

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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Mon thru Fri 10am to 2pm

www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org

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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

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, August 12, 2017

VIGIL MASS 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. ✠ Bill Langelotti
requested by his loving wife

SUNDAY, August 13, 2017 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. ✠ Shirley Meo
requested by Jami Hadelman

10:30a.m. ✠ Frank Basile
requested by his wife & family

MONDAY, August 14, 2017, Saint Maximillian Kolbe

8:00a.m.

6:00p.m. Vigil Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, August 15, 2017, Holy Day

9:30a.m. Mass of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2017, Weekday

8:00a.m.

THURSDAY, August 17, 2017, Weekday

8:00a.m. ✠ Douglas Clarke
requested by his wife

FRIDAY, August 18, 2017, Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, August 19, 2017

VIGIL MASS 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. ✠ Salvatore Guerrera
requested by The Brown Family

SUNDAY, August 20, 2017 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. ✠ Anthony, Catherine & Vincent Valerio
requested by Chet & Rose Gursky

10:30a.m. ✠ Sharon DiFederico
requested by her daughter, Shirleyann & family

Activities & Meetings

August 13- 19, 2017

THURSDAY

1p.m.-3p.m. Catholic Women's Ministry, Bazaar Workshop, RMR

SATURDAY

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



St. Mary Magdalen School

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

www.smmsoakville.org

Interested in a Catholic Education for your child? St. Mary Magdalen School is the answer. Located at 140 Buckingham Street in Oakville across from the Rectory, SMMS offers Catholic Education from Pre-K3 through Grades 8 in a safe environment that fosters the core values of Community, Respect and Self-Discipline. For more information, please call Principal Mrs. Deborah Mulhall at 860-945-0621.



New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Thomas Hickey 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!



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Sanctuary Candles can burn for one week in memory of your loved one for an offering of \$20.00. Call the Parish Office to reserve a week.



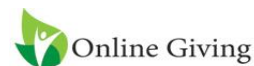
Do not be afraid; In fear, Peter called out "Lord, save me," and Jesus immediately rescued him. But when St. Peter kept his eyes fixed on Christ, he walked on water! Imagine the amazing things we can do when we keep

our eyes fixed on Christ! Have faith and trust the Lord's call. Consider being a priest, or religious brother or sister. Call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, e-mail vocations@aohct.org

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekend of August 5 & 6, 2017 weekly collection \$Online \$totaling \$. Will be reported in next week's bulletin.



Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at:
www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org.



If You Haven't Done So Please Do! Visit myparishapp.com to download or text app to phone number 88202

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass for the Holy Day will be held on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. and Mass of the day will be celebrated on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.



Sacrament of Baptism

We as a community of faith rejoice with Natalie Elizabeth Bannon, and Olivia Hazel Nardella, 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.

NEW BEGINNINGS THANK YOU!

Time and time again we have witnessed the caring spirit of our St. Mary Magdalen community; you respond so well to the call of Jesus to love and provide for our neighbors in their need. Special thanks to the members the Catholic Women's Ministry, who sponsored and shopped for a child, and to a couple of anonymous parishioners who also sponsored a child. Thank you to our shoppers, Ellen Carlo, Judy Begley, Mary Colangelo, Johanna Dubaskas, Gina Donato.

And thanks to all of you who donated to this program. God bless your generous hearts!

Story of Jesus Bracelet

The Story of Jesus Bracelet is a handmade beaded and charm bracelet that members of our parish are sponsoring as a fundraiser for the church. This would make a beautiful gift for a special occasion or just because. Bracelets can be purchased at the parish office for \$20.00 each. They come in sizes small, medium and large. For more info contact Sue Ponton at 860-274-1956 or Roberta Hardt at the parish office at 860-274-9273.



Visitation of the Sick & Homebound

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can visit those who cannot attend Mass due to illness, handicap or age. To make arrangements to receive this sacrament at home, please call the parish office at 860-274-9273.

Summer Offertory Envelopes

Many thanks to all those dedicated parishioners who mail or deliver weekly envelopes to the parish office when you're out-of-town or will be away on vacation this summer. Don't forget that St. Mary Magdalen now offers Online Giving! We are now offering an online option that complements our offering envelope use. By signing up to give your weekly offertory and special collections online, you will help the parish more accurately forecast our finances and plan more strategically.

Online Giving is a safe, secure and dependable means of income for our parish. It cuts down on the office "busy work" so we can focus more on the mission of the parish. Go to

www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org.

Faith Formation Registration Information

All Religious Education registration information, including forms for new and returning students will be available on the information table located in the back of the church as well as on line at www.stmmagdalen-oakville.org starting **September 1st**. Please log onto our website, click on "Faith Formation" and click on the header that applies to you. Registration forms and payments can either be put in the collection basket at church (marked Faith Formation), or dropped off/mailed to the rectory at 145 Buckingham Street, Oakville O6779.

Registration deadline is September 15, 2017.

Please note, late fees will apply after the 15th and there will be NO mailing of registration information. Everything will be on line. If you have any questions, please contact the **Faith Formation Office. (860)-274-1955** Please check the Church bulletin for future information. **Calendars for the upcoming year will be on line the beginning of September as well as on the information table at church.**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened." How can we describe Peter? At once faithful and fearful, his jumbled responses remind us that he was no spiritual superman, well intentioned though he may have been. Peter wanted to believe, and in fact showed a great deal of confidence in Christ, but the temptation to doubt was strong enough to knock him off his feet, literally. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus reprimanded Peter. The words seem harsh. After all, Peter was the only one who had enough faith to even try something as ludicrous as stepping out of the boat onto the water in the first place. But perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize that our faith needs to be strong enough to weather the storm, so to speak. If we only believe in Jesus when the wind is calm and the waves are gone, is that truly having faith in him? Is that actually trusting in his supreme power over the forces of the universe? Peter began to sink as soon as a challenge appeared. Jesus called him, and he calls us, to stay on our feet even when the winds begin to blow.

So, what are the winds that threaten our faith? What kinds of gusts are blowing today? Whatever it might be--health problems, financial concerns, relational struggles--none of it is too much for Jesus to handle. But we must step out in faith and trust him! And we need to keep our eyes on him as we do so, instead of getting distracted by the force of the challenges we face. Jesus is bigger than any problem. We have nothing to fear as long as we are walking towards him.