

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

Pastor - Rev. Thomas Hickey

Deacon - George Pettinico

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, May 19, 2018 Vigil Mass Pentecost

4:00p.m. ✠ Joe Distasi
requested by his brother Sam & family

SUNDAY, May 20, 2018, Pentecost

8:30 a.m. ✠ Nicola Mucciacciaro
requested by daughter
10:30 a.m. ✠ Frank & Rose Bavone & family
requested by John Bavone

MONDAY, May 21, 2018, Weekday

8:00a.m. ✠ Ann Salvatore
requested by Nicholas Milonas

TUESDAY, May 22, 2018, Weekday

8:00a.m. Roseline Genao birthday remembrance
requested by her husband

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018, Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, May 24, 2018, Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY, May 25, 2018, Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, May 26, 2018 Vigil Mass of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00p.m. ✠ Domenic Ciarlo
requested by his wife & family

SUNDAY, May 27, 2018, The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m. ✠ Muriccia Salvatore
requested by Patti, & Peter Dabate
10:30 a.m. ✠ Robert & Lucy Brady
requested by their family



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Church: Our parish Community

If you would like to reserve a candle please call the parish office to do so. 860-274-9273

If a parishioner or family member is sick at home or in the hospital and would like a visit from a member of the Pastoral Care Staff or his / her name placed on the prayer of the faithful, please call the parish office at 860-274-9273.



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 May 12 & 13 weekend totaled \$4,032.00 On-Line \$771.75 totaling \$4,803.75.

Our weekly offertory collections from pew and online giving have averaged \$4,750.0 so far in 2018, which falls about \$750.00 short of the \$5,500 average that we need to maintain to achieve a balanced operating budget for the year. Please consider a modest increase in your weekly giving to keep us on track for meeting our essential operating expenses, as well as the necessary reserve to address unforeseen needs as they arise. Thank you!

Activities & Meetings

May 20 - 26, 2018

SUNDAY

10:30a.m. Wee Celebrate, Church Hall
Second Sunday Sweets, Side Lawn for Pentecost Celebration

MONDAY

6:45p.m. REACH, Church Hall

TUESDAY

6:15p.m. Cub Scouts, Church Hall

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

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



ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

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Catholic Education: Interested in a Catholic Education for your child? St. Mary Magdalen School is the answer. Located at 140 Buckingham Street in Oakville. For more information, please call Principal Mrs. Deborah Mulhall at 860-945-0621.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend! All parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal during Mass.



VOCATIONS: Are you being called???

To further discuss that God is calling you to serve as priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations,

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7457, e-mail vocations@aohct.org

New Parishioners:



Welcome to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Tom after Mass. We want to know and serve you. Please register by stopping in or calling the parish office Monday - Thursday 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!

A Family Perspective

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth." by Bud Ozar

Pentecost – Faithful Understanding

This weekend, we celebrate **Pentecost**, the holy day in the Church Year which commemorates the visible inaugural of the Church on earth. On that first Pentecost, some 2000 years ago, the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out and proclaim the message of the Risen Lord to the crowd gathered in Jerusalem. Their message was *heard and understood* by people of all nations despite the differences in spoken languages. And so this week to commemorate Pentecost, we will hear the first reading of each **Sunday morning Mass** spoken in different languages by members of our parish.

To further mark this holy day, the **Vigil Mass** will be of the extended form. There will be four “First Readings” from the Old Testament and one “Second Reading” from the New Testament. Each reading is followed by the Psalm and the Collect (prayer).

Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

HOMEFRONT THANK YOU....

On Saturday, May 5th 40 volunteers participated in our 15th HomeFront project. There was a lot of work, and were busy all day, a dedicated group, doing whatever needed to be done. We were all tired when we went home but at the end of the day, we accomplished much and we helped a family stay in their home. That was our mission.

A big thank you for all of you who helped with this project! There are many people in our parish who make this successful; our volunteers, who work joyfully all day to complete their task, our Social Justice Ministry, who plan our fundraising pasta dinner to support our project, our CWM who made breakfast and lunch for our volunteers, all of you who baked for our dinner, and all of you who support us by attending our pasta dinner fundraiser.

As always, the homeowners were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers who gave their time and talent to do tasks that they just couldn't do.

Many thanks to all, especially our team leaders, Bill Fitzpatrick, Judy Begley, and Sue Atkins who go the extra mile to make it happen!

Once again, we were able to help another person in need.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Our very own... Michael Malfitano

With praise and gratitude to God, the Church of Hartford joyfully announces his Ordination to the Diaconate through the laying on of hands and prayer by the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, S.T.D. Archbishop of Hartford. The Ordination will take place on Saturday, June 2nd at 10:00a.m. at The Cathedral of St. Joseph on Farmington Avenue, in Hartford, Connecticut. All are welcome to attend.

June 2, 2018 at our 4p.m. Vigil Mass, **Deacon Michael Malfitano** will celebrate his First Mass with us and a reception will follow in the church hall. All are welcome to attend and to give praise and thanks for his service to the church.

The Heart of the Matter...

By Father Tom Hickey

The Lost Generation

Part 4 of 14 - This series of columns is based on the work of Fr. Chad Ripperger that analyzes the spirits of the past six generations and how those spirits have affected the Church. We only ask that you consider whether his descriptions are true in a general sense, even if they do not describe you or people you know.

If the sixth generation in America is the one being born now according to Fr. Ripperger, then he is counting from the generation that grew up during World War I and lived to see enormous changes in travel, communications, industry, weaponry, medicine, and just about every other area of life. Fr. Ripperger notes that Ernest Hemmingway called this the Lost Generation. Many in his day were deliberately drifting away from the traditions and values of their parents and grandparents into a life of hedonism that we now call the Roaring Twenties. "However," he notes, "most members of this generation followed the traditions of their parents, especially in the area of religion."

Perhaps the most important characteristic of this WWI generation "was their appropriation of suffering." Fr. Ripperger goes on to describe this quality:

[T]his is the generation that could suffer without complaining. They went through the First World War (although most did not fight in it); they went through the Great Depression; they also went through the Second World War and most did not fight in that war either. But the ability to endure suffering and to offer it up was almost at the level of instinct. In fact, for them suffering was such a part of life that to talk about it was like talking about the rate of growth of the grass outside. Life was suffering, a valle lacrimarum – a vale of tears – and so one simply did not talk about it. (all quotes taken from Latin Mass magazine, summer 2012)

While we might admire this ability to endure suffering without complaint, Fr. Ripperger says this created a problem that would affect all the future generations to come. Simply put, they didn't communicate, and in so doing, they fell prey to the fault St. Paul warned Christians parents about in the first century:

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)