

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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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, January 24, 2015

Vigil Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Thomas Gilbode requested by his wife and family

SUNDAY, January 25, 2015 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Domenico & Teresa Rosa requested by Philomena Petraroia
10:30 a.m. Michael Amos requested by his loving parents & family

MONDAY, January 26, 2015 Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:00 a.m. Paul & Angela Valerio requested by their family

TUESDAY, January 27, 2015 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Herman Lane requested by his family

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 2015 Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 a.m. Mass of thanksgiving

THURSDAY, January 29, 2015 Weekday

8:00 a.m. George Austin

FRIDAY, January 30, 2015 Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, January 31, 2015

Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Pasquale Palomba requested by his loving wife and family

SUNDAY, February 1, 2015 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Nicolina Mucciacciaro requested by her husband & family
10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Petraroia family requested by Mr. & Mrs. Cosimo Petraroia

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Church: Herman Lane reserved by his family



Vocations: Come after Me. Jesus called Andrew and Peter and James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets, listen to the call and follow him as a priest or religious? He may be calling you to serve the church as a priest or religious. Call Fr. Jim at the parish office, 860-274-9273. He would like to speak to you.

This Week's Second Collection

Catholic secondary schools place students on the path to success by providing unparalleled academic excellence enhanced by an education in faith. Please help us continue to provide the pathway to success by supporting the 2015 Catholic High School Collection Thank you for your investment in the ministry of Catholic high school education.

Activities & Meetings

January 25 - 31, 2015

SUNDAY

10:30a.m. "Wee Celebrate" Religious Ed Program for 3-5 year olds, Church Hall

MONDAY

6:45p.m. REACH, Youth Group, Church Hall

TUESDAY

6:30p.m. Cub Scouts, Church Hall
7:00p.m. Nifty Fifty Planning Mtg., Rectory Mtg. Room

THURSDAY

6:30p.m. Boy Scouts, Church Hall

SATURDAY

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



Saint Mary Magdalen School

www.smmsoakville.org

Open House

Sunday, January 25th from 12:30 until 2:00 pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the classrooms, meet the faculty and staff and see all that SMMS has to offer.

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 January 17 & 18 weekend totaled \$4490.00 and Online giving totaled \$490.00. Totaling \$4,980.00. Our goal was not met this week, fell short by \$520.00



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

2014 Contribution Statement

Statements of your stewardship of treasure contributions for 2014 are now available upon request. Please fill in the following information and drop it into the collection basket. Your statement will be mailed to you within two weeks.

Please print clearly your information. Thank you.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Envelope:# _____

Attention...

All members of ministries (example: Parish Council, Finance, Money Counters, Ushers, Scouts, REACH etc.) On Sunday, February 8th at 11:30 a.m., all members are requested to gather in the church for group shots for our parish pictorial/directory. This is the ONLY TIME that these photos will take place. We encourage all members to attend. Thank you! Any questions, give a call to the rectory 860-274-9273.

REACH

Youth Group Ziti Dinner

On Wednesday, February 4th, REACH will hold its annual Ziti Dinner in the Church Hall. The event starts at 5 PM and ends at 7:30 PM. Curb-side pickup will be available. Dinner includes salad, bread, ziti, meatballs, beverage and dessert. Advance tickets will be sold after the Masses on Jan 24th and 25th (snow date Jan 31st and Feb 1st). Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$6 for children under 12. Proceeds will be used to cover the costs associated with many of the REACH service functions and events. Please support this worthy cause. We look forward to serving you a tasty dinner!

What is Prayer??

The raising of one's mind and heart to God in thanksgiving and in praise of his glory. It is an act by which one enters into awareness of a loving communion with God. "Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God's."(CCC,no 2561).

The Shepherd's Desk

by Fr. Jim Gregory

Here is my vision of Catholic schools.

A third grader comes down the middle aisle of the church with his parents before the start of the 4:00 Mass. I ask him what is he doing here since he normally comes to the 8:30 Mass on Sunday. He tells me he has soccer practice on Sunday mornings and he needs to come to Mass on Saturday afternoon.

A first grade girl sits between her mother and her grandmother at Mass in the fifth pew. Her grandmother helps her to follow the Mass with the missalette by pointing to the page where we are in the Mass. The girl cannot read yet, but she gets a sense of whether we are in the beginning, the middle, or near the end.

A family of five file into a pew two minutes after Mass begins. Dad still looks a little tired. The expression on all their faces suggest that there must

have been some challenge that morning in coming to church. Yet, they are here and the distressed expression disappears as Mass continues.

These are some examples of parents successfully making my vision of Catholic schools come alive. They are making an explicit effort to pass on the Catholic faith to their children. When society seemed more stable, institutions such as the parish were instrumental in passing on the faith. Nowadays, with society changing so frequently, it is the individuals rather than the institutions that are central in passing on the faith. With this movement from institutional to individual, parents have become the pastors of their children when it comes to passing on the faith. Sociological data shows that when it comes to passing on the faith to their children, parents are by far better than parishes, priests, youth groups, mission trips, and Catholic schools.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says, "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are the most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture," (134). Catholic schools cannot be a valuable resource without explicit proclamation of the Gospel. It is becoming more and more evident that explicit proclamation of the Gospel begins when parents care about their own faith, when parents bring their children to Mass every week, and when parents have conversations about the faith at home with their children. The good news is that parents can do this and Catholic schools can help them.

So this is my vision of Catholic schools. It is my vision that Catholic school leaders and parish school communities reach out to the parents who seek the Catholic alternative in education. It is my vision that Catholic school leaders let parents know of their invaluable importance in giving their faith to the next generation. It is my vision that Catholic school leaders and parish school communities assist parents who feel unworthy or inadequate in their important role and to provide parents with the support, encouragement, and education they may need in order to instill more confidence.

It is the parents' faith that is the most valuable resource to Catholic schools. Prayers and liturgies and service projects done in school becomes merely just school stuff without it being done in the context of the parents' nurtured faith. In a time when there is the movement from institutional to individual, school leadership, a school's particular community, and the parishes with whom the schools are associated must nurture that faith and harvest it for the well-being of their children and the world at large.