

The Baptism of the Lord

**Beloved by God
January 11, 2009**

Reading I: [Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7](#) Come to the Waters
Reading II: [Acts 10:34-38](#) The Victory of Faith
Gospel: [Mark 1:7-11](#) Jesus' Baptism

Gospel Summary - Most of Mark's accounts of events in Jesus' life are short and to the point. The account of Jesus' baptism in today's gospel illustrates this. In a few brief sentences, Mark makes clear that Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan. There is no doubt that John was the lesser of the two figures. So simple is Mark's account that it is never clear if anyone heard the voice from heaven, or if only Jesus understood who he was. What was clear from the words was that Jesus had a special relationship with God.

Reflection for Families - At our children's baptism we promised to train them in the practice of our faith, to bring them up to keep God's commandments, and to love God and our neighbors. How are we doing?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

If you have them, set out the pictures, candles, and white garments and share stories of your children's baptism. If they were old enough to remember the day themselves, they will enjoy recalling the events as well. Remind one another of the promises made them: to be taught the practice of our faith, keeping God's commandments, and loving God and our neighbors. Share ideas about how each of the promises is being kept. What are parents and godparents doing? What are the children doing?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sundays from 12:30 PM to Saturday 8:30 AM. 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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 10

8:30AM Richard Procopio

5:30PM Frank Szipszky

SUNDAY, January 11

7:30AM Intentions of Sarne Family

10:00AM Jean Mac Donald

11:30AM Mary Sherlock

5:30PM Helen O'Neill

MONDAY, January 12

6:30 AM Fr. Joseph Senske

8:30 AM Bertha Rasa

TUESDAY, January 13

6:30AM Fr. Joseph Walsh

8:30AM Kenneth Barlow

WEDNESDAY, January 14

6:30 AM Donald D'Angelo

8:30AM Paul Hally

THURSDAY, January 15

6:30 AM James Quarto

8:30AM Michael DeAngelis

FRIDAY, January 16

6:30 AM Margaret Kleinberg

8:30AM Joan Hagan

SATURDAY, January 17

8:30AM Paul Barone

5:30PM Orlando P. Tedesco

SUNDAY, January 18

7:30AM Intentions of Coury Family

10:00AM Ralph G. Elefante

11:30AM Richard Brinkman

5:30PM Florence M. Dimick

IN MEMORY OF

Bread & Wine – Orlando P. Tedesco, M.D.

Sanctuary Candle- Carl DiOrio

Flowers in chapel – Patrick Cotter

HOPE MEAL & RIDE PROGRAM

January 11-18 – Pam Lairdieson – 610-353-0229

PARISH MISSION 2009

SANCTIFICATION OF FAMILIES

Sunday March 2 to Thursday, March 5

Rev. Msgr. George Tomichek

First Penance – Tues. March 3rd at 7:30 PM

VOCATION HOLY HOUR

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

High School students visit to St. Charles Seminary

Friday, Jan. 16th – 7 PM to 9 PM See Fr. Chieffo

Parish Picnic Meeting – Wed. Jan 21st at 7:30 PM

Call Carolina Stangis at 484 -443-8352 to help.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

All volunteers at SMM School and Parish who have contact with children **must** complete the following requirements. 1. Attend a Safe Environment Workshop 2. Complete a confidential Criminal Background Check. Complete a confidential child Abuse Clearance. These requirements from the Philadelphia Archdiocese apply to **all** adult participants at our School, Religious PREP, CYO sports, Scouts and anyone working with children. SMM will hold a seminar on **Saturday, January 24 @ 9:00-11:30 AM in the Blessed Katharine Drexel Room.** Forms for Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance will be available at the session or www.epatch.state.pa.us/Hone.jsp. This **one time session** will fulfill Archdiocesan requirements. Please register with Pierina Antonello at www.smmnurse@comcast.net, www.virtus.org or by calling 610-565-1822. **Registration is needed to prepare for workshop materials.** Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please call Pierina Antonello, R.N. at St. Mary Magdalen School 610-565-1822.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Cardinal O'Hara H.S. - March 7, 2009

Cardinal Rigali in collaboration with several men's groups from different parishes is calling men together to renew and strengthen their faith. 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

LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL

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

CHURCH DEDICATION DVD

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

HEALING AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

"Theology of Healing" Series: this series is for those who have been trying to emotionally **heal** from a suffering or loss of any kind. For those who are in the Bereavement support group or have attended the "Wrap and Rap" sessions, this series will focus on ways to heal from the losses that we have already brought to light. For each of us, these reflections will feed our spirits and send us home feeling supported and hope filled. The Lord sends His angels to carry us through difficult times. Please join us for a teaching on various aspects of healing followed by discussion, music, prayer and ending with reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You may just be someone's angel.

January Topic: Regret and Gratitude: 1/29/09 at 9:30AM., 12:30PM and 7PM in the church offices.

February Topic: Forgiveness. Great Lenten Reflection Topic. Date and Time TBD **March topic: Caring. April Topic: Fear and Faith**

PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

We are planning a Mass in April and 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, we are having a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5th at 7:30 PM in the parish offices. Call Bill or Jean Cotter at 610-565-3563 or J2215C@aol.com

MARCH FOR LIFE

St. John Chrysostom is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009. Please contact Pat Lockwood at 610-872-0322 if you would like to join us. We have 47 seats on the bus and we are asking for a \$20 donation per person. A final head count is due this week. Please call now to reserve your seat.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students attending Cardinal O'Hara High School for achieving first honors in the first trimester: **Stephanie Fratoni, Courtney O'Kane and Christian Canavarro.**

From Mrs. Burke's Desk...

Saint Mary Magdalen Scholarships

Our eighth grade High School scholarship awards now total more than **\$382,000.00** for the 2009-2010 academic school year. The following is a list of students and their scholarship awards:



Justin Barker - a partial scholarship to Devon Preparatory and a Finalist for the Archbishop Carroll High School Scholarship; Conor Bradley - the Augustinian Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory and the St. Ignatius Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory; Ryan Bradley - The Presidential Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory, and the St. Ignatius Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory; Natalia Fabisiak - a Finalist for the Archbishop Carroll High School Scholarship; Julianna Fardone - a Finalist for Villa Maria Academy Scholarship; Stephen Fediw - The Rev. Stephen Bendik Scholarship to Devon Preparatory, a Finalist for the Archbishop Carroll High School Scholarship, and a Finalist for the Cardinal O'Hara High School Scholarship; Brian Fitzgerald - a Finalist for the Archbishop Carroll High School Scholarship; 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; Anita Morro- a Finalist for the Archbishop Carroll High School Scholarship; 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, The Presidential Scholarship to Malvern Preparatory, and The St. Ignatius Scholarship to St. Joseph Preparatory.

ENJOY OUR SCIENCE FAIR JAN. 25TH

Prepare yourselves to be amazed as you find out the answers to many questions that you wouldn't dare to ask! At Saint Mary Magdalen School's seventh and eighth grade Science Fair, open to the public on January 25, 2009, you can come and expect the unexpected. This family-fun-filled event is free and will be held in the school's science lab on the second floor.

You can expect to see magnificent projects that are screaming out with hard work. These students have prepared extremely hard in hopes to place in this year's Science Fair. Many of these displays will be filled with brightly-colored facts about several mind boggling topics. We hope you come and join us in the fun at this year's Science Fair! Kaitlin King

SCHOOL TUITION 2009-2010

1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3 CHILDREN
\$2,700	\$4,600	\$6,000
KINDERGARTEN \$2,850		
Non Parishioners: double tuition		

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

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 Miniszak
presidentsmm@comcast.net
Name: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone number: _____

CHRISTMAS TREE THANK YOU

To the wonderful people of St. Mary Magdalen Church:

Many, many thanks to all of you for all your generosity, kindness and selflessness and all your hard work to make Christmas so special. The children really loved their presents. We could not have done it without you. Thank you again for everything. God bless all of you, we know He has by letting you be his angels here on earth. To all of you thank you again. **Pat & Family**

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 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:** Catherine O'Connell Bell.

A time to die, please pray for the members of our SMM Faith Community who have died, Dominic DiPangrazio, Margaret Kleinberg (mother of Norman) 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, Eleanor DiPangrazio, Carla Donato, Frances Dougherty, Baby Cooper Gates, Louis Gentile, Vincent Grasso, Margaret Greto, John & Helen Hartman, Joseph Jascewsky, 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 after Mass. Joseph & Amy Frick & Fam., John & Jennifer Martin, Patrick & Barbara Kelly.

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 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

We meet 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.

ALTAR SERVING MINISTRY

We invite all students that may be interested in joining the Altar Serving Ministry to attend two training sessions to learn how to perform the role of serving the parish needs. The dates are as follows:

SMM students will train on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 and Tuesday, January 27, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the church.

Prep students will train on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 and Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the church.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday – January 17

5:30PM – G. Ciro, S. Jensen, D. Javage

Sunday – January 18

7:30AM – K. Cardamone, R. Gargano, J. Gianni

10:00AM – D. Grandieri, r. McLaughlin, J. Nolen

11:30AM – J. & G Del Peon, L. Trevlyn

5:30PM – E. Biancaniello, E. Campbell

We are grateful to all our servers and especially Karen Allen and Deacon James for training and scheduling them. God bless you!

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.

**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 10TH AT 7:30 PM
PRAISE BEGINS AT 7 PM**

**Celebrant: Fr. Ralph J. Chieffo
ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAISE GOD
FOR HIS COUNTLESS BLESSINGS**

THE ROSARY & BENEDICTION

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

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. Newcomers welcome anytime throughout the study! Let the word of God grace and guide you to Jesus!

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 28th - \$19,386.00

Last Year - \$19,610.00

January 4th - \$24,152.00

Last Year - \$34,257.00

Christmas \$95,749.00

Last Year \$98,772.00

CENSUS/STEWARDSHIP COMMENTS

The church decorations are magnificent and I want to thank all who decorated the church and the beautiful nativity scenes in the chapel and shrine area. We certainly have inspirational decorators.

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 - \$6,185,928.27

Balance due on pledges – \$416,940.67

Total amount spent - \$9,097,965.68

Loan with Archdiocese - \$500,000.00

We stand in praise of God and are grateful to you for your sacrificial generosity in offering your time, talents, and treasure for the glory of God and the good of all.

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

Statue of St. Mary Magdalen- \$50,000

CHANDELIERS & PEWS (\$10,000)

RECONCILIATION ROOM (\$15,000)

WINDOWS IN CHAPEL (\$25,000)

#10 The Ascension #14 The Last Day

Memorial board- \$5,000.

CHOIR AND SERVER ROBES- \$100

We will soon put up our memorial board for all who donated for the church next to the painting of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalen in the narthex. Please review our Book of Remembrance for the correct listing of your name which is located in the narthex. Call Mary Lou at 610-566-8821 X109 with any questions.

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.

MAKE EVERY PARISHIONER COUNT!

Make every person count is a Lenten parish outreach to every registered household for the purpose of reconnecting with inactive Catholics, conducting pastoral visit and updating parish records. If interested to be trained, see Fr. Chieffo or Deacon James. Training will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at SS Simon & Jude, West Chester, Parish Center from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

DR. CRONIN WINS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dennis W. Cronin, MD general surgeon and immediate past president of the Medical and Dental Staff at Taylor Hospital, was awarded the first annual Horace Furness Taylor, MD, Physician Service Excellence Award. The award was presented at Taylor's recent semi annual physicians' meeting.

"Dennis Cronin truly deserves to be named the first recipient of this award," says David Kalodner, D.O., chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and chairman of the Physician Service Excellence Committee at Taylor Hospital. "I trust many of my own patients to Dr. Cronin, and he doesn't disappoint. He is a true patient advocate, a good doctor and a gentleman."

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 you faith experiences.

EXORCISM AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

HIS Network presents **Exorcism and Spiritual Warfare** with special guest Fr. Thomas Euteneuer. Rev. Euteneuer is an exorcist who will discuss the reality of Satan, his demons, and the fascinating connection between demonic possession and abortion. You will learn the difference between deliverance and exorcism and the reality of the occult as well as the church's very important ministry of delivering people from the devil's influence. Father Euteneuer is also the president of Human Life International, the world's largest pro-life organization. **Sunday, February 1, 2009, 12:30 PM to 4:30PM Ramada Inn, Essington, PA. Cost: \$35.00 per person (includes lunch) Pre-registration is required!**

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SENIORS

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

How about a Cruise/Coach on the Caribbean 2/19 to 3/3 on the new Celebrity "Solstice?" Joe has details. On March 24, 2009 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 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. SURPRISE! Jersey Boys is back on the agenda. July 15, 2009, transportation, dinner at O'Casey's for \$190.00. A play getting lots of kudos is "Billy Elliot" – we have tickets for August 26th, bus and 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.

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.

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**. The Collette Tour Director, Bob Koch will be with us on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 7:00 PM to describe the trip. All are welcome to join us in the Church meeting room.

RSVP to Maureen Ward Rennie 610-543-0680.

FATHERHOOD AND LEADERSHIP QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2009

St. Aloysius Academy, Bryn Mawr
7:30am Mass - 8:15am Breakfast and
Talk & Depart by 9am
Don Saleski, - Philadelphia Flyers Stanley
Cup teams and successful business owner,
describes how he worked to instill Integrity

FATHERHOOD AND LEADERSHIP NATIONAL SPEAKER SERIES

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Malvern Retreat House, 9am-11:30am

Sean Dalton

Director of FOCUS, a Catholic outreach organization that brings the fullness of Catholic truth to college students, and an award winning speaker and father of 5. Sean uses humor, stories, and his own life experiences to communicate the critical role of values in the life of Fathers.

Contact: Jim Gabriele | jgabriele@mba1996.hbs.edu | 484.924.9936

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH – 9 am-4 pm MASS

CARDINAL O'HARA HS – SEE FR CHIEFFO

We have 3 woman American saints, but only one male. Men we need to grow in holiness!!!

JESUS EMBRACING OUR SOLDIERS

In our narthex, we have a new statue of Jesus embracing and protecting our soldiers. If you want to order a copy, contact Nancy, our secretary. Timothy P. Schmaltz is the Sculptor. Each Statue is \$30.00. Contact Nancy at 610-566-8821 x107.

LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR

Mrs. Marie Keith was explaining the story of the Holy Family to our first – third graders in the liturgy of the word on Holy Family Sunday. She asked the children if they knew a family just like Jesus, Mary and Joseph. One little girl shouted "**Brittany Spears**" and a little boy answered, "**The Simpsons.**"

Parents are you monitoring your children's TV shows? More important, are you developing a personal adult faith through family prayer, weekly mass, religious education, and performing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy?