

First Sunday of Lent
Repent and Believe
March 1, 2009

Reading I: [Genesis 9:8-15](#) Covenant with Noah
Reading II: [1 Peter 3:18-22](#) Saved
Gospel: [Mark 1:12-15](#) The Desert Temptations

Gospel Summary - Jesus trusted in God's promises. According to Mark's gospel, immediately after his baptism, Jesus was driven into the wilderness where he lived with the wild beasts for forty days and was tempted by Satan. Through those desolate days, Jesus was faithful to God. And at the end of the forty days, the angels came to minister to Jesus.

Reflection for Families - If you have ever sat with a sick child, you know the relief that comes when a fever breaks or the pox scab and the corner of the child's mouth turns up into a long awaited smile. This must have been something of what Jesus felt at the end of his stay in the desert and it is what we feel when have been faithful to our Lenten efforts.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

This year as you begin Lent, talk as a family about why the Holy Spirit took Jesus into the wilderness and why he stayed there forty days. It is likely you will name things such as prayer, quiet time for reflection, doing God's will, and more. As you consider what individual members or the whole family may do in the way of Lenten practices this year, use Jesus as a model. Keep in mind that the hardships of others may be much greater than your own. Like the angels who came to Jesus' side at the end of the forty days, perhaps your family can attend to the needs of someone else.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM
March 1 – 7 - Chris Sincavage – 610-892-9355

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 28

8:30AM William Leighton

5:30PM Intentions of the Turner Family

SUNDAY, March 1

7:30AM Barbara Dzwonczyk

10:00AM Christopher Basciano

11:30AM Albert Postus

5:30PM Frank P. Meliti

MONDAY, March 2

6:30 AM Anthon V. Prudente

8:30 AM Rev. Edward Kimpel

TUESDAY, March 3

6:30AM Healing of Christina Connors

8:30AM Peter DeLiberty

WEDNESDAY, March 4

6:30 AM Bishop Thomas J. Welsh

8:30AM Jack O'Brien

THURSDAY, March 5

6:30 AM Edward Catalano

8:30AM Elizabeth Giraldi

FRIDAY, March 6

6:30AM Those struggling with addiction

8:30AM Kenneth Barlow

SATURDAY, March 7

8:30AM Marie Ruch

5:30PM Hon. Harry J. Bradley

SUNDAY, March 8

7:30AM Donald D'Angelo

10:00AM Felix Berardi

11:30AM Albert Postus

5:30PM Thomas Connors

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

THANK GOD FOR MISS MINISZAK

Join us to thank God for Miss Miniszak as she celebrates the 31st Anniversary of her 39th Birthday with our school children and faculty at this **First Friday 8:30 AM Mass**

PARISH MISSION 2009

SANCTIFICATION OF FAMILIES

Monday March 2 to Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM

-Rev. Msgr. George Tomichek

Monsignor is a Missionary in the Phillipines and helps us on Sundays as well as St. John Neumann Shrine at St. Peter's (5th and Girard Ave) First Penance – Tuesday March 3rd 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.

IN GOD WE TRUST OR ARE WE ENVIOUS

Quiz shows often get their suspense from a contestant deciding whether to take the money already won, or go for more. Whether it's the temptation of double or nothing, the chance for the million dollars, or an unwise and impulsive use of our credit cards, the desire for more than we have is closely related to the **sin of envy**. Given its appearance in Genesis, the impulse has been around a long time. Even God is mystified by Cain's being "crestfallen and resentful" at the sight of his brother's sacrifice of the lamb. Cain was a farmer, and Abel was a

sheep herder. It's only natural that they brought the different fruits of their own work. Why should Cain want something more than what he already has?

It's not too different from the envy the Pharisees harbored for Jesus' successful ministry. They saw the good that accompanied Jesus' words and works, and now they test Jesus by wanting more. The sign that they want is that he meet their expectations and that he do something extraordinary to prove his worth. But Jesus' rebuke that "no sign will be given" is the warning to let him be who he is – to accept God on God's own terms: to see in his very humanity and in the truth of his words that God is present, without having the lurking demon cry out for something more spectacular.

If only Cain had heeded God's admonition: "Sin is a demon lurking at the door; it desires to have you, but you can be its master." When envy becomes the demon lurking at the door, wishing our husband made more money, wishing our child were more intelligent, or wishing we had something we cannot afford, our simple desire can result in the same crestfallen and resentful attitudes that downgrade others and eat away at our spirits. We may not take anyone out into the fields to be killed, but we can spend our days in a bitterness that never accepts God and His gifts to their own terms. Cain gained nothing from killing Abel and lost his productive land in the process. The Pharisees gained nothing in having Jesus killed and lost their ability to see what God was doing in the world. When envy is the impulse spurring us on to "more," it's best to be grateful to settle for what we have – and appreciate God's goodness on its own terms. "Going for it all" is not all it's cracked up to be.

CARDINAL RIGALI'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

His Eminence has publicly announced Heritage of Faith-Vision of Hope, a capital and endowment campaign for the Archdiocese which is designed to meet the spiritual and material demands of today, while addressing the pastoral, charitable and educational needs of the future. Heritage of Faith-Vision of Hope is a collaborative effort in that a significant portion of the money raised by a parish will stay at the parish for local projects. Every parish will participate in this campaign and our parish will

begin **Jan. this 2010**. The early results of the overall campaign are very promising with over 40 million dollars raised to date. In fact already three parishioners have pledged **\$2,125,00.00** to the campaign. I ask you to pray for the success of the campaign and please volunteer to serve on our parish committee in the fall.

LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. JOHN 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 to suggest your questions.

CELEBRATE WITH FR. JAMES OTTO AND THE ST. IGNATIUS CHOIR March 28th at 5:30 PM Mass

Fr. James Otto and St. Ignatius Gospel Choir will praise God with us. We will take up a second collection for their parish school that weekend.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FEBRUARY 24- MARCH 17, 7:30 -8:30PM CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 7:30 PM PRAISE BEGINS AT 7 PM

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.

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.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Cardinal O'Hara High School - March 7th from 9AM with closing Mass at 4PM with Cardinal Rigali. Our theme from St. Paul is: **"Let us...strengthen one another."** (Rom.14:19) Cardinal Rigali states, "The primary goal of this conference is to provide an opportunity for men to gather to hear prominent speakers regarding how Jesus Christ has impacted their lives.. **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.

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 die, Kevin O'Brien, 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, Terri Campbell, Chick Carman, Rosemary Casey, Daniel Casullo, Nancy Clay, Christina Connors, Regis Cronin, Gennela D'Orazio, Ann DiDonato, Marcella DiMaggio, Erin DiMartino, Eleanor DiPangrazio, Carla Donato, Frances Dougherty, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, John & Helen Hartman, Rev. James Hughes, Elliott Johnson, Henry Johnson, Nancy LoMonaco, Joseph Manion, Michael Manganiello, Joe MacDonald, Theresa MacCombie, Elizabeth MacIntyre, Joseph Maylish, Peggy Matthews, Kathy Mauer, Francis McCabe, Joe McCarthy, Mary McDevitt, Lucille Noonan, William O'Brien, Timothy Poole, James Ranieri, Sr, Bobby Ruggieri, Jean Quarto, Carolyn Rock, John Scott, John Shea, Dan Shillington, Gerald Snyder, Betty Tedesco, George Tyson, Samantha Johnston-Twining, 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**.

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.

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

As we begin the New Year the Bereavement Ministry would appreciate help in sending cards a few times a year to those who have lost a loved one. These cards reinforce the concept that we are a caring parish. They mean a lot to those who are grieving. If interested please contact **Dottie Donohue** at ddonohue@cohs.com.

PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD
Families Who Have Lost a Child are invited to Celebrate your child's life in a **Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Magdalen Church** on Wednesday evening **April 29th** The Welcoming ceremony will **begin at 7P.M. with the Mass starting at 7:30 P.M.** All family and friends are welcome to join you. A warm reception will follow to lift and love each other. A Grief Counselor will be available. Families in surrounding parishes are encouraged to join us. **Please register your child's name** to be printed in the Mass Program **by April 20th**. We would like Altar servers to be family members or friends of those attending the Mass if possible. Please email or call Bill and Jean Cotter with your information. J2215c@aol.com or 610-565-3563.

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.

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

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 26th.

PICNIC SPONSORS WE THANK YOU!
Everyone should receive an invitation to the picnic and raffle tickets in the mail this week.

- Rigby, Harting, Hagan Funeral Home**
Bill & Gigi - 610-566-3755
- Moppert Brothers Auto Collision**
Experts - 610- 544-4444
- Inside Jewelers**
- Nick Giovanangelo -610-359-0800**
- Richard Bondurant Plumbing**
610-566-0288
- Robert and Mary-Jo Goldhorn**
Goldhorn Electric 610-259-2529
- Meissnerauto.com -**
- Doug and Lynn - 610-532-1400**
- D'Anjollell Memorial Homes**
- Robert D'Anjollell 610-356-4200**
- Rafferty Subaru - 610-353-6900**
- Dorothy and Robert Rafferty**
- Dr. David and Joanne Thomas**
- Dr. Anthony and Pierina Antonello**
- Susan and John Klusarits**
- Creative Financial- 610-325-6262**
- Eileen and Ray Wilson**
Safe Co. 215-495-0795
- Trattoria Giuseppe Restaurant 610-353-4871**
- Rose Tree Inn 610- 891-1205**
- Patty and Rob Rottensteiner**
- Elizabeth and Ray Bewley**
- Dr John and Gail Pron**
- Dr Eric and Kimberly Deppert**
- Oliver Heating & Cooling 610-544-4884**
- Murphy Architectural Group – 610-696-3843**
- CONSIDER ADVERTISING AND SUPPORTING**
OUR PARISH PICNIC
CALL FR. CHIEFFO- 610-566-8821

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...



On Tuesday evening March 3, our second graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As a parish and school community we offer them our prayerful support as they invite Jesus into their hearts in a special way. We encourage everyone to participate in our Parish Mission which is being held March 2-5 at 7:00 PM. Rev. Msgr. George Tomichек will lead us in this very special faith experience.

Soprano Stephanie Piraino
returns to celebrate the 1st anniversary
of St. Mary Magdalen's new church.

On Saturday March 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM soprano Stephanie Piraino will perform *Sacred Songs and Arias*. Many SMM parishioners have heard Stephanie cantor at masses. But, only a few may know that Stephanie began her vocation as a music minister when she was only eight years old, singing together with her dad Dr. Anthony Piraino, and standing on a step-stool to reach the microphone.

A graduate of The Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Stephanie began her musical career singing with the Sacred Heart Concert Choir. In 2001 and 2002, she performed with the choir at Carnegie Hall in the Weill Recital Hall and the Isaac Stern Auditorium. In 2006 Ms. Piraino returned as a featured soloist at The Kimmel Center in *Music from the Heart*, a Multiple Sclerosis benefit concert.

A recipient of an archdiocesan scholarship, Stephanie attended the Catholic University of America (CUA) and served as a music minister with CUA's Campus Ministry from 2002 to 2006. She was the featured soprano soloist at CUA's 2005 Christmas concert, titled *A Child is Born*, which was performed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and televised nationally on *EWTN*. Ms. Piraino graduated *magna cum laude* from CUA in 2006 receiving the Benjamin T. Rome Excellence in Vocal Performance Award.

Since then, Ms. Piraino has served as a music minister and cantor at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington Maryland, and is currently the choir's soprano section leader and cantor at St. Cecilia's Church in Boston. Stephanie is pursuing a Graduate Diploma at the New England Conservatory where she completed her Master's degree in Vocal Performance last May.

Besides her life-long music ministry service, Stephanie Piraino is equally at home on the opera, musical theater, and recital stages. She has performed professionally in the Czech Republic, in Washington, D.C., in San Francisco, and with several noted opera companies across New England including Opera Providence, Longwood Opera, and the New England Conservatory Opera Theater. Through her extensive operatic experience, she has become a singer of exceptional versatility and an expressive performer celebrated for her dynamic stage presence and pure vocal color.

Ms. Piraino is noted for her portrayal of light lyric comedic characters, including Norina in *Don Pasquale*, Dorine in *Tartuffe*, Venus in *Orpheus in the Underworld*, Despina in *Così fan tutte*, Drusilla in *L'incoronazione di Poppea*, and a "wonderfully ditsy Miss Wordsworth" in *Albert Herring* (*The Washington Post*). This spring Ms. Piraino will sing the role of the maid Laetitia in Menotti's *The Old Maid and the Thief*. Equally comfortable in dramatic repertoire, Ms. Piraino has sung Climene in Cavalli's *Egisto*, Rosemary in Hoiby's *Summer and Smoke*, and Birdie in Blitzstein's *Regina*, a performance *The Washington Post* praised as "convincing."

On the musical theatre stage Ms. Piraino exhibits sparkling vocal ease and a commanding presence. This past summer she was a Resident Musical Theater Artist at the Quisisana Resort in Maine, and this winter she sang in the Trio of Bernstein's *Trouble in Tahiti*. Last season, Stephanie made her debut at Boston's historic Jordan Hall in *COLE: A Celebration of the Life, Words and Music of Cole Porter*, and she will return to Jordan Hall this spring in the Sondheim revue, *Side by Side by Sondheim*.

Ms. Piraino's recital at St. Mary Magdalen will feature works by Mozart, Puccini, Bernstein, Copland, Frank, Schubert and Strauss, among others. During this 1-hour program, Stephanie will be joined by pianist Patricia Au and special guest, baritone Patrick Davey. Admission to the recital is free and the performance will be followed by refreshments... For more information or directions, please call the parish office at 610-566-8821 or visit www.stmarymagdalen.net, the parish website.

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.**

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

One day a little girl came home from school, and said to her mother. "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something I didn't do.

The mother exclaimed, "But that's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this...by the way, what was it that you didn't do?" The little girl replied, "My homework."

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.

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 before late fee is applied. Please contact Tim Fitzgerald (timfitz11@gmail.com) with any questions.

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.

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 22nd - \$ 22,485.00

Last Year - \$18,849.00

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**.

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.

MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

Growing in Humility and Self Confidence

Join Fr. Chieffo and our men on March 11th for an evening of prayer, study, and Mass. 6:30PM – pizza

7 - talk ; 7:30 – sharing; 8:30 Mass

Call Don Saleski – 610-566-3492

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 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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday March 6th Stations of the Cross

7PM – M. Bastian, C. Bauwens, E. Campbell

Saturday – March 7

5:30PM – A. Wilson, E. Poynton, T. Allen

Sunday – March 8

7:30AM – B & T. Aman, O. McGovern

10:00AM – A. Keith, T 7 A. Le

11:30AM – K. Natale, C. Babin, B. Byrne

5:30PM – J. Barker, M. Putsch

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SENIORS

SMM Explorers will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00PM at SMM Church in the basement meeting room. Come and join the fun.

How about a Cruise/Coach on the Caribbean 2/19 to 3/3 on the new Celebrity “Solstice?” Joe has details. On March 24th, there will be a 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 3rd. 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 American’s Majestic National Parks on May 23rd, 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 September at a price of \$3,895.00. SURPRISE! Jersey Boys is back on the agenda. July 15th, 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 dinner at O’Casey’s for \$199.00. We are thinking of Villa Roma in the Catskills in October. For more information, call Joe Profeta at 610-359-0931 or write to him at 2689 Old Cedar Grove Road, Broomall, PA 19008

Deacon’s Corner

We would like to congratulate the 74 students who received Confirmation on Friday, February 20th. Bishop McFadden did a terrific job and the Candidates were appreciative. While the Holy Spirit certainly was present, there were a number of people who worked hard to make the event so spectacular:

School President Pat Miniszak, Principal Barbara Burke, 6th grade Catechists Paula Campbell and Beth Flynn, 6th grade teachers Claire Menold and Sharon Feist, Retreat Master Richard Jasper, Booklet publisher Maryann Babin, paperwork genius Pat Moore and altar servers Ryan Robinson, Giulianna Fardone, Katie Doyle, Richard Gargano, Mark Goldhorn, Tammy Lee and Alexa Arra.

The Confirmation Class of 2009 thanks you very much. **Christina Adams, Danielle Arra, Corin Barker, Matthew Bastian, Ciara Bauwens, Erica Biancaniello, James Buchakjian, Kathryn Campbell, Eric Campbell, James Covello, Lauren DiRenzo, Michael Doyle, Anthony Evangelist, Daniela Faux, William Fediw, Kerri Finley, James Finnegan, Griffin Fitzgerald, Avelina Gargano, Matthew Gianchetti, Seamus Glavin, Eric Goldhorn, Mackenzie Hahn, Megan Halt, Brendan Inglis, Julian Jamgochian, Sarah Jensen, Jackie Joyce, Timothy Kinnard, Colin Kinslow, John Kirk Haley Laut, Anh-Thu Le, Taylor Leonhardt, Timothy Loper, Fiona Magnanini, Jacqueline Magnarelli, James Maguire, Nicole Mancarella, Peter Muaevo, Zachary Maylish, William McCarthy, Laken McCawley, Jason McLarney, Kerri Mountz, Carly Naselli, Nicholas Newman, Michael Nickolas, Jack Nolen, Brendan O’Boyle, Anthony Pacitti, Michael Pastor, Caitlin Patt, Daniel Patt, Melissa Patton, Jonathan Pontecorvo, Casey Robinson, Megan Rogers, Shannon Rogers, Victoria Rooney, Danielle Rufus, Alexandra Rushton, Jack Shevlin, Brandon Shima, Jordan Siegal, Marissa Spallucci, Michael Szipszky, Bryan Taylor, Luke Tortella, Laurel Trevlyn, Christina Weathers, Brendan Welsh**

CYO MASS and REVERENCE

I am very grateful to the CYO Board members, coaches, parents, and athletes for a wonderful team effort in playing as well as praying together before games and our special Mass last Sunday evening with our amazing Youth Group. On a sad note, several parishioners informed me that a number of our children were chewing gum during mass as well as Text messaging. Parents, please help us to promote reverence and respect at all times. Fr. Ralph