

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reaching All People**  
**February 15, 2009**

Reading I: [Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46](#) The Leper Will Dwell Apart  
Reading II: [1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1](#) Be Imitators of Christ  
Gospel: [Mark 1:40-45](#) The Healing of the Leper

**Gospel Summary** - A leper approached Jesus. He had a very strong faith and knew that Jesus could heal him with just a touch. Jesus was moved by the man's faith and the circumstances of his disease. Jesus touched him and healed him. Jesus was also concerned that the law be fulfilled and told the man to see a priest and cleanse himself. He also asked the man not to tell anyone how he had been cured, but the man was too full of joy to keep the news to himself.

**Reflection for Families** - Not many things break the heart of a parent so quickly as seeing their child rejected by another person. Sometimes children are cruel and shun others or exclude them. Even more difficult are circumstances where adults or someone once trusted turn away from a child. Most of us don't witness these acts in our lives personally, but we certainly read about them in the paper or hear about them on the news. We get just a small glimpse of what it might have been like for the leper in today's gospel who was not even allowed to live with healthy people. We also better understand the courage and compassion of Jesus who touched the man and accepted him.

**Bringing the Gospel into Your Family**

Try to think of people your family knows (or knows about) who are ostracized by society. Maybe there is someone at school whose clothes are more worn out or dirtier than everyone else's. Maybe there's someone at work whose odd behavior prevents him or her from being accepted. In our communities there are those who don't fit the norm perhaps they are single parents, unemployed, sick, or living away from home either in prison, foster homes, or hospitals. Come up with some ways that as a family you can reach out to these people just as Jesus reached out to the leper. What can you do to show the same compassion Jesus showed?

**HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM**  
**February 15-21 – Nancy Villas – 610-353-1841**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SATURDAY, February 14**

8:30AM Intentions of Nancy & James Price  
5:30PM Intentions of the Stangis Family

**SUNDAY, February 15**

7:30AM Florence Veit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
10:00AM Dr. Francis C. Lazorik  
11:30AM Betty Zeller  
5:30PM Antoinette Settanni

**MONDAY, February 16**

6:30 AM Mary Elizabeth Sim  
8:30 AM Marge McCowan

**TUESDAY, February 17**

6:30AM Louis Procaccini  
8:30AM Joseph Patrick Sheehan

**WEDNESDAY, February 18**

6:30 AM For the Sick of the Parish  
8:30AM David McKiernan

**THURSDAY, February 19**

6:30 AM For those struggling with addictions  
8:30AM Betty Zeller

**FRIDAY, February 20**

6:30AM For the conversion of sinners  
8:30AM Dick Gaskins

**4:00 PM – Confirmation – Bishop McFadden**

**SATURDAY, February 21**

8:30AM Martha Gribbon  
5:30PM Intentions of Jim & Mary Ward

**SUNDAY, February 22**

7:30AM Theresa & James Norton  
10:00AM Rosemary Labrum  
11:30AM Albert Postus  
5:30PM Erica Hornsleth

**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB. 25, 2009**

**MASSES: 6:30, 8:30 AM, 4 & 7 PM**

**ASHES distributed at all masses and at Noon Service**

**PARISH MISSION 2009**

**SANCTIFICATION OF FAMILIES**

**Monday March 2 to Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM**

**Rev. Msgr. George Tomicsek**

Monsignor is a Missionary in the Phillipines and helps us on Sundays as well as St. John Neumann Shrine at St. Peter's (5<sup>th</sup> and Girard Ave) First Penance – Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM Please plan to be with us each evening at 7PM so we can partner with Jesus to pass on our faith and values to our families. Monsignor needs summer clothes for the Philippine homeless children from infancy up to the age of 15. Bring them during the mission and they will be shipped to the children.

**PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION  
CANDIDATES- Bishop McFadden will  
Confirm this Friday at 4 PM.**

**CELEBRATING OUR NEW CHURCH**  
As we celebrate our first year anniversary of our new church, the parish leaders and I invite you to a Recital, Gospel Choir, and 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>.

**PICNIC SPONSORS WE THANK YOU!**

- 1. INSIDE JEWELERS**  
Nick Giovanangelo -610-359-0800
- 2. Dr. David and Joanne Thomas**
- 3. Hagan Funeral Home**  
Bill & Gigi - 610-566-3755
- 4. Meissnerauto.com -**  
Doug and Lynn - 610-532-1400
- 5. D'Anjollell Memorial Homes**  
Robert D'Anjollell 610-356-4200
- 6. Rafferty Subaru - 610-353-6900**  
Dorothy and Robert Rafferty
- 7. Robert and Mary-Jo Goldhorn**  
Goldhorn Electric
- 8. Trattoria Giuseppe**
- 9. Rose Tree Inn 610- 891-1205**  
Patty and Rob Rottensteiner

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

**SACRED SONGS AND ARIAS**  
St. Mary Magdalen proudly presents: *Sacred Songs and Arias* featuring **Stephanie Piraino**, soprano with special guests, **Patrick Davey**, baritone, **Patricia Au**, piano, Saturday, March 14, 2009 7:00 to 8:00 pm. A Church Reception will follow and Admission is Free. For information, call the parish office 610-566-8821.

**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.

**ART SHOW & AUCTION**

Plan a great night out in the middle of winter...Come for Mass and stay for a great evening of fun, friendship and fine art. Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SMM Art Sale, Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Preview begins at 6:45 with the live auction to follow at 7:15. Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Beer & Cheese, Coffee, & Dessert will be available. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. Tickets are on sale after the masses this weekend or call Nicky Verna 610-639-3816 or Ed McLaughlin 610-566-1242. Proceeds benefit SMM School programs.

**MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE**

**Cardinal O'Hara High School - March 7th**  
Our theme from St. Paul is: **"Let us...strengthen one another."** (Rom.14:19) Cardinal Rigali states, **"As sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers and friends we are called to a life which reflects our love for Jesus Christ in all that we say and do."** The primary goal of this conference is to provide an opportunity for men to gather to hear prominent speakers on various topics regarding how Jesus Christ has impacted their lives, to share our various experiences with other men and pray together. Rick Gannon, Marcus Grodi, Fr. Chieffo, Don Saleski, and Eustace Mita are some of the speakers. For additional information please call our Family Life Office staff at 215-587-3529 or on the web at <http://archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/famlife.htm> for registration and payment options.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

All high school students in the parish are welcome to join us on Sunday nights after the 5:30 Mass in the Youth Room. For more info on any of our programs, contact [paul\\_manion@yahoo.com](mailto:paul_manion@yahoo.com)

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR  
AND BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT  
ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH  
6 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS FROM  
FEBRAURY 10- MARCH 17, 7:30 -8:30PM  
CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM  
PRAISE BEGINS AT 7 PM  
Celebrant: Fr. Ralph J. Chieffo**

**PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD**

We are planning a Mass on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> with gathering at 7 PM and Mass at 7:30 PM. We invite those grieving the loss of a child to prepare the liturgy, social, and engage a grief counselor for a follow up session. If you are interested in helping call Bill or Jean Cotter at 610-565-3563 or [J2215C@aol.com](mailto:J2215C@aol.com).

**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 **March 3rd, 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's parents that they must be registered and practicing Catholics. They must be 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**A time to be baptized: Daniel James Kinnard.**  
**A time to die, please 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:** Farnsworth Bisbee, Fred Cambio, John Cammorato, Gianna 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, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, John & Helen Hartman, Rev. James Hughes, Sister Eileen Hughes, Henry Johnson, Nancy LoMonaco, Joseph Manion, Michael Manganiello, Joe MacDonald, Theresa MacCombie, Joseph Maylish, Peggy Matthews, 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, Betty Tedesco, George Tyson, Samantha Johnston-Twining, Jay Valdes, 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**

**Matthew & Kristin Shelly, Mary Tracy, Brian & Robin Morley, Timothy McNelly, William & Colette Murphy & Family,**

**Charles & Lorene Patel & Family, and John & Jennifer Cipollone & 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.**

#### **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.

#### **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 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.

#### **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).



**From Mrs. Burke's Desk...**

On Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Auxiliary Bishop Joseph P. McFadden to our parish as he confers the sacrament of Confirmation upon our sixth graders.

We ask God's blessings on our sixth grade students and all parishioners and friends of Saint Mary Magdalen.

On Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> we will warmly welcome Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. They will spend the day with our students sharing their vocation stories. We look forward to their visit.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We are proud to announce that our current scholarship awards total over **\$426,000.00**. Stephen Fediw has been awarded a partial scholarship to attend St. Joseph's Preparatory School. We congratulate him.

**The following students have received the Followers of Jesus Award during February's First Friday Mass for being Peaceful during the month of January:**

- Grade 8: Rosemarie McLaughlin, Ryan McFadden
- Grade 7: Morgan Barker, Thomas Allen
- Grade 6: Julian Jamgochian, Casey Robinson
- Grade 5: Elizabeth Ward, Joseph Conroy
- Grade 4: Gavin Inglis, Melissa Goldhorn
- Grade 3: Garrett Wolk, Alexandra Coyle
- Grade 2: Louise Khoury, Catherine Pazulski
- Grade 1: Brianna Markley, Brian Szipszky

Re-registration forms and fees for the academic year 2009-2010 are due in the office by Thursday, February 26. - Registration information: 610-565-1822.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The following students from Archbishop Carroll High School have recently received **First Honors: Tobiasz Fabisiak, Alyssa R. Bellia, Catherine M. Erbicella, Maura R. Campbell, Alyssa C. DiBona, William S. Garrison, Danielle T. Morro, William A. Ghaul and Jeffrey D. Gropp. Second Honors: Alexander J. Christinzio, Matthew E. Gropp,**

**Samantha M. Aman, Eric E. Dowrick, Nicholas T. Hope, Bryan L. Newman, John P. Erbicella and Erica J. Volpe.**

**Malvern Prep: Distinguished Honors: Patrick Nathaniel Allen, Connor Wallace Burke, Kenneth Albert DeStefano, Ryan Timothy Fulmer, Lehman Garrison, IV, Kevin McGeary, Jr. Ian Andrew McLarney, Stephen Joseph Michael and Daniel William O'Shea. First Honors: Luke J. Antonello, Colin Thomas Barker, Stephen George Boyle, John Francis Cacciutti, Andrew John Curley, Frank Gentile, Ian P. Kelleher, Patrick Thomas Kennedy, Joseph J. McLaughlin, Matthew Joseph Narzikul, Colin John Newby, Christopher James Putsch and Brendan Joseph Tammany. Second Honors: Philip J. Antonello, John Eric Putsch, Ryan Martin Rogers and Patrick Thomas Schramm**

**EUCHARISTIC 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.**

**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.

**Pick up a postcard available in the narthex and please contact our Senators and US Representative.**

**Laugh with the Pastor: God answers knee-mail**

### 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

**February 8<sup>th</sup> - \$ 22,914.00**  
**Last Year - \$22,956.00**  
**Aging & Ill Priests - \$4,077.00**

### 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** from your bank to our bank starting as of December 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### SCHOOL TUITION

The final tuition payment for school was due on January 8, 2009. If this has not been submitted please drop off the payment at the Parish Office under the Church. A \$25.00 late fee is also due.

### CHURCH DEDICATION DVD

The new church dedication DVD is available. Requested donation is \$20.00. Call the Parish office or see our Scrip salespeople.

### 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**

**We thank Ron Burns for the beautiful picture of our stained glass windows.**

Please review our Book of Remembrance for the correct listing of your name. The book is located

in the Narthex. Call Mary Lou at 610-566-8821 X109 with any questions.

### MAYLISH FAMILY THANKS YOU

Joe and Ann Maylish and family are most grateful for your kindness and prayers. Joe is now stable and recuperating. There is a fund for the family of Dave Schreffler who died in the accident. **The Schreffler Educational Fund, c/o Richard Cutler 75 Stenton Ave., Plymouth Meeting, PA 194652.**

### CYO SPRING REGISTRATION

We are currently registering players for the following Spring Sports – Girls/Boys Track - \$35 (grades 4 to 8), Girls Lacrosse - \$75 (grades 6 to 8), Boys Lacrosse - \$75 (grades 6 to 8), Boys Baseball - \$90 (grades 7 & 8), Girls/Boys Golf - \$95 (grades 5 to 8), High School Co-ed Volleyball - \$30. Please register by February 20, 2009. A \$25 late fee will be assessed after February 20, 2009 and we cannot guarantee a spot in our program for late registrants. Please call Tim Fitzgerald with any questions.

### BLANKET COLLECTION

The collection of new and gently used blankets, sleeping bags, and comforters is beginning this weekend and will run through March 2009. The items collected will benefit Catholic Social Services and local shelters. There will be a tub in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you very much for your support and generosity in past years; the program has grown tremendously and shelters are already inquiring if we will be donating again this year. Questions? Call the Garrison family, **610-566-7748**. Thank you for your kindness.

### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

Our next hosting week will be the week of March 29, 2009. **FOUND:** Inside a Dr. Seuss book donated for our IHN families are 9 very dated color family photos that I’m sure one of our SMM families would love to have back. They will be on the back table in the vestibule.

### 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.

**ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE IN NEED OF HELP DUE TO ALCOHOLISM:** Our Rose Tree AA meeting is an Open Meeting every Thursday in the basement of the Rectory – 7PM – 8 PM. See Fr. Chieffo

**THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OF THE  
BLUE STAR MOTHERS LUNCHEON  
PROGRAM**

Date: March 21, 2009, Place: Corinthian Yacht Club, 300 West Second Street Essington PA 19076. Telephone 610-521-4705 Time: 12 noon. All that love a service member of the Military are invited to attend! Invited Guests are: Congressman Joseph Sestak 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Congressman Robert Brady 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Lori Maas Philadelphia Veterans Admin. Project Mgr. and John Musewicz Program Director Operation Home & Healing council for Relationships. The program is designed to allow a short introduction from the invited speakers and an informal forum to discuss concerns of the families. There is no Political agenda. Cost: \$15 lunch/beverage & Program. Cash Bar will be available. RSVP [marianlmoran@hotmail.com](mailto:marianlmoran@hotmail.com) or 610-892-0255. **PRAYER SERVICE** at St. David's Episcopal church on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for those serving in the Armed forces. 763 Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087. 610-688-7947 Website: [www.stdavidschurch.org](http://www.stdavidschurch.org). From Rt. 252 N...turn right onto St. David's Rd. where the road forks at the overpass; follow to Church Rd., and turn left; the church (S. Valley Forge Rd. will be the next right-hand turn.

**FASHION SHOW**

Cardinal O'Hara's Home & School will present "FASION AND FUN, AMERICAN STYLE". This show will be held at the Springfield Country Club on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be two performances, first at 1:00PM and then at 6:30PM. The cost is \$45.00 per ticket. Fashions are from and Boscov's. Iacobucci's of Havertown will provide formal attire for the gentlemen (inquiries: [JMGoldsmith@comcast.net](mailto:JMGoldsmith@comcast.net) . For tickets, enclose a check to COH Home & School Association along with a self addressed stamped envelope to: Joanne Goldsmith, 5 Knights Way, Newtown Square, PA 19073

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

A time for married couples to deepen their relationship on Mar 27 – 29m 2009. For more info, call 1 800 456 8330.

**THE OPPOSITE OF SIN IS NOT JUST VIRTUE BUT PRAISE!**

If you want to overcome sins and the Devil, then take time for worshipping and praising God for your

blessings, rather than complaining about all the things we do not enjoy. God bless you, Fr. Ralph

**Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the important of people who have touched their lives.**

**LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. JOHN MULGREW**

Start Tuesday, February. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am 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. To register, have any questions or suggestions please call Lindy Zwahlen at 610-565-0834.

**PRE CANA HELP NEEDED**

**St Mary Magdalen Pre-Cana team** is looking for couples to assist with our annual Pre-Cana workshop. This year's Pre-Cana Day is Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. If you can help, please e-mail Deacon James DiFerdinand at [deaconjamesmm@comcast.net](mailto:deaconjamesmm@comcast.net) or call 610-565-57821.

Each day I recall what Pope John Paul II expressed about educators: "This is my hope, this is my prayer: that you will be totally open to Christ. That He will give you an even greater love of students and an even stronger commitment to your vocation as a Catholic educator. If you continue to be faithful to this ministry...you will be doing much in shaping a peaceful, just and hope-filled world for the future.

*From the office of the School President:* I am very grateful to all the graduates or their families that have contacted me about joining the SMM Alumni Association. Thank you for updating our database. **This information is very important to us because we are planning an all class reunion in the fall.** If you are a graduate or have family members who have graduated from SMM, please pick up the form in the back of the church and complete it for us. You may return the form to the parish office mailbox or in the Sunday collection basket. Also, you can e-mail your information to: [presidentsmm@comcast.net](mailto:presidentsmm@comcast.net). Thank you for your cooperation in this new endeavor! May our school continue to be **PASSIONATELY CATHOLIC AND ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING!**

<b>SMM Alumni Association -Pat Miniszak</b> <a href="mailto:presidentsmm@comcast.net">presidentsmm@comcast.net</a> <b>Name:</b> _____ <b>E-mail:</b> _____ <b>Phone number:</b> _____ <b>Year Graduated:</b> _____
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## **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)**.

## **HEALING & WELLNESS MINISTRY**

In spite of icy conditions and sick children diverting our good intentions to attend the “Aspects of Healing” series, the first session was well attended and positively received! **January’s “Regret and Gratitude”** session began with centering ourselves with reflective music of Michael Crawford’s “Spirit of the Living God”. By bringing our past sufferings and regrets to the forefront of our hearts, we invited the Lord into our present moment asking Him to heal our brokenness. Together we shared a healing balm over our “tomb times” and the Lord asked us to embrace an “attitude of gratitude”. He assured us of our own inner resiliency, his constant abiding strength and His eternal loving Presence with us always. We spoke of the qualities that make a gracious heart and challenged ourselves to grow in these attributes. We shared prayers and experiences that taught us how to pull from our “reservoirs of hope” to lead us to lives of light. We ended together in front of the Blessed Sacrament and left feeling renewed, hopeful and in peace. Our second session will be the first Thursday in Lent. What a great way to grow with **HIM**. Please come. Hopeful, Anita

### **ASPECTS OF HEALING SERIES:**

#### **FEBRUARY SESSION: FORGIVENESS**

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30, 12:30 and 7PM in church conference room. RSVP 566-8821 ext 121 or [anitasmm@comcast.net](mailto:anitasmm@comcast.net). Drop ins welcome. Bring a friend. P.S. If you would like any one or all of these sessions to be privately presented to your faith group, please notify Healing Ministry and we can arrange for this at your convenience. Willing, Anita

## **HEALING AND WELLNESS MINISTRY**

Since October, 2007, the Healing and Wellness (H&W) Ministry has been bringing the good news of Jesus to our homebound, sick, bereaved and nursing home parishioners. This ministry stimulates a greater awareness of the fact the

“we as a parish family are the church.” Christ has no body now but ours. By reaching out and serving those who are poor in spirit, body, and mind, we are Jesus’ hands and feet. The Healing Ministry, working in partnership with the HOPE (meal and ride program), Bereavement and Warm Welcome programs, is a valuable means of drawing our parish community 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

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday – February 21**

5:30PM – E. & M. Goldhorn, S. Grinnan

### **Sunday – February 22**

7:30AM – R. & T. Allen, B. Rennie

10:00AM – J. & G. Del Peon, G. Fitzgerald

11:30AM – L. Trevlyn, L. Tortella, B. McCarthy

5:30PM – H. Laut, S. Michael

## **THE ROSARY & BENEDICTION**

Join us every Tuesday in the chapel at 7:15PM.

## **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.

## **MEN’S RETREAT**

Men of St. Mary Magdalen, the Malvern Retreat League invite 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. Please consider joining us. You may be pleasantly surprised by the experience.

## **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.