ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic parish of St. Mary Magdalen are Christian stewards who follow the example of our patron and invite all to come and see the Lord by:
Setting the table of worship together to nourish and strengthen our faith;
Welcoming others to share a life-long journey of faith by opening the doors to our spiritual home so that no one walks alone;
Creating a community of disciples and leaders who listen to and serve each other, accepting challenges as the Spirit leads us;
Demonstrating our commitment to the sacredness of life by acting as the hands and feet of Christ for others.

Rectory

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Mon thru Fri 10am to 2pm
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St. Mary Magdalen School

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Daily Masses

Mon-Thurs 8am in Rectory Chapel

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:30pm in Church

Parish Staff

Pastor - Rev. James T. Gregory
Deacon - George Pettinico
Coordinator of Faith Formation - Kelly A. Shamansky
Parish Secretary - Roberta Hardt
School Principal - Thomas E. Maynard
School Secretary - Pam Chepulis

Please remember Saint Mary Magdalen Church in your Will.

Mass Intention

SATURDAY, October 18, 2014
Vigil Mass Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Rita Foisy
requested by her brother

SUNDAY, October 19, 2014
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Donald Forgue
requested by his wife & family
10:30 a.m. Joe & Sue Handura
requested by their family

MONDAY, October 20, 2014 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Yolanda Gizzi
requested by husband & daughters

TUESDAY, October 21, 2014 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Parish Community

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2014 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Mass of thanksgiving
requested by a friend

THURSDAY, October 23, 2014 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Patti Pettinico
requested by the Class of 1959 Waterbury Catholic High

FRIDAY, October 24, 2014
NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, October 25, 2014
Vigil Mass Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Maria Addona
requested by her loving family

SUNDAY, October 26, 2014
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Donato
requested by SMMS Community
10:30 a.m. Victorio Rinaldi
requested by his family

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Church: Salvatore LaRosa reserved by his wife & family

NOTE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Mass Book for 2015 is now open for booking Masses for the months of January thru June. To arrange a Mass please call the parish office or stop by Monday-through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and speak with Roberta.

Mass Intentions: The Holy Mass is the most precious gift one can offer for another person. Remembering someone with a Mass honors him or her in a unique way surrounding them with the warmth of God's love. A Mass may be offered for anyone, living or deceased for a fee of $15.00.

Candle Intentions: The parish office is now accepting candle intentions for a donation of $20.00 for the Sanctuary candles that burn weekly in honor, celebration or in remembrance of an individual. The candles are located at the Tabernacle in the Church and Chapel. To arrange either of these items please call the parish office or stop by Monday-through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and speak with Roberta.

Activities & Meetings

October 19 - 25, 2014

SUNDAY
8:30 -11:30a.m. Confirmation II Orientation, Church Hall
9:30a.m. Choir, Church Choir Loft
10:30a.m. "Wee Celebrate", Church Hall
Anniversary Reception, Church Hall

MONDAY
6:45-9:00p.m. REACH, Church Hall

TUESDAY
3:45-5:15p.m. Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6, SMMS
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts, Church Hall

WEDNESDAY
3:45-5:15p.m. Faith Formation Classes Grads 1-6, SMMS
6:00-7:30p.m. Faith Formation Class Grade 8, SMMS

THURSDAY
1:00- 3:00p.m. Bazaar Workshop, Rectory Meeting Room
6:30p.m. Boy Scouts, Church Hall

SATURDAY
3:00- 3:30p.m. Confessions, Church

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Stewardship of Treasure

Our parishioners need to give $5,500 every week to our spiritual home in order to maintain it financially. The weekly stewardship offering and On-Line Giving for the weekend of October 11 & 12 $4271.70 and On-Line $625.00 grand total of $4896.00. Our parish is in the red this week $604.00.

Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at:
www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org.

Vocations: What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift? If your return is service as a priest or religious, call Fr. Jim at the parish office, 860-274-9273. He would like to speak to you.

New Parishioners:

Welcome to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Jim Gregory after Mass. We want to know and serve you. Please register by stopping in or calling the parish office weekdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We encourage you to use our Offertory Envelope system and to share your time, talent and treasure for our parish community. You are a blessing to our Parish Family… and we're glad you're here!

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This weekend at the 10:30 mass, our parish honors couples who are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary. Their example of commitment and faithfulness to their marriage inspires us to be mindful of the commitment that we have with God and with each other in a covenant of faith. And so we thank them and congratulate them. Please join us for a reception following the Mass in the church hall and add your personal best wishes. Our couples this year include:

Stanley & Kazimiera Janiszewski 66 years

William & Shirley Meo, Sr. 65 years

Ken & Angie Dubaskas 60 years

Edward & Joan Barkus 57 years

Vinnie & Maria Basile 55 years

Chet & Rose Gursky 55 years

Domenic & Louise Falcone 54 years

Ned & Joyce Conlon 50 years

Cosimo & Philomena Petraroia50 years

Stephen & Elizabetta Kovaleski 50 years

Bill & Betsy O'Connell 40 years

Richard & Sharon Amos 35 years

Joseph & Janet Donato 25 years

Lawrence & Christine Lee 15 years

Joseph & Gail Vitone 10 years

Annual Bazaar Saturday, November 15th

Bazaar News: The Annual Bazaar is Saturday, November 15th from 8:00a.m. till 4:00p.m. If you would like to get involved in this important parish fundraiser please contact Roberta Hardt at 860-274-9273. **HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED!!!**

Attention women of our parish if you have not returned your membership dues and slips, please do so. Thank you! If you didn't receive a membership letter in the mail please call the parish office to request one. (860) 274-9273.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry is again sponsoring "A Bottle Baby Boomerang". All proceeds will benefit Carolyn's Place, a pregnancy resource center in Waterbury. Parishioners are asked to pick up a bottle on October 18/19 weekend and fill with spare change and return on November 1 /2 weekend. Thank you again for your continued support.

Walk in their footsteps -- Race for awareness, sponsored by St. Vincent DePaul Mission, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2014, Library Park, Waterbury. Check-in begins at 12:00pm noon. The Walk starts at 1:00pm; the 5K Race starts at 1:30pm. To obtain information, registration forms, or to register online, visit our website, www.svdpmission.org. Information and forms are available also from Deacon George (860-274-9310).

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus had a brilliant way of navigating tricky situations. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech." But he outwitted them, as usual. They wanted to catch him being a political rebel; they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar was unnecessary or even unjust. But instead, he shifted the focus. He emphasized the importance of fulfilling our civic responsibilities but also the necessity of giving to God what we owe him.

So, how do we know what we should "repay" to God? Well, Jesus' response to the Pharisees gives us our answer. He looked at the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar on it. Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar because it was made in his likeness. Now, what bears the image of God? What is made in his likeness? We are! "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27). If the coin belonged to Caesar, we belong to God. We repay God by giving him ourselves!

This self-giving is what the Second Vatican Council called "the obedience of faith." Through this spiritual obedience, we freely commit ourselves to God, "offering the full submission of intellect and will to God" (Dei Verbum #5). Jesus is calling us today to use our will to choose to follow God. Indeed, the one thing we can give God in return for the gift of life is our will. He gave us the freedom to love him or not. And while the choice is always ours, today Jesus encourages us to make the right decision by giving God what is really his: ourselves!

Readings for the Week of October 19, 2014

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40