

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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Monday - Thursday 10am to 2pm

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860-274-1955

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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

Pastor - Rev. Thomas Hickey

Deacon - George Pettinico

Deacon - Michael Malfitano

Parish Administrator - Roberta Hardt

School Principal - Mrs. Deborah Mulhall

Coordinator of Faith Formation - Kelly A. Shamansky

Music Director - Jacqueline Cote

Please remember Saint Mary Magdalen Church in your Will.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 19, 2019 Vigil Mass 2nd in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. ✠ Pasquale Palomba

requested by wife & family

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. ✠ Paulo & Paula Bordiere

requested by their loving family

10:30 a.m. ✠ Jim Petrocchia

requested by his wife

MONDAY, January 21, 2019, St. Agnes Virgin & Martyr

8:00a.m.

TUESDAY, January 22, 2019,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00a.m. ✠ Carroll Gee

requested by friends

WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2019, Weekday

8:00a.m. ✠ Paul, Angelo, & Joseph Valerio

requested by Mary

THURSDAY, January 24, 2019, St. Francis de Sales

8:00a.m. Reparation for offenses against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

FRIDAY, January 25, 2019, Conversion of St. Paul

No Morning Mass

SATURDAY, January 26, 2019 Vigil Third Mass in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. ✠ Joe & Theresa Distasi

requested by Sam and Maria & family

SUNDAY, January 27, 2019, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. ✠ Shirley G. Meo

requested by husband & family

10:30 a.m. ✠ Joseph Distasi

requested by his children and grandchildren

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



Church:

Chapel:

To arrange a Mass or Candle intention please call the parish office or stop by Monday-through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and speak with Roberta.

Download Our Parish App!

St. Mary Magdalen app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, and helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Mary Magdalen and better engage the New Evangelization.



Visit myparishapp.com to download or text app to phone number 88202

Activities & Meetings

January 20 - 26, 2019

MONDAY

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

TUESDAY

3:45-5:15pm

7:00p.m.

6:30p.m.

Faith Formation Classes 1-6, School

Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room

Cub Scouts, Church Hall

WEDNESDAY

3:45-5:15pm

6:00-7:30pm

Faith Formation Classes 1-6, School

Faith Formation Classes 7 & 8, Church Hall

THURSDAY

7:00p.m.

Boy Scouts, Church Hall

SATURDAY

2:45p.m.

3:00- 3:30p.m.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Confessions, Church



St. Mary Magdalen School

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

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OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary Magdalen School Open House – Next Sunday, Jan. 27th 12:30-2:00pm. We invite you to visit our school and tour our campus. We continue to invest in the future of St. Mary Magdalen School through dynamic and innovative curriculum and enrichment programs. Visit with our principal, faculty and students and learn all about the unique experiences that make SMMS the school that it is.



New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish.

Please introduce yourself to Father Tom Hickey after Mass. He wants to know and serve you. We encourage you to share your time, talent, and treasure with our parish community. Please register by stopping in or calling the parish office during the week Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You are a blessing to our parish family and we're glad you're here!

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 January 12 /13 weekend totaled \$4746.00 On-Line \$896.75 totaling \$5,642.75.

WEDDING BANNERS

CHARLES BELIVEAU AND ARIANN SCRIBNER



Sacrament of Baptism

We as a community of faith rejoice with Olivia Skye Sweet and Kenneth John Sweet who were brought into the people of God through the waters of baptism. We will keep them and their family in our prayers as they begin this new stage in their journey of faith.

Thank you note...

Dear Fr. Tom, Our shelter guests and the staff grateful for the generous Christmas Gifts from parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. As always, SMMC is most generous to the Mission and we appreciate the parish's long term commitment to our ministry! We cannot serve those on the margins who have been discarded by society without the stewardship of compassionate people like those at SMMC. On behalf of the Mission, we wish you and the parish family of St. Mary Magdalen Church a Merry Christmas Season! Jered Bruzas Director of Homeless Resource Center and Shelter

The Heart of the Matter..

By Father Tom Hickey

Only Say the Word, part 15 of 26

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Millions of people face a dark time in their soul after Christmas. The New Year season is a battle against spiritual depression, perhaps for someone in your pew—maybe the person in your seat:

Where did it go? The childhood glow of innocence. The pure joy of Christmas in a child's heart. I remember it. I see it in the children's eyes. But it's not mine any more. Somewhere I lost my Christmas. I'm here—at Mass—and a new year is about to begin. Only I'm not feeling so new. The innocence and excitement are gone. Jesus said something about being a child in order to enter heaven. I guess that leaves me out.

A child lives in joyful expectation. I can't any more. Every mass, we stand and pray together "The Prayers of the Faithful." Somebody reads some words addressing some great need, and we all say Lord, hear our prayer. Right. Like He cares. Sometimes I feel like God is deaf—nothing ever changes. I feel so bad for thinking this way, but I can't help it.

I've tried praying. There have been times in my life when I prayed a lot. But nothing ever changed. I still believe in God; I just don't expect much from Him any more. It's a whole lot better if I just never ask Him for any favors. That way I'm not disappointed. Lord, hear our prayer.

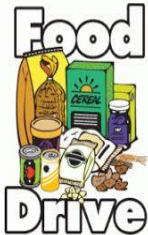
God certainly doesn't want us depressed, but sometimes periods of depression can lead us to deeper and more wonderful experiences of faith. Prayer is dangerous business. When we say Lord, hear our prayer we are giving God permission to answer our request in the way He thinks best. Our every prayer is heard. When God does something other than what we asked for, the real battle is within our soul to believe that what He sent in answer to our prayer is better than what we asked for. When we lose that battle, then we start battling depression. When we pray for someone to be healed, and that person dies instead, our battle is to be open to the possibility that the death may have been the better answer. We don't know everything. God does. Look at the cross.

Our witness to a depressed world is the joy of replacing self-centeredness with God-centeredness. Lord, hear our prayer.

The renewal of Christian living must pass through the Eucharist.

- Pope St. John Paul II

Our Traditional Form of Service...



In the second reading this weekend, the words of St. Paul remind us that there are many spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are many forms of service but the same Lord. Paul was writing primarily about spiritual gifts. Yet even the works of the Spirit lead to real, outward expressions that reveal the loving Father who produces them all.

The traditional forms of service for our parish have been focused on assisting families in our community who need some extra assistance in having the basic goods of life. And so, with the start of the new year, we restart our food collections. The grocery lists will be available this weekend, January 19/20, and can be returned next weekend with your donation of food. This collection will be offered to the Watertown Food Bank. Please remember to check the expiration date and try to avoid glass jars for donated items. We will have food collections in February and March also. Thank you for your generosity in our past collections. You have fed countless families with your donations of food.

2018 Contribution Statement

Statements of your stewardship of treasure contributions for 2018 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Envelope: # _____