hope to see you at the Track!

CONGRATULATIONS

To the students attending Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School who achieved honors for the first semester. **First honors:** David Cycon, Stephen DiPietro, Kevin Melone, Matthew Potako, Anthony Ricco and Joseph Sincavage. **Second honors:** Kyle Gillen. We’re very proud of you.

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.

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.

A time to die, pray for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, **Anita Kucer, Mother of Susan Edmonds** 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, Alfonso Giliotti, 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, Debra Marcoux, ll 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, Billy Saar, 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

WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

Carl & Ann Deirmengian, Joseph & Lisa Tarr & Family, Patricia Pettinati & 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 7:35 pm – 9PM in our library. Please contact Gina Mesko at 610-872-0876: gagm2002@comcast.net.

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**.

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.

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**.

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.

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. **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

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

Music talent abounds at SMM...

The following students have distinguished themselves as members of the Archdiocesan

Honors Band: Natalia Fabisiak, Gianna Ciro, Richard

Gargano, and Ryan McFadden. These students will perform at the Kimmel Center on March 31st as part of the "Concert of Excellence". Also taking part in this special evening is Shannon McCabe who is part of the Elementary String Orchestra and Mary Theresa Bane and Katherine Smith who will add their beautiful voices to the Honors Choir. This year's gala is dedicated to Monsignor Louis A. D'Addezio!

Reminder: 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: (remember, you can nominate yourself Vice-Pres-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 who have earned

\$488,800.00 in scholarships. 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

Giulianna Fardone- a partial scholarship to Villa Maria Academy.

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

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 DFerdinand 610-565-5782

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.

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.

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!

Inside Jewelers

Nick Giovanangelo -610-359-0800
Rigby, Harting, Hagan Funeral Home
Bill & Gigi - 610-566-3755

Moppert Brothers Auto Collision
Experts - 610- 544-4444

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

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Trattoria Giuseppe Restaurant 610-353-4871

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Oliver Heating & Cooling 610-544-4884

Murphy Architectural Group – 610-696-3843

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Cecelia & Stephen Mostardi 610-356-8035

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Organization & Design Consulting

Sanka Coyle 610-724-3442

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Rosemary Giannone – 610-888-0395

Anne & Rudolph Chillemi

Dr Alphonse & Rose DiGiovanni

CONSIDER ADVERTISING AND SUPPORTING
OUR PARISH PICNIC
CALL FR. CHIEFFO- 610-566-8821

ENCORE! SACRED SONGS AND ARIAS - Did you miss our special recital, Sacred Songs and Arias on March 14th? Perhaps you were among the 350 + who attended and want to share the experience with others or just hear the stirring performances given by Stephanie Piraino, Patrick Davey and Patricia Au again (and again). If so, you can reserve a recording of the entire program, including Father Ralph's pre-show, on CD (for a suggested donation of \$10) or DVD (for a suggested donation of \$20). Sign the order sheet in the lobby or contact Dr. Tony Piriano (e-mail: Anthony.piraino@comcast.net) for more information. Proceeds benefit Saint Mary Magdalen Church.

CHURCH DEDICATION DVD is \$20.

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.

SMM Alumni Happenings: Thank you again for the response to our alumni who are interested in joining SMM School Alumni Association. Many of our graduates are succeeding in different levels. So, here is a sampling of what is happening to some of them. **Owen Pelesh and Luke Westby** are **National Merit Scholars** for the Class of 2009 from Cardinal O’Hara High School.

Four alumni from our SMM family have landed roles in Carroll’s Spring production of “West Side Story”! **Danielle Morro (SMM 2007) will be “Maria”**. Some may remember Danielle in sixth grade as “Dorothy” in the SMM Blue cast production of “The Wizard of Oz”. **Skylar Garrison (2007) will be the Jet, “Snowboy”**. **Rachel Comly (2006) will make a lovely Shark girlfriend while Eric Dowrich (2007) will keep things cool as stagecrew**. All are invited to enjoy West Side Story on April 24, April 25, May 1 and May 2 @7P.M. and on April 26 @ 2P.M. Tickets are sold at the door. No reserved seats. We congratulate our alumni who continue to excel. Please keep us informed of their accomplishments 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 22nd - \$21,625.00
Last Year - \$50,362.00 (EASTER)
Church in Africa - \$2,946.00

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

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.

COMMEMORATIVES AVAILABLE

We are grateful to **Fred Hagendorf** for building the beautiful pedestal for the new statue of SMM being carved in Italy. We thank **Joe Tumulto** for the restored pews. **Lynn & Robert Sundo and Robert, Jr.** for a crucifix.

- STATUE OF ST MARY MAGDALEN- \$50,000
- WINDOWS IN CHAPEL - \$25,000
- #10 The Ascension #14 The Last Day
- NATIVITY PAINTING by Rafael- \$12,000
- 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.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

We will be hosting this week. Anyone who wishes to volunteer email sfromholddcihn1@verizon.net

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- Friday, April 3rd` Stations of the Cross**
- 7:00PM – J. Nolen, C. Robinson, M. Szipszky
- Saturday – April 4th**
- 5:30PM – E. & M. Goldhorn, M. Campbell
- Sunday – April 5th**
- 7:30AM –R. McFadden, M. Verna, J. Giannini
- 10:00AM –M. Szipszky, S, & J. Weyler
- 11:30AM –K. & M. Doyle, J. DiDomenico
- 5:30PM –G. Fardone, J. Barker

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

At Saint Mary's Catholic Church they have a weekly husband's marriage seminar. At the session last week, the Priest asked Luigi, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Luigi replied to the assembled husbands, "Well, I've a tried to treata her nice, spenda the money on her, but best is that I tooka her to Italy for our 25th anniversary!" The Priest responded, "Luigi, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary. "Luigi proudly replied, "I'm agonna go back and get her."

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 4TH and Palm Sunday, April 5TH. Please plan on supporting the school while picking up some beautiful potted flowers for Easter!

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN SENIORS

St. Mary Magdalen Explorers will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen Church in the basement meeting room. Come and join the fun.

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'Casey's for \$190.00. A play getting lots of kudos is "Billy Elliot" – we have tickets for August 26th, bus and inner at O'Casey's for \$199.00. Joe has finalized plans for the trip to the Catskills at Villa Roma. It will be October 5th thru 9th at a cost of \$495.00 (double). For more information, call Joe Profeta at 610-359-0931 or write to him at 2689 Old Cedar Grove Road, Broomall, PA 19008.

MIRACLE IN EGYPT (CBS NEWS) - A Muslim man in Egypt killed his wife because she was reading the Bible and then buried her with their infant baby and an 8-year old daughter. The girls were buried alive! He then reported to the police that an uncle killed the kids. 15 days later, another family member died. When they went to bury him, they found the 2 little girls under the sand - ALIVE! The country is outraged over the incident, and the man will be executed at the end of July.

The older girl was asked how she had survived and she says: - 'A man wearing shiny white clothes, with bleeding wounds in his hands, came every day to feed us. He woke up my mom so she could nurse my sister,' she said. She was interviewed on Egyptian national TV, by a veiled Muslim woman news anchor. She said on public TV, 'This was none other than Jesus, because nobody else does things like this!' Muslims believe Isa (Jesus) would do this, but the wounds mean He really was crucified, and it's clear also that He is alive! But, it's also clear that the child could not make up a story like this, and there is no way these children could have survived without a true miracle.

Muslim leaders are going to have a hard time to figure out what to do with this, and the popularity of the Passion movie doesn't help! With Egypt at the centre of the media and education in the Middle East, you can be sure this story will spread. Christ is still controlling and turning the world. Please let this story be shared. The Lord says, 'I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. (Jeremiah 17)

MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY IN ADORATION BY MIKE ALTSCHULER

My son, I wish to speak to you about the large soaring bird that you saw in the sky through the chapel window yesterday. As your mother I encourage you to pray and pray often. Your prayers from your heart for others are a gift that allows these petitions, conversations and prayerful thoughts to rise above your earthly body and soar like the flight of an eagle toward our Heavenly Father. This is a grace that is available to all who slow down your busy lives and go to a quiet setting where each of you can transform your earthly lives into spirit filled lives. This transformation is much greater than the change from a caterpillar into a butterfly for it is through prayer and listening to our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Most Holy Spirit that our lives do transform and we become children of God in both body and spirit soaring above your earthly burdens and growing closer to God. I thank each of you for listening. I love each of you and I pray for you always.