

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.

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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

School Principal - Mrs. Deborah Mulhall

Coordinator of Faith Formation - Kelly A. Shamansky

Parish Secretary - Roberta Hardt

Music Director - Jacqueline Cote

Please remember Saint Mary Magdalen Church in your Will.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 9, 2017

VIGIL MASS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p.m. ✠ Patricia Jurevich
requested by her family

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30a.m. ✠ Michele Mucciacciaro
requested by his daughter

10:30a.m. ✠ Leo Charbonneau
requested by his family

MONDAY, December 11, 2017, Advent Weekday

8:00a.m.

TUESDAY, December 12, 2017, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00a.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2017, Saint Lucy

8:00a.m. Mass of thanksgiving
requested by a friend

THURSDAY, December 14, 2017, St. John of the Cross

8:00a.m. Alfred Zemaitis
requested by his loving wife, Joanne

FRIDAY, December 15, 2017, Advent Weekday

No Morning Mass

SATURDAY, December 16, 2017

VIGIL MASS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p.m. ✠ Serafina Distasi
requested by her loving family

SUNDAY, December 17, 2017, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30a.m. ✠ Nicolina Mucciacciaro
requested by her husband

10:30a.m. ✠ Antonio Biello

requested by his sister, Anna & family



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Church: Stephanie Sansoucie reserved by her loving family



Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what He wants of you. If you think He may want you to serve as a priest or religious call Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti, Director of

Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, e-mail: vocations@aohct.org

Attention... Sunday, December 24th is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Mass will be celebrated at 9:30a.m only.

(no 8:30a.m. or 10:30a.m. this weekend)

Activities & Meetings

December 10 - 16, 2017

SUNDAY

8:15a.m.

Confirmation II, Church Hall

10:30a.m.

Wee Celebrate, Pre-Schoolers, Ch Hall

After 10:30 Mass

Second Sunday Sweets Coffee Hour..., Hall

2:00p.m.

Rachel Rosary, Rectory Chapel

MONDAY

6:00p.m.

Catholic Women's Ministry, Rectory

6:45p.m.

REACH Youth Group, Church Hall

TUESDAY

6:30p.m.

Cub Scouts, Church Hall

SATURDAY

3:00- 3:30p.m.

Confessions, Church



St. Mary Magdalen School

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

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SMMS Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 16th 9-1pm in the school gymnasium

Come join us for gingerbread cookie decorating, crafts, face-painting, delicious breakfast food, raffles, balloon creations and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. \$5 per child, \$10 per adult. Celebrate the magic of Christmas with SMMS.

Stewardship of Treasure

Our parishioners need to give \$5,500 every week to our spiritual home in order to maintain it financially.

Weekend of December 2/3, 2017 weekly collection \$4007.00

Online \$1174.75 totaling \$5,181.75. Thank you!

The Season of Advent

We Are Called to Be Stewards

During the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and reassess our priorities in life, we should also strive for a greater understanding and appreciation for the ministries in our parish, and look within our hearts to determine what role stewardship plays in our lives.

This season, we trust that you will give financial stewardship prayerful consideration. Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. Your regular contributions support the operation of the church and all of our ministries.

Sign up today by visiting www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org.

On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to our parish.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38

Respect Life Ministry

Please join us in praying the Rachel Rosary on Sunday, December 10, at 2pm at the rectory chapel. The Rachel Rosary is an intercessory prayer for victims of post-abortion syndrome. In union with Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, whose Feast Day is December 12, we will pray for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in abortions.

Thank You Note

The Catholic Women's Ministry of St. Mary Magdalen Parish would like to extend a most heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who make 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 in creating the lovely items and for those who donated food items for the kitchen.

Thank you to our ministries and the students of SMMS who pitched in with theme baskets and gift items. Thanks also to the members of our parish community for their delicious baked goods and all 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!!

Catholic Women's News...

The next meeting for the Catholic Women's of St. Mary Magdalen will be held this Monday evening, December 11 at **6:00 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room. All members are reminded to bring their \$5.00 donation for annual giving. All women of the parish are welcomed to attend.



Lessons & Carols

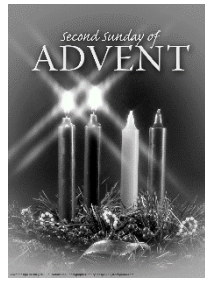
St. Mary Magdalen Church Choir invites you to an afternoon of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, **December 17th, at 2:00p.m.** Join us in this Advent Celebration of Readings and Music shared by our parish community. A reception will follow in the Church Hall; lite refreshments will be served. This is a **FREE** event, all are welcome to attend.

The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is set up in the side alcove, placed there by the Social Justice Ministry. It is 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 **NEXT Sunday, December 17**. Thank you for your continued support with our parish outreach work.

Second Sunday of Advent



"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance--clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits--feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were

captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity--"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously. Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Parish Family Dinner

Friday Evening, December 29th

Let us gather as a parish family to enjoy an evening of food, friendship, and faith as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, an annual holy day during the season of Christmas. Please plan on attending.

Flyers are available in the church with complete information. Please take one home and return the form at the bottom of the flyer so that preparations can be made.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2017

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m., Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m., Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30 a.m., Mass of the Day