

Saint Mary Magdalen Church

Building a family of faith in Jesus Christ through Catholic Worship, Formation & Charity.

MARCH 10, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Cross That Heals



What a blessing and joy to serve as your pastor.

As we grow older, we need to be honest about what we can and cannot do for the good of those we care for and love. True love means to love and serve like Jesus. I praise God and thank everyone, especially our deacons, parish staff, ministry leaders, and all who collaborate with me in "building a family of faith in Jesus Christ through Catholic worship, formation, and charity."

The Good News in today's gospel is that God initiated his unconditional love and mercy while we were still sinners. If we are willing to be merciful to others, our weakness can become God's strength.

Cyril of Alexandria explains the spiritual meaning of the bronze serpent, which points to the saving work of Jesus Christ:

"This story is a type of the whole mystery of the incarnation. For the serpent signifies bitter and deadly sin, which was devouring the whole race on the earth... biting the Soul of man and infusing it with the venom of wickedness. There is no way that we could have escaped being conquered by it except by the relief

that comes only from heaven. The Word of God then was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, 'that he might condemn sin in the flesh.' In this way, he becomes the Giver of unending salvation to those who comprehend the divine doctrines and gaze on him with steadfast faith. But the serpent, being fixed upon a lofty base, signifies that Christ was clearly manifested by his passion on the Cross so that none could fail to see him."

God has made his peace with us.

Have you made your peace with God?

Are you ready to forgive and to make peace with your neighbor as God has made peace with you?



Pray: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, let me sow pardon. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith. Where there is despair, let me give hope. Where there is darkness, let me give light. Where there is sadness, let me give joy."

The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30 AM & 4:30 PM Vigil



Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, and 5:30 PM



Weekday

Monday thru Friday

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

ADORATION, ROSARY & CONFESSION TIMES

Adoration Chapel:

Monday at 7 AM through Friday until Midnight.

Confessions from 9 to 9:30 AM on Saturdays.

For a private confession time, please call the parish office.

Pro-Life Rosary & Reflection at 7 PM on Mondays in the Church.

Legion of Mary at 9:30 AM on Tuesdays in the Gathering Room.

Rosary at 7:15 PM on Tuesdays in the Chapel.

Flame of Love Devotions on Friday at Noon in the Chapel.



ELECTRONIC PARISH GIVING

Visit our website's 'Giving' page to make a one time gift or sign-up for recurring electronic donations through the 'Parish Giving' program, or send your offertory to our parish office. Thank you!

**WEDNESDAY! THE ROSARY
SORROWFUL MYSTERIES SERIES
WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 27**

This Lent, embark on a spiritual journey that will deepen your love for Jesus through the Mysteries of the Rosary. Discover deeply reflective insights into the life of Christ and theological truths through captivating stories and see the places he journeyed in the Holy Land. Join us for five one-hour consecutive Wednesday evenings to discover theological truths about the powerful gift of the Rosary as we explore the Sorrowful Mysteries. This fantastic series was created by Paradisus Dei and sponsored by our TMIY program on these dates: **Wednesdays on March 13, March 20, and March 27** in St. Francis Hall from 7 to 8 PM. We will begin with a prayer, a 30-minute video, and a reflective discussion. Join us anytime!

**FEEDBACK! ONLINE SURVEY
SURVEY CLOSES ON MARCH 22**

We want you to tell us what you think about the homilies you hear at Mass. Yes, truly and honestly!

The new **Catholic Preaching Institute (CPI)** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary invites you to participate in this extensive and significant study, and it only takes 10 minutes! Go to catholicleaders.online/phillypreaching or scan the QR code and complete the online survey.



Please share the survey link with your Catholic friends and family!

Through your input, CPI will design programs to help make preaching in the Archdiocese more compelling so your experience of the Word of God

becomes even more meaningful and inspiring.

The survey is open only until March 22, so go complete it today! Thank you!

PRAY FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Please encourage and pray for priest vocations.

To aid us in our prayers, we have a blessed traveling Chalice from the Holy Land to enthrone in your home for a week. **To host our Blessed Chalice, please contact Deacon Joseph at deaconjoe@stmarymagdalen.net.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

**ORDER! CRAB CAKE AND CANDY SALE
NOW THROUGH MARCH 16**

We are taking orders for our Easter Crab Cake and Candy Sale. **The order deadline is March 16.** Curbside pick-up is **Thursday, March 21**, by the school's cafeteria side door from 4 to 6 PM, so you don't even have to leave your car.

To order, go to SMMknights.org, click the 'fundraiser' tab to download the order form, and send it to Steve Byrne at sbyrne23@msn.com.

Pay by credit card online or bring your check at pick-up. The proceeds support the various charities and events sponsored by the Council, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Free Throw Contest, and the upcoming Simple Supper. Thank you for your support!

**JOIN US! LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER
FRIDAY, MARCH 22 • 5:30 PM**

We invite you to our **Second Annual Simple Supper** hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council. Join us for a homemade menu of soups, bread, pizza, salad, and fellowship with other parish families in St. Francis Hall. Plus, an activity table for kids.

Afterward, we hope you stay for the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in the main church before we enter Holy Week. A free family event, however, the Knights will be accepting donations for the Mothers' Home in Darby. Donations can also be made online at smmknights.org. **Kindly RSVP by March 15 to events@stmarymagdalen.net.**

**FUN! EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, MARCH 24 • 10:30 AM**

The Knights annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday, after the 9:30 Mass. The Hunt is for all parish children up to the fifth grade. The Easter Bunny has promised to be there to begin the Hunt. So, pray for sunshine, grab your Easter Baskets, and join this fun tradition with us!

**LENTEN INTENTIONS
CROSS WITH BASKET ON ALTAR**

During Lent, a Cross with a basket for our intentions will be on the altar. Please place your intentions in an envelope and put them into the basket. For your convenience, we will have some paper and envelopes on hand in the Narthex. We wish you a deeply meaningful Lenten journey with Jesus.

NEW! PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 • 9:30 AM

Meet other families with small children!

Join us for Preschool Playtime the first Saturday of the month. Our next date is **April 6** at 9:30 AM on the SMM's playground behind the church. Join other preschool-aged children and their parents who want to get to know others in the parish—just come and have fun!

For more information, contact Emily Skyrms at theskyrms@gmail.com or call 609-932-8067.

NEW! EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF THE EUCHARIST MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12 • 7 PM

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend a meeting this Tuesday at 7 PM. Msgr. will address current liturgical and procedural items for distributing the Sacrament at Mass. The meeting will last approximately thirty minutes in the main church. We appreciate your service and thank you in advance for making the time in your schedule for this important meeting.

NEW! RESPECT LIFE NEWS
PRO-LIFE SEMINAR

Sts. Simon and Jude Parish in West Chester will host a Pro-Life Seminar in Lowell Hall on Saturday, March 16, from 9 to 1, including lunch.

Registration is at 8:30 AM. Speakers from five area parishes will address current church activities and plans for 2024. **For questions, contact John at jduff1973@comcast.net.**

NEW! EILEEN GEORGE HOLY HOUR
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 2 PM

Join us for a grace-filled Holy Hour at Annunciation BVM at 401 Brookline Blvd. in Havertown. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our needs. After Benediction, you can join us in the hall for light refreshments. Additional Prayer dates are May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 15 from 2 to 3 PM. For questions, call or text Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES APPEAL

Did you know that one in five individuals throughout the greater Philadelphia area count on the Archdiocese's Catholic Charities Appeal?

Your gift provides vital support to almost a million people in need who are served in various organizations, ministries, and programs in our archdiocese. For a complete listing of beneficiaries and more ways to support or donate to this year's campaign, which began in February, visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org, or pick-up a flyer or envelope in our Narthex.

JOIN US! THAT MAN IS YOU!
THURSDAY MORNINGS • 6:25 AM





*St. Mary Magdalen School
2024 Gala*

Auction Opens March 10th

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Let the bidding begin!**

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*105. Dinner for 6 at Casa de Chiello
on Friday, May 10, 2024*

Gather 5 of your friends, allow Melanie to prepare a scrumptious dinner for the 6 of you at the Saint Mary Magdalen Rectory, and dine with Monsignor Chiello while Terri Kilcur, his sister, takes care of the serving! This gathering around the dinner table will surely be complete with anecdotes and musings from Father Ralph's quarter century at SMM.

A perfect farewell meal to share with our beloved pastor!

Register now to see all the fabulous auction items.

<https://smmgala2024.cbo.io>

or scan the qr code with your cell phone camera.

For more information email gala@stmarymagdalen.net



WE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

Welcome! New family to our parish? Stop by or call the office to register.

Zaneta and Dan Constantino & family

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Anna DeFidelto, Deacon Leonard Diana, Frances Bradley, Ruth Bledsoe, Irene Byrne, Helen Behler**, those souls have died due to the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine, US military personnel who died, those souls recently lost to violence, and the 4,000+ babies aborted daily.

A TIME TO HEAL

Please pray for our sick. Call the Parish Office if you or a loved one is ill.

Kevin Boylan, Bill Boylan, Joe Cahill, Anthony Carbo, Christine Cavaliere, Phil Franco, Joseph DeFabio, Kieran Doran, Rosemary Dougherty, Theresa D’Orazio, Les Fry, Kevin Gallagher, Katie Garwood, Jacquelyn Gibbons, Bob Gentile, Cole Keith, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Joe Malloy, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Marion McCarthy, Mary Jane McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Dorothy Milliner, James Moerman, Joan Murphy, Mike Murphy, Carol Ortner, Bill Pace, John Pollera, George Rodgers, Naomi Rouse, Daught Ryan, Peter Salemo, Angelina Scarpa, Brendan Shain, Susan Sowa, Eleanor Tiongson, Amerigo Tomassi, Mark Torregosa, Bill Virbitsky, Joanne Winchester, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

For baptismal information, call or email baptisms@stmarymagdalen.net

Lucy Traband, Lucy Moses



The beautiful Baptisms of Stevie McKenna Boland and Mason Michael Quinn!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 AM – Ryan P. McKnight

4:30 PM – Mary Magee Finn

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 AM – Ints. of Arthur Krauss

9:30 AM – Joseph P. Boyle, Sr.

11:30 AM – Carmen Maurone

5:30 PM – Kate Mulhern

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:30 AM – Marcella Quirk

8:30 AM – Mass of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 AM – Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM – Francis James Johnson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:30 AM – Anna DeFidelto

8:30 AM – Jennifer & Angelo Vinci

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

6:30 AM – Irene Byrne

8:30 AM – Walter Whayland

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 AM – Ruth Bledsoe

8:30 AM – Ann & Peter Minizak

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 AM – Martin T. Sarkees

4:30 PM – Pamela Marchese Glennon

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 AM – Eileen Brett Flynn

9:30 AM – Joseph P. Mylotte

11:30 AM – Anne Marie McGreal

5:30 PM – Jean Barone

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Anna DeFidelto

CANDLE

In memory of Herb Philips

NEW! ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS

Our ministry helps individuals and families facing a crisis with food, shelter, and the love of Jesus.

This month, we are helping a husband and wife with severe, chronic medical issues. They have a grown son at home who is autistic. We purchased several hundred dollars of medical supplies that insurance doesn't cover and are paying their utility bills. Please place Donations in our metal donation box in the Narthex. Thank you. If you know someone facing a crisis, call Paul Feuerstein at 610-529-1672.

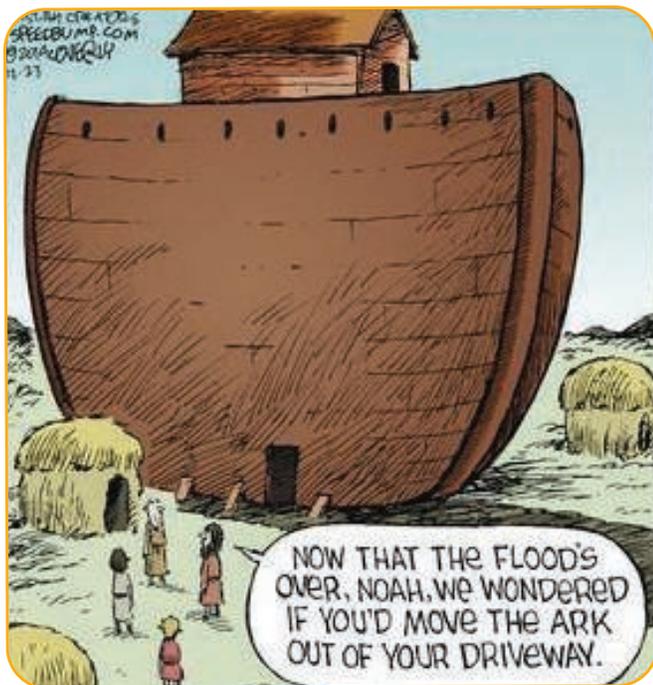
NEW! BONNER-PRENDIE REUNION 50TH REUNION—CLASS OF 1974

Monsignor Bonner-Archbishop Prendergast High School's Class of 1974 is planning its 50th Class Reunion from 6 to 10 PM on **Friday, September 27**, at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall. The Reunion Committee seeks to email alumni—please submit your current name and contact information, including your email, to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Our 9:30 AM Mass offers **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** to children in K through 3rd grade in the Chapel with the regular Mass. Plus, **Little Church School** is available to little souls, ages 3 through 5, to learn about Jesus through song and activities.

A LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR



UNLOCK YOUR HIDDEN POTENTIAL! THE UNFORESEEN BENEFITS OF JOINING OUR CHURCH CHOIR

Singing in a choir is about a lot more than just making music; it's about being part of a community. It's about coming together with people who share your passion for music and creating something beautiful together. Moreover, being part of a choir provides an opportunity to serve your community and draw closer to God through worship. When you sing praises with others, you're participating in an act of communal worship that can deepen your faith. Don't let fear or uncertainty hold you back from experiencing the joy and fulfillment that comes from singing in a choir. We are in need of singers for our SMM adult choir. **Contact Ralph Purri at rpurri@stmarymagdalen.net or stop by the organ and speak with him.**

**TODAY'S READINGS BEGIN ON 614
IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL**

STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

February 2024	\$109,599
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EFT:	\$45,641
February 2023	\$110,551
Collection:	\$34,134
Mail-in:	\$30,459
EFT:	\$45,958

2023-24 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

Parish: \$68,655 School: \$30,875
2022-23: \$82,781 School: \$44,105



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AA Meetings		267-934-3455	Thursdays at 7 PM in Rectory Basement
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