

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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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, July 21, 2018

Vigil Mass of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. ✠ Joe Distasi

requested by the Testa Zezima familiy

SUNDAY, July 22, 2018, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. ✠ Filomena Basile

requested by her grandson, Dom

10:30 a.m. ✠ In honor of Saint Mary Magdalen

MONDAY, July 23 2018, Weekday

8:00a.m.

TUESDAY, July 24, 2018, Weekday

8:00a.m. ✠ Joseph Della Camera

requested by wife and daughters

WEDNESDAY, July 25, 2018, Saint James

8:00a.m. ✠ George DeRienzo

requested by SMMC Community

THURSDAY, July 26, 2018,

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00a.m.

FRIDAY, July 27, 2018, Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, July 28, 2018

Vigil Mass of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. ✠ Loreto & Maria Distasi

requested by Sam & Maria

SUNDAY, July 29, 2018, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. ✠ Ann Salvatore

requested by Nicholas Milona

10:30 a.m. ✠ Georgette Martineau

requested by Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Regan

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



Church: In honor of our Patroness Saint Mary Magdalen

Chapel: In honor of our Patroness Saint Mary Magdalen

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.

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 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.

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 July 14 & 15 weekend totaled \$3,330.00 On-Line \$781.75 totaling \$4,111.75.

Activities & Meetings

July 22 - 28, 2018

SUNDAY

Parish Feast Picnic 12noon till 3pm School Grounds

SATURDAY

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



St. Mary Magdalen School

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

www.smmsoakville.org

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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.



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!

VOCATIONS: Rest to listen; Listen to respond. Hear God's answer to your question "What do you ask of me?"

If the answer is that He is asking you to consider serving Him as a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center in St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-761-7456, email vocations@aohct.org

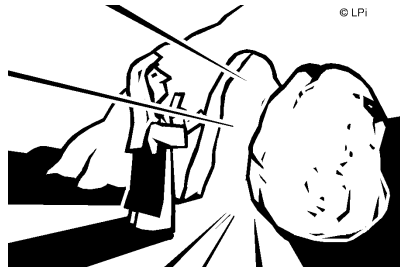


"He saw the crowd... his heart was moved with pity for them..."

In the Gospel passage from St. Mark today, we find Jesus and his apostles going off in a boat to a deserted place to rest. But there would be no rest. When they disembarked, the vast crowd was waiting for them. When Jesus saw the crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them for they were like sheep without a shepherd. He saw that they were hungry – hungry both spiritually and physically. So he sat down and taught them to satisfy their spiritual hunger. And next week, we will learn that he satisfied their physical hunger also in a very miraculous way in a passage given to us in the Gospel passage from St. John. It is the "Feeding of the 5,000," the only miracle or sign found in all four Gospel accounts.

Over the years our parish, in a far less miraculous way, has kept the tradition of offering food and comfort to the poor and hungry who are, in a certain sense, like sheep without a shepherd. We continue this tradition with food collections in the next three months. The shopping list will be available as you leave church this weekend. Please bring your donation of food next weekend for the St. Vincent DePaul Mission Soup Kitchen. Remember to check the expiration date and try to avoid glass jars. Thank you.

Saint Mary Magdalen



July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. Who was she and is it true that she was a prostitute who followed Jesus around in his ministry? Recent biblical scholarship has been trying for a long time to

correct Mary Magdalene's misconstrued reputation as a prostitute. Biblical information reveals her as one of the most important disciples of Jesus, following and financially supporting him during his ministry. She is also a faithful witness both to the Crucifixion and the first to see the risen Jesus. Further, in John's Gospel, she is commissioned by the risen Jesus to announce the good news to his disciples. Thus, she becomes the first evangelizer and proclaimer of the risen Lord. Her reputation as a prostitute arose from the misunderstandings of certain texts in Luke. Luke 8:2 reports Mary as being a follower of Jesus "from whom seven demons had gone out." This passage follows Luke's story of the sinful woman, a prostitute, who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Since that woman is not named, there came to be an association of that woman with Mary Magdalene, "from whom seven demons had gone out." Thus Mary became known as a prostitute.

The readings and prayers for her feast day make no mention of her reputation as a sinner. Rather, they emphasize and highlight her role as the first witness to the risen Lord, and the first one commissioned by Jesus to tell of the good news to the disciples. Let us continue to be Mary Magdalene to the world.

Annual Feast Picnic Sunday, JULY 22ND

(RAIN or SHINE)

12 noon p.m. -3:00p.m.

Location: Grounds of the Parish School

Catering by: The Hot Dog King Frankie's

\$15.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FOOD GAMES 50/50 RAFFLE

Menu: Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Veggie Burger, Hot Dog, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Homemade Desserts, Watermelon, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee, Tea

NEW BEGINNINGS

Still time to give...

Next week is the last week we are collecting monetary donations. Your donation will help provide back to school clothing for kids from families in need in Oakville and Watertown. We hope to sponsor several children this year. Please write "NEW BEGINNINGS" on an envelope and drop off your donation in the collection basket no later than July 29. Donations may be in the form of cash or check (checks made payable to St. Mary Magdalen Church)

The Heart of the Matter...

By Father Tom Hickey

Enter the Demons

Part 13 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.

By Fr. Ripperger's count, grade-school children and those being born today are the sixth generation since the "Lost" Generation. He warns that "This generation will have a spirit that is not like any of the other generations." The depravity of their parents and indifference of their grandparents "fueled by a prolific pornography industry, has opened the door to the spirit of paganism."

Exorcists know that the introduction into the occult is almost always accomplished through immorality, especially immorality in the areas of the Sixth and Ninth Commandments. Once a person has fully indulged himself in those areas, the demons begin leading the individual down a path toward worship of demons and involvement in demonic activity such as witchcraft.

In his ministry as an exorcist, Fr. Ripperger is well-acquainted with the doors that can be opened to demonic oppression through things such as the "Harry Potter series, the Twilight saga, and other vampire and werewolf movies," noting "how vehemently the parents of Generation Z will defend the licitness of their kids reading these books and watching these films." In the vacuum of no moral direction, the pursuit of evil can result from natural curiosity that extends beyond the simple desire to learn and becomes a "vice in which a person seeks after knowledge that is not suited to his state in life" in occult practices that promise knowledge, power, and influence.

[T]he vice of curiosity is in full bloom with the advent of every form of paranormal TV program and movie, as well as the drastic rise in witchcraft which exorcists and other priests have noticed. As saints, theologians, and exorcists have pointed out for centuries, the vice of curiosity is one of the primary entrances into the occult. . . . Eve's first sin was curiosity, and exorcists have known from repeated experience that children and adults who do not curb their interest in occult practices or things pertaining to the demonic can find themselves. . . wanting or actually having open worship of other "gods." (all quotes taken from Latin Mass magazine, summer 2012)

Now the Spirit explicitly says that in the last times some will turn away from the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and demonic instructions. (1Timothy 4:1)