

Second Sunday of Lent
The Beloved Son of God
March 8, 2009

Reading I: [Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#) The Sacrifice of Abraham

Reading II: [Romans 8:31b-34](#) Who Can Be Against Us?

Gospel: [Mark 9:2-10](#) (The Transfiguration)

Gospel Summary - The closest we can come to understanding the resurrection, is through the transfiguration of Jesus described in today's gospel. Only after the resurrection could the three disciples understand what they saw that day on the mountaintop. Peter, James, and John, often described as the inner circle of disciples, went with Jesus to a mountain. Mountains were often the places of divine revelations and the same voice that spoke at Jesus' baptism, also spoke at the transfiguration instructing the three to listen to Jesus, God's Son. The disciples were confused because as yet they did not understand the resurrection. Instead they focused on the earthly glory of Jesus and were not prepared for the suffering he predicted.

Reflection For Families - The glory of God was revealed in the transfiguration of Jesus. Even though we weren't on the mountaintop to see this wonder, parents are in a good position to understand something about God's glory. Since their conception, our children show us the truth about the wonder of God. There's so much we don't understand about their formation and creation, but we are willing to accept the development of their lives on faith. It is our faith in God that helps us recognize the creation and growth of these precious miracles.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

We see previews to many things, especially at the beginning of videos, in commercials, or at the movie theater. Share ideas about how previews help us know what's coming and then see how these ideas help us understand what Jesus showed his disciples in this transfiguration reading.

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM
March 8-14
Bernadette Grandieri – 610-565-6141

MASS INTENTIONS
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

MONDAY, March 9

6:30AM Sick of the Parish

8:30AM Robert B. Wiest

TUESDAY, March 10

6:30AM For our Confirmandi

8:30AM Paul Barone

WEDNESDAY, March 11

6:30AM For our Reconciliation Class

8:30AM Albert Postus

THURSDAY, March 12

6:30AM For our Pro Life Stewardship

8:30AM William Leighton

FRIDAY, March 13

6:30AM Martha W. Bean

8:30AM Dr. Jules Lacavaro

SATURDAY, March 14

8:30AM Anna Mai Le

5:30PM Antoinette Settanni

SUNDAY, March 15

7:30AM Dorothy Kelble

10:00AM Intentions of the Jim Ward Family

11:30AM Lena Ferrantina

5:30PM Julius DellaPenna

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

Flowers in the Chapel
In memory of Patrick Cotter

TO MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL FRIENDS IN
ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

Thank You so much for all the prayers you offered for me while I was in Riddle Hospital. I am sure that your prayers along with the excellent care which I received in the hospital contributed to my recovery. I want to thank so many of you for the expressions of sympathy and the beautiful thoughts which you shared with me and my two sisters as we gathered for the Prayer Service and the funeral of my sister, Eileen—Sister Eileen Hughes, I.H.M. May God reward you for your goodness and thoughtfulness. **Father Jim Hughes**

LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. MULGREW
Each Tuesday at 9:30AM in a conference room of the lower church. He will discuss the scripture readings of the coming Sundays and also talk about why our youth don't want to go to church. Call Lindy Zwahlen at 610-565-0834 to suggest your questions.

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

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. Father also
needs your time and talent.

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

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.

FOCA

A Radical Threat to Human Life

We are facing the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever – the “Freedom of Choice Act”, or FOCA. This bill would create a right to abortion. The government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the US Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. Citizens would lose the freedom they now have to enact even modest regulation of the abortion industry. FOCA would: Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists. Force American taxpayers to fund abortions. Force every state to allow partial-birth abortions – its sponsors have said a primary purpose of the bill is to ensure that killing partially born children will again be permitted nationwide. Run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds. Strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision.

For the next 30 days, the present administration is holding hearings in Congress to rob us of our human freedom and to eliminate tax credits to charitable institutions which refuse to promote abortions. Pick up your phone and express your personal values and the right to choose life and not death. Send a postcard available in the narthex and please contact our Senators and US Representative.

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 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

Joseph & Julie Lakin & Family, Neil & Karen Curran, & 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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.



From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

For the past six years, the schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

have been initiating instructional strategies pertaining to the Rigor and Relevance Framework. During this academic year, the Office of Catholic education will visit all 182 schools to observe the workings of this initiative. During their recent visit to St. Mary Magdalen School they found that our administration and faculty were committed to the Rigor and Relevance Framework. They saw evidence of a multidisciplinary approach to learning with a high level of student engagement. Our students were immersed in lessons that enhanced their acquisition, application, and assimilation. We welcomed their input and were affirmed by their observations!

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

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.

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.

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.

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 have received an invitation to the picnic and raffle tickets please forward them to the parish office.

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
Keenan Auto Body
Don Keenan 610-325-9210
CONSIDER ADVERTISING AND
SUPPORTING OUR PARISH PICNIC
CALL FR. CHIEFFO- 610-566-8821

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.

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 in the church hall. Enjoy some pastries and share the blessing of sacred music that lifts our hearts and mind in praise of God. For more information or directions, please call the parish office at 610-566-8821 or visit www.stmarymagdalen.net, the parish website.

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 1st - \$22,963.00

Last Year - \$22,963.00

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.

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**.

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

A married man should forget his mistakes. There is no use for two people remembering the same things.

CYO STEWARDSHIP

Playing basketball at Don Guanella was a great experience. Everyone was awesome and we had so much fun. Because of their enthusiasm and excitement, it was one of the greatest games we ever played. The people at Don Guanella could not have been nicer to us and we had a terrific time. They are the best. We are especially thankful to our parents and coaches because they made it possible for us to have this experience. We look forward to playing at Don Guanella next year.

Sincerely, Coach Bastian's 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball Team

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

We will be hosting 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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday March 13th` Stations of the Cross

7:00PM – M. Doyle, G. Fitzgerald, E. Goldhorn

Saturday – March 14

5:30PM – Z. Maylish, T. Allen, A. Arra

Sunday – March 15

7:30AM – J Giannini, R McFadden, P Belczyk

10:00AM – B. McCarthy, C. Mulhearn, R. McLaughlin

11:30AM – G. Fardone, J. & G. Del Peon

5:30PM – S. McCabe, H. Laut

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift Cards are still available 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. 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 or 610-639-3816.

CHURCH DEDICATION DVD

The new church dedication DVD is available.

Requested donation is \$20.00. Call the Parish office or see our Scrip salespeople.

RCIA News

It was a night to remember at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Saturday, February 28. Each year on the weekend following Ash Wednesday, Cardinal Rigali invites Catechumens and Candidates to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This Rite is the final blessing received for those coming into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. The Rite included incense, readings, a homily and a personal greeting by The Cardinal.

Catechumens are individuals who need to be baptized and Candidates are seeking full communion into the Catholic Church. Each Catechumen and Candidate has a Godparent or Sponsor who guides them along the way. This year SMM has six Candidates and two Catechumens who were blessed by the Cardinal. They are **Joe Welch III and Meng Tan**. Candidates are **Anamarie Tierney, Arlene Stromberg, Jennifer McHugh, Vickey Thompson, Raymond Bewley and Robert May**.

Please pray for these Catechumens and Candidates as they make final preparations to be received into the Catholic Church. We are grateful to Deacon Peter for facilitating the classes with a team of sponsors and Deacon James.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER ABORTION?

1. There's a preacher and his wife who are very, very poor. They already have 14 kids. Now she finds out she's pregnant with her 15th. They're living in tremendous poverty. Considering their poverty, and the excessive world population, would you consider recommending she get an abortion?

2. The father is sick with sniffles, the mother has TB. They have 4 children: the 1st is blind, the 2nd is dead, the 3rd is deaf, the 4th has TB. She finds she's pregnant again. Given the extreme situation, would you consider recommending abortion? 3. A white man raped a 13 yr old black girl and she got pregnant. If you were her parents, would you consider recommending abortion?

4. A teenage girl is pregnant. She's not married. Her finance is not the father of the baby and he's very upset. Would you consider recommending abortion?

In the first case, you have just **killed John Wesley**, a 19th century evangelist. In the second case, you have killed **Beethoven**. In the third case you have killed **Ethel Waters**, the great black gospel singer. If you said yes to the fourth case, you have just declared the murder of **Jesus Christ!**

"Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain."

Mothers' Home Fundraiser

Mothers' Home provides a place to live for pregnant women in need. At the same time, the Home provides a number of courses to provide the women with life skills so that they will be able to care for their babies and themselves. The women are permitted to remain at the Home for a certain period after giving birth, and are assisted in securing permanent housing, job opportunities or education.

Please save the date to attend Mother's home annual fundraiser, March Madness, on **Saturday, March 21**, 7:30pm to 11:30pm, at **St. Pius X in Broomall**. There will be large screen TV's to watch basketball, wine tasting with Chaddsford Winery, catered dinner, beer and wine, dancing and a silent auction. Price is \$35.00.

You can order tickets online at www.mothershome.org.

Or contact Chris or Kristine Freind for tickets at 610-325-0167. E-mail: Kristine.Freind@astrazeneca.com

Tickets can also be purchased at the door or by mail, send order to:

Mothers' Home 51 N. Mac Dade Blvd.
Darby, PA 19023

If you are not able to attend, but would like to help, the Home can always use maternity clothes, baby clothes, walkers, strollers, cribs, diapers, etc. The Freinds can collect these items.

Second Sunday of Lent (B) Reflection:

Like the disciples, we periodically need to go to a "listening place," our own private "mountain top." This Lent, why not set aside a few minutes each day to read and meditate on the scriptures? If our parish is offering a Lenten scripture series we might want to attend and, with other disciples, "listen to Jesus." We don't have to travel very far to find a "mountain top" to listen to the Good News Jesus has for us.