



The Parable of the Four Sons and the Pear Tree

A father sent his four sons on a journey to discover the same pear tree. Each son was sent out in a different season of the year so that the father could teach them not to judge things too quickly.

A year later they came back and the first son who went in winter reported that the pear tree was ugly, bent and twisted. The second son who discovered the pear tree in spring stated that the tree was covered with green buds and full of promises. The son who found the tree in summer described the pear tree as laden with blossoms that smelled sweet and was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The fourth son who came upon the tree in the fall disagreed with all three and shared how it was ripe and drooping with fruit and full of fulfillment.

The father explained to his sons that they were all right because they had each seen only one season in the tree's life. You can not judge a tree or a person by only one season. The essence of who they are, and the pleasure, joy and the love that come from that life, can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when its winter you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, and the fulfillment of your fall.

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere through the difficult patches, and better times are sure to come in time.

Aspire to inspire...Before you expire. Live simply, love generously, and care deeply. Speak kindly and leave the rest to God. Happiness keeps you sweet. Trials keep you strong. Sorrow keeps you human. Failure keeps you humble. Success keeps you growing. But only God keeps you going.

Thank you for being a special person in every season of my life. God bless you and keep you in his care through all the seasons of your life.

Jesus loves you and so do I, Father Ralph

Dear Parish Family and Friends of SMM:

On behalf of the parish leadership and staff, I thank you for your continued fidelity to our Lord and the Church and your amazing kindness, cooperation, and generosity.

*May Jesus bless you with the gladness
of Christmas which is hope,
the spirit of Christmas which is Peace,
the heart of Christmas which is Love.
You are remembered daily
in our Masses and prayers.*

**Mrs. Barbara Burke, Miss Patricia Miniszak
Mrs. Anita Morro, Mr. Anthony Antonello,
Deacon James DiFerdinand, Deacon Peter Zurbach
Msgr. George Tomichuk, Fr. Stephen Curry, OSA.
Fr. Daniel Hennesy, LC, Fr. Paul Mouawad,
Fr. James Hughes and Fr. Ralph Chieffo**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM (Children's Choir)

6:00 PM (Adult Choir)

8:00 PM (Guitar Group)

Christmas Day Masses

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

New Years Day Masses

9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

Saint Mary Magdalen Scholarships



We are most proud to announce that the following eighth grade students have earned High School Scholarships totaling more than **\$322,000.00** for the 2009-2010 academic school year: Justin Barker-a partial scholarship to Devon Preparatory; Conor Bradley- the Augustinian Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory; Ryan Bradley- The Presidential Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory; Stephen Fediw-The Rev. Stephen Bendik Scholarship to Devon Preparatory; Kevin Fulmer- the Martin J. Devine Scholarship to Devon Preparatory; Alyssia LaMonaca- a Full Scholarship to the Academy of Notre Dame and a partial scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy; 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 and The Presidential Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory.

The following students are Finalists for the Archbishop Carroll High School Scholarship:

Justin Barker, Natalia Fabisiak, Stephen Fediw, Brian Fitzgerald, and Anita Morro.

Guilianna Fardone is a Finalist for a scholarship to Villa Maria Academy.

Ryan Robinson is a Finalist for a scholarship to St. Joseph's Preparatory School.

Registration information: 610-565-1822

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

OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE RESULTS

To keep tuition at a minimum, we decided to raise tuition \$125 per student rather than the needed \$200 per student due to our increased expenses. We remind you that the parish subsidy will be \$650,000 or half of the Sunday collections. We strongly believe in Catholic Education for the spiritual and moral formation of our children. If anyone is facing a financial crisis, please let us assist you. Contact Mr. Antonello, our Business Manager. We are grateful that the Endowment Fund will contribute \$50,000 to help the salaries of our school, PREP, and Youth Minister as well as all our Adult Spiritual Programs.

SCHOOL TUITION

2009-2010

1 CHILD 2 CHILDREN 3 CHILDREN

\$2700 \$4600 \$6000

KINDERGARTEN \$2850

Non Parishioners: double tuition

The per pupil cost is \$4,500, so the parish Sunday Collections will contribute **\$771,000 or 42%** of the school budget this school year. We thank all for believing and supporting our Catholic School.

From the office of the School President:

We are beginning to form the St. Mary Magdalen Alumni Association. I am grateful to those who have contacted me with information about alumni from our school. If you are a graduate or have family members who have graduated from SMM, in the back of church is a form that we would appreciate if you complete. You may return it to the parish office mailbox or in the Sunday collection basket. You can also e-mail your information to presidentsmm@comcast.net

Thank you for your cooperation in this new endeavor! May our school continue to be **PASSIONATELY CATHOLIC AND ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING!**

SMM Alumni Association -Pat Minizak

presidentsmm@comcast.net

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone number: _____

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Do Not Be Afraid

December 21, 2008

Reading I: [2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#) (The Lord Speaks to Nathan)

Reading II: [Romans 16:25-27](#) (Him Who Can Strengthen You)

Gospel: [Luke 1:26-38](#) (The Angel Gabriel)

Gospel Summary - Jesus' birth is foretold in this gospel where Gabriel comes to Mary and announces that within her she has the king that Israel has long awaited. To have found favor with God surprises Mary, a woman with none of the qualities valued in her society. She was female, young, poor, and didn't even have a husband or child to give her existence credibility. Not only did this puzzle her, but she knew she was a virgin and carrying a child didn't logically fit. Her puzzlement gave Gabriel the opportunity to explain that the baby she carried was conceived through the Holy Spirit. Mary accepted what was told to her, and remained open to God's will. At the same time, she learned that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also pregnant. This pregnancy was miraculous as well, since Elizabeth had been thought to be barren and was now an old woman.

Reflection for Families - Mary accepted the gift of Jesus with a willing and thankful heart. She is a good model for us as we approach this busy and hectic time of year. Rather than be so concerned about all the preparations for the holiday, at least for a few minutes today, take time to thank God for the gift of Jesus and the promise he brings to each of us. Along with Mary, we might be thankful for the gift of our own children and focus today on what is really valuable about these gifts.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family - As you gather for a meal or prayer today, share with one another a difficult task you have that lies ahead for you. As you share your concerns, suggest ways that your trust in God might help you meet the obstacle. Allow each family member to offer ways of helping one another with these tasks, and for sure, take the time to pray together for guidance and courage.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

This program will resume January, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 20

8:30AM Patrick Cotter

5:30PM Joanne Federico

SUNDAY, December 21

7:30AM Albert DiGregorio

9:30AM James Fay

11:30AM Ginella D'Aurizio

5:30PM Emil Rasa

MONDAY, December 22

6:30 Sick of the Parish

8:30 AM Antoinette Chillemi

TUESDAY, December 23

6:30 AM Mary Fanelli

8:30 AM Joe & Paul Dolan

WEDNESDAY, December 24

8:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00PM – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM - 9:30AM – 11:30AM

For the People of the Parish

FRIDAY, December 26

8:30AM Alfred Palmer

SATURDAY, December 27

8:30AM John O'Mara

5:30PM John O'Mara

SUNDAY, December 28

7:30AM Unborn Babies

9:30AM Edward Edmunds

11:30AM Jean Doyle

5:30PM People of the Parish

~~NO 6:30 AM MASS DEC. 24-JAN. 2ND.~~

BREAD & WINE- William & Isabel Murphy

CANDLE - Barbara Dzwonczyk

MASS CHANGES IN JANUARY

Our Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM will change to 10 AM starting Sunday, January 4th. The rest of the schedule will remain the same.

Plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as your best gift to yourself and your family as we prepare to enjoy the Christmas peace and joy of Jesus. Dec. 22nd- Monday, Nativity- Media

JOIN US FOR PERPETUAL

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 1PM- SATURDAY 8:30 AM

For Christmas we will repose on Dec. 24th

before the 8:30 AM Mass and reopen on Monday,

Dec. 29th after the 8:30 AM Mass.

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 **January 6th, 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 God parents that they must be registered and practicing Catholics. They must be 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To be baptized: Luca Mason DiFelice, James Charles Caldwell, Lelia Leda Kulkarni, Stella Gigi Alberini.

A time to die, please pray for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, Ryan Patrick Smith, Mary Fanelli, Walter Scheurman, 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: Farnsworth Bisbee, Fred Cambio, John Cammorato, Gianna Campbell, Chick Carman, Rosemary Casey, Daniel Casullo, Gennela D'Orazio, Ann DiDonato, Marcella DiMaggio, Erin DiMartino, Domenic and Eleanor DiPangrazio, Carla Donato, Frances Dougherty, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, John & Helen Hartman, Joseph Jascowsky, Elliott Johnson, Henry Johnson, Leon Kazmierczak, Nancy LoMonaco, Joseph Manion, Michael Manganiello, Joe MacDonald, Theresa MacCombie, Kathy Mauer, Francis McCabe, Joe McCarthy, Mary McDevitt, Anna Teresa Moretto, Lucille Noonan, William O'Brien, Alan Okon, Timothy Poole, James Ranieri, Sr, Bobby Ruggieri, Jean Quarto, Carolyn Rock, John Scott, John Shea, Dan Shillington, Gerald Snyder, George Tyson, Samantha Johnston-Twining, Louise Veit, Catherine Walsh, Rev. Bill Wright, Lindy Zwahlen

Please call the rectory if you are sick or want a priest to visit you in the hospital or at home. Remember it is a spiritual work of mercy to pray & visit the sick & bring them the consolation and companionship of Jesus.

WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES See Fr. Chieffo for a Registration Form. 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.**

YOU CAN GROW IN YOUR FAITH BY LISTENING AND SHARING

Consider joining a small scripture reflection and faith-sharing group made up of fellow parishioners. These groups meet in an informal setting to review the Sunday Mass readings and discuss their relevance to today's world in our individual and collective lives. It is a wonderful way to meet & connect with one another as a community of believers on a journey toward our spiritual home. Meetings are approximately one and a half hours. Facilitators and times of meetings are listed below. Please call either Terry Campbell (610-627-1109) for more information, or one 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Praise God, wonderful news: Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is perpetual once again. We have blessedly resumed 24/7 adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - that's round the clock adoration. Thanks to all of you who committed to spending at least one hour with Jesus every week in Adoration. **There are a few AM hours that still need adorers: Tuesday 3-4 AM, Friday 2-3 and 3-4 AM and Saturday 3-4 and 4-5 AM.** Please prayerfully consider committing to an hour or possibly sharing an hour with someone, alternating weeks or coming together. For questions call Monica 891-9483 or Shelly 353-7739.

**CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS
WITH ST. CHARLES SEMINARIANS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND AT 7:30 PM
PRAISE BEGINS AT 7 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAISE GOD
FOR HIS COUNTLESS BLESSINGS**

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.

**PARISH PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2009 1 PM-5 PM**

The Pastoral Council is looking for volunteers to run a parish picnic here on the grounds using the parish center, cafeteria, and schoolyard. We need people to give tours of the school and church. See **Fr. Chieffo or Carolina Stangis at 484-443-8352**

H.O.P.E. PRAYER CHAIN

HOPE accepts prayer requests to show our parish spiritual support during difficult times. Contact Maria Flannery at 610-565-3144 for your prayer request and also to be a prayer warrior for SMM. Lift up your fears and anxieties to God and receive his grace for your peace.

LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Please note: Little Church School will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2009 during the 10:00 A.M. Mass

THE ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Join us every Tuesday in the chapel at 7:15PM. Benediction will resume on January 6th. Deacon James Di Ferdinand will offer a scripture reflection and Benediction after the Rosary.

**AN INVITATION TO A JOURNEY OF
FAITH in the Catholic Church –RCIA**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or are a Catholic desiring to celebrate Eucharist and Confirmation, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) journey of faith. Meetings will be held every **second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P.M.** You may call Deacon James DiFerdinand at our

parish offices (610 566 8821 ext. 123). New members are always welcome as well as those interested in learning about our faith.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

In this time of financial crisis, I thank you for your continued faith and generosity in supporting our church to the best of your ability. Please prayerfully consider Tithing as God's plan to increase your faith in sharing your time, talents, and treasure for the glory of God and the good of the parish family.

Be assured of my gratitude for all you can and can not do at this time. Please do not hesitate to call upon me, if you need help. **Fr. Ralph**

**December 14th - \$25,683.00
Last Year - \$22,514.00
Endowment - \$1,788.00
Christmas flowers - \$870.00**

CENSUS/STEWARDSHIP COMMENTS

What smiles on my children's faces as we bought gifts for the needy and brought food for the poor to church.

We are grateful to **Sue Fromhold** and all St. Nick's Helpers for distributing all your sacrificial generosity for our needy neighbors.

BUILDING FUND

**Cash received - \$6,092,855.45
Balance due on pledges – \$416,940.67
Total amount spent - \$9,097,965.68
Loan with Archdiocese - \$500,000.00**

SHARING OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

God bless you abundantly for all the gifts for our needy brothers and sisters in the area as well as a donation to the Needy School Students of BVM School, Darby and the Bridge of Hope orphanage in India. You can help by sending your contribution to: **Blessed Virgin Mary School 1101 Main St., Darby, PA 19023
St. Ignatius School 636 N. 43rd St. Phila, PA 19104
Bridge of Hope for Children P.O. Box 160
Eagleville, PA 19408 Fr. Ignatius Marneni**
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY Donations can still be sent to: Delco IHN, P. O. Box 2384, Aston, PA 19014. sfromholdcihn1@verizon.net. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**JESUS TAKES PITY ON US AND CARES FOR
US AS WE BECOME MORE
COMPASSIONATE FOR
JESUS LOVES CHEERFUL GIVER!**

SPONSOR A STUDENT

We thank all the very generous parishioners who made a contribution to our Sponsor a Student program. Anyone else interested in helping needy families, call Anthony Antonello or the parish office.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER

Starting December 15, 2008, "EFT" electronic fund transfer will be available to those 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** from your bank to our bank starting as of December 15th. Our first year's goal is 100 families using the "EFT" system. We hope this format will assist you in budgeting your family expenses as we hope it will help in budgeting the parish expenses.

COMMEMORATIVES AVAILABLE

CHANDELIERS (\$10,000)

PEWS (\$10,000)

RECONCILIATION ROOM (2) (\$15,000 ea)

WINDOWS IN CHAPEL (\$25,000)

#8 The Crucifixion, #10 The Ascension

#14 The Last Day

CHURCH CHAIRS - \$500

FRONTAL PEWS - \$600

CHOIR AND SERVER ROBES- \$100

SUNDAY LECTIONARY - \$200

BAPTISMAL BOOK - \$100

We still have other commemoratives, so please call the parish office or see Fr. Chieffo after mass.

NEW & EXPANDED GIFT CARD

PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

We now have available an expanded gift card program to compliment our Scrip program. Gift cards from over 85 local and popular merchants are now available to you, your family, friends or anyone interested in helping to support our tuition fund. Gift cards to merchants such as **Home Goods, Home Depot, SuperFresh, Genuardi's, TJ Maxx, Borders Bookstore, Dunkin Donuts** and many, many more are now available to you...and you don't even need to leave your home! Take a look at the information

posted on the homepage of our website www.stmarymagdalen.net. Complete instructions and order forms are available for you to print and submit. Orders will be taken on a monthly basis so there is no deadline. Order as much as you like, when you like. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful program we have made available to you. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Nicky Verna at 610-627-2383 or tnverna@comcast.net

ADD YOUR VOICE TO OUR CHOIRS

Calling all singers in the congregation who have meant to join the Adult Choir, and have not "gotten around to it." Our new church deserves some new people in the choir as well as our faithful members. Practice is every **Wednesday at 7:30 PM IN CHURCH.**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 27th

5:30PM – B. Byrne, K. Fulmer, A. Pacitti

Sunday – December 28th

7:30AM – J. Barker, D. Javage, S. Grinnan

9:30AM – A. & T. Le, S. Weyler

11:30AM – J. DiDomenico, J. McLarney, C. O'Shea

5:30PM – A. Arra, C. Bauwens

FOOD COLLECTION

PLEASE PLACE ALL FOOD DONATIONS NEAR THE SHRINE AREA

Hard times are upon us and so it is only expected that Food Pantries are in need of your help right now. Items needed include: pancake mix and syrup, cereals, coffee, stews, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, juices, tuna, spaghetti, canned hams, rice, soups, snacks, canned fruit, soup, cookies, crackers, cake mix and icing, canned potatoes, formula, and diapers. Gift cards are always welcome.

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**. You can also participate by calling your questions or sharing your faith experiences.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the students of Devon Preparatory School who have achieved honors for the First Quarter.

Distinguished Honors: **Stephen J. Johnson, Brendan P. Fulmer, Alexander M. Sidor and Zachary E. Hallinan.** Honors: **Thomas R. Hallinan and Richard C. Gallo.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Our high school Youth Group meets every Sunday night in the Youth Room in the basement of the school. Our teens provide the music at the 5:30PM Mass, then we meet until 7:30PM for fun, fellowship, food and faith. All high school students in the parish are welcome, and any who are interested in playing music or helping out with Mass by lecturing, serving, or greeting can join us at the Sunday 5:30 Mass.

GO WEST WITH FATHER CHIEFFO TO CANYON COUNTY

Join Father Chieffo on a 9 day tour, June 18 – 26, 2009, including the Grand Canyon, Scottsdale, Bryce Canyon & Zion National Parks and much more. Call Maureen Ward Rennie at Kitty Ward Travel for more details 610-543-0680.

TRAVEL TO WORLD FAMOUS CHINA

with Fr. Stephen Curry, June 26 – July 7, 2009
Contact him at 610-259-7750 ext 1328 or frscurry@gmail.com.

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.

Cruise/Coach on the Caribbean 2/19 to 3/3 on the new Celebrity “Solstice?” Joe has details. (We seniors can’t get enough of “Jersey Boys” – another trip March 4, 2009 at \$190.00.) On March 24, 2009 will be the Seniors retreat at the IHM Center in Bryn Mawr, which includes continental breakfast and lunch for \$30.00. 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 Cape Town in Sept. 2009 at a price of \$3,895.00. For information, call Joe Profeta at 610-359-0931 or write to him at 2689 Old Cedar Grove Road, Broomall, PA 19008.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe O my God to hear my prayer and grant my desires, (here mention your request) through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and His blessed Mother. Amen.

THANK YOU FROM THE BEDWELL’S Dear SMM Family and Friends,

At this time of Thanksgiving I wish to give our deepest thanks to all of you. As some of you know, Ethan finished his treatment for Leukemia in July. I have been putting off writing this letter because I am so afraid that I won’t be able to find the words to express what I feel in my heart. Ethan was seven years old when he was diagnosed in April, 2005. From that moment on we were surrounded by you, our family at St. Mary Magdalen. You visited, sent cards and gifts, and made meals. But the most important thing, what we are most grateful for, is that you kept him and us in your prayers for these 31/2 years.

The comfort and peace we got from your prayers was overwhelming. We could truly feel it. You helped us get through each day. Yes, the doctors at CHOP were instrumental in Ethan’s cure but each and every one of you is equally responsible. God listened and answered your prayers. Please know that you will always hold a special place in our hearts and that we pray your lives will also be blessed.

We pray that Ethan will live a long and healthy life and be a testament to the power of prayer. May he give back as graciously as you have given to him. Please continue to pray for us as we pray for you.

All our love: The Bedwell Family

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam’s ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill and she said, “Johnny, what is the matter?” Little Johnny responded, “I have a pain in my side; I think I’m going to have a wife.”

This Christmas are you pregnant with Jesus, His Way, His Truth, His Life. Rejoice in the Lord of Love always!!!