

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH



Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Church and School, 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 and 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:30pm in Church

Parish Staff

Administrator - Rev. Michael Santiago
Deacon - George Pettinico
Coordinator of Faith Formation - Kelly A. Shamansky
Parish Secretary - Roberta Hardt
Music Director - Jacqueline Cote
School Principal - Mrs. Nancy D. Stover

Please remember Saint Mary Magdalen Church in your Will.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 28, 2015

Vigil First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Stacey Poidomani

requested by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, November 29, 2015 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. John & Germaine McGarth

requested by Mary Ellen Fitz Maurice

10:30 a.m. Beth Cummings

requested by her loving Mother & family

MONDAY, November 30, 2015 Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Deceased priests of St. Mary Magdalen Church

TUESDAY, December 1, 2015 Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Eleanor MacNaught

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2015 Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Keith Sullivan

THURSDAY, December 3, 2015 Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joe & Lee Avellani

requested by Tom & Elaine Kistasky

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015 Advent Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, December 5, 2015 Vigil Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. John Grendzinski

requested by his loving family

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Catherine Valerio

requested by Rose & Chet

10:30 a.m. Tina Romano Dibuccio

requested by her loving parents



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Church:

The Chapel:

NOTE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Mass Book for 2016 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.



VOCATIONS: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Let us pray for an increase to the vocation of priesthood, and pray for the priests who serve us. If you are considering discerning a vocation to priesthood or religious life, call the Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center 860-242-5573.

Activities & Meetings

November 29 - December 5, 2015

SUNDAY

10:30a.m.

Wee Celebrate Religious Program, Church Hall

11:30a.m.

Advent Wreath Making, Church Hall

MONDAY

6:45p.m.

REACH Youth Group, Church Hall

TUESDAY

3:45-5:15p.m.

Faith Formation Grades, 1-6 Parish School

6:00p.m.

Cub Scouts, Church Hall

WEDNESDAY

3:45-5:15p.m.

Faith Formation Grades, 1-6 Parish School

6:00-7:30p.m.

Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8 Church Hall

THURSDAY

6:00-9:00p.m.

Boy Scouts, Church Hall

SATURDAY

3:00- 3:30p.m.

Confessions, Church



St. Mary Magdalen School

SMMS NEWS:

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 for weekend November 21 & 22 amounts will be noted in next week's bulletin due to early transmission.

2015 Parish Year End Appeal

Our Parish Goal \$30,000.00

To date: 730 letters have been mailed 116 households have responded with contributions totaling \$11,290.00. Thank you!

Need of \$18,710.00 to our reach our goal!



Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at:

www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org



New Parishioners:

Welcome to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Michael Santiago 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!

Notes from Fr. Santiago...

A Prayer for Advent

Monday, December 8th
Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule
December 8th Mass at 9:30a.m. & at 6:00p.m.
Mary, conceived through an act of love by her mother and father, was born free of original sin and its effects from the first moment of her existence. This special privilege was conferred on her through God's grace in anticipation of the Redemption.
All Saints Press 2014

Sacrament of Baptism

We as a community of faith rejoice with Jane Frances Carroll, and Dino Langin who were brought into the people of God through the waters of baptism. We will keep them and their families in our prayers as they begin this new stage in their journey of faith.

Lessons & Carols

St. Mary Magdalen Church Choir invites you to an afternoon of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, **December 13th, at 2:00p.m.** Join us in this Advent Celebration of Readings and Music shared by our parish community. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. Lite refreshments will be served. This is a FREE event all are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU NOTE...

The officers and members of the Catholic Women's Organization would like to extend a most heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who made our annual Christmas Bazaar another great success. We especially thank the area businesses that contributed such wonderful gifts to our raffle, the crafters who gave their time each week in creating the lovely items and for those who donated food items for the kitchen. Thank you to our ministries who pitched in with theme baskets and gift items. A special word of thanks goes to our parish school children who made us so happy with their warm smiles and sweet voices. Thanks also to the members of our parish community for their delicious baked goods and the people who so generously donated items for "Granny's Attic."

Last but not least, we wish to thank all the workers who assisted us during the weekend, without you there would be no annual parish bazaar! THANK YOU!!

Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen

St. Augustine

Advent Wreath Making & More...

The tradition of the lighting of the Advent wreath is a powerful ritual which ties families and generations together. The circular wreath is enhanced with four candles- usually three purple and one rose colored (this one symbolizes that Jesus is very near.) A candle is lit each week in anticipation of Christmas. Lighting the candles(s) in darkness is a powerful experience and delivers the strong message that Christ is the Light of the World.

Please join us **SUNDAY, November 29th at 11:30a.m.** in the church hall as we come together for an Advent Workshop that will feature making an Advent wreath for each family and an Advent reflection with a wreath blessing by Fr. Santiago. Sign up at the entrances of the Church or call the parish office at 860-274-9273. Pre-registration is necessary along with \$5.00 fee per family. Hot Chocolate & Cookies will be served.

The Giving Tree

During the season of Advent, beginning this weekend, November 28/29, the Giving Tree has been set up in the side alcove, placed there by the Social Justice Ministry. It will be filled with opportunities for giving to others in need in the local area. This year we will be supporting Carolyn's Place, Apple Rehab Center, St. Vincent DePaul Mission, and Pleasant View Manor. Please take a moment and take a tag from the tree. Then purchase the gift listed on the ornament tag, wrap it and tape the tag on the outside of the gift. Please return all gifts to the church before or after Mass no later than Sunday, December 21. Thank you for your continued support with parish outreach work.