

Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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



Jesus Calls Us to be Good Shepherds

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Do you find peace and security in the Good Shepherd who diligently watches over his own?

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is willing to risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep, serving as the Guardian of our souls and families. He assures his followers of everlasting life, the life of God within them, and eternal life in Communion of the Saints, instilling a sense of comfort and security in us.

Vince Zeller was a man who knew who he was, and he witnessed Jesus as the Good Shepherd through his love for our faith, his family and friends, and even strangers. Participating at daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, Vince developed a personal relationship with our loving and merciful Lord. As a devoted son, husband, father, and steward of our parish finances, he shared his compassionate heart and caring hands of Jesus. Now that Vince rests in the heart of our merciful Savior, let us pray to Vince to intercede for the peace of our Good Shepherd for Shelly, his family, and friends.

All of us have the potential to grow in our adult faith by accepting Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The Risen Lord sends God's Powerful Spirit to grace and guide our daily decisions, empowering us to become Missionary Disciples of Jesus. As your pastor, I am deeply grateful for the many blessings of growing closer to Jesus through worship, education, and works of charity. My greatest joy is witnessing you pass on the gift of Jesus to your family and friends. Have you experienced the profound peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

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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.
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 using the 'Parish Giving' link or program, or send your offertory to our parish office. Thank you!

He is not here
HE IS RISEN



**GO, GLORIFY
THE LORD BY
YOUR LIFE.**

**A MASS OF THANKSGIVING
HONORING MSGR. RALPH J. CHIEFFO
SUNDAY, JUNE 2 • 9:30 AM MASS**

Save the date so you can be sure to join us for a very special day of appreciation which begins with a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of our dear pastor, Msgr. Ralph Cheiffo! We will gather at the **9:30 AM Mass** on **Sunday, June 2** (*Corpus Christi*).

Afterward, we welcome parishioners and friends to join us in St. Francis Hall for some food and parish fellowship—plus a few other surprises. All are welcome!



**NEW! THE WAY CATECHESIS
SUNDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

Easter has come, and we all renewed our baptismal promises and renounced the devil's lies. As we renew our Baptismal Promises, We invite you to come and experience the regeneration of your baptism! We welcome those already in the Church's arms and those who may have lost their memory of how much God loves them to this faith-building catechesis. Archbishop Chaput said, "The twentieth century has seen an explosion of new forms of Catholic life, and one of the most dynamic of life and services is the Neocatechumenal Way.

The Way serves the Church by re-energizing Catholics who have grown cold in a culture that feeds the senses and not the Spirit. The Church needs a new Evangelization. One not rooted in a comfortable and familiar way." Pope Francis said, "The Way is an example of the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel." The Series of Talks or Catechesis answers those who are fading from the Church and those who already enjoy the fruits of the Church. We will meet on Sundays at 6:30 PM and Thursdays at 7:30 PM in St. Francis Hall.

There is free babysitting available.

For more information, call John Brokers at 484-678-0781 or Bernadette at 267-201-2649.



**TODAY! BETHESDA CASSEROLES
NEXT COLLECTION IS APRIL 21**

**NEW! MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION
SUNDAY, MAY 12 • MASSES**

We will hold our Annual Mother's Day Collection before and after the Masses on Sunday, May 14, for the mothers and their newborns who reside at the Mothers' Home in Darby. Baby clothes, diapers, wipes, formula, and other baby items are needed. We are so thankful for your continued support!

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

The Drs. John J. and Margaret T. Clark Memorial College Scholarship

Dr. John J. and Dr. Margaret T. Clark were devoted Saint Mary Magdalen Parish members. The Clarks directed that a gift be made through their estate to endow scholarships for students who were members of Saint Mary Magdalen parish toward their post-secondary education.

Annually, the Saint Mary Magdalen Scholarship Committee selects one eligible student to receive a scholarship toward two (2) years of undergraduate tuition for their chosen college, university, or trade school. The scholarship is \$5,000 per year for up to two years.

Eligibility for this scholarship requires that the student attended Saint Mary Magdalen School or Saint Mary Magdalen PREP (Parish Religious Education Program).

For the complete scholarship instructions and digital application, visit our parish website's Home page. **Completed applications must be submitted by Monday, April 22, 2024.**

If you have any questions, email the Scholarship Committee at clarkscholarship@stmarymagdalen.net.

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and organizations on page 9

GRATITUDE PRAYER

Thank you for serving others in the name of the Lord. Know that everything you do for others, you do for Him. Thank you for generously offering your time to those who need your talents. May God bless you for every act of love and kindness you provide in service to others. We hope you know that we appreciate you, all you do for others, and the difference you make in faithful service to the Lord, our God. May the Lord bless you abundantly. Amen.

NEW! THE HONOR ROLLS **CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL**

The following students demonstrated academic excellence in the 3rd quarter:

First Honors: **Cassidy Martin '24, Andrew Ortego '24, Kira Carroll '25, Keara Mangan '25, Matthew Chin '26, Gianna Mariano '26, Lucas Ortego '26, Jim Smith '26, Eva Marquis '27, Penelope Miller '27, Kathleen Rayfield '27**

Second Honors: **Jason DiPietro '24, Michael Foster '24, Sophia Grassi '24, Grace Kalinchak '24, Margaret Miller '24, Hope Scolis '24, Kara Hoy '25, Jane McAnally '25, Chiara Mersch '25, Abigail Adolph '26, Connor Bray '26, Ryan Crowley '26, Avery Murphy-Costanzo '26, Alanna Phillips '27, Isabella Tillilie '27.**

We congratulate these students for their achievements.



PRE-JORDAN CLASSES

We offer parents preparing for the joyful Baptismal day of their child a Pre-Jordan class. Parents are asked to attend the class before their child is baptized as it provides them with the theology of Baptism, explains the ritual and responsibilities, and shares some of the practical information regarding the Baptismal process in our parish. Godparents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. The classes are offered on the **first Sunday of each month after the 11:30 AM Mass** in the Gathering Room. Although advance registration is not required, it is helpful for planning purposes. **Please contact Stephanie at stephaniepdavey@gmail.com or call 610-812-5310 to RSVP or for more details.**



On March 14, seventy-one Confirmandi were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit through Bishop Edward Deliman. Congratulations!

CAMP GUADALUPE

June 24-28, 2024

in partnership with

St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media, PA

Campers ages 4-12

Teen Volunteers ages 13-17

Adult Volunteers ages 18+ with clearances



Join us for a fun-filled, memorable week where we pray and play through games, original music, crafts, formation, adoration, Mass, processions & apostolic service

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 2:30pm

Friday
9:30 - 12:30

Procession - Mass - Closing
(Families included)

OUR THEME FOR 2024 IS:

FAITHFUL ST. JOSEPH



Total Cost
\$90 First Child
\$75 for each additional child
\$275 maximum per family
**Scholarships available*



To register or volunteer online at:
www.livingbridges.org
For more info contact: 610-527-4770
or staff@livingbridges.org

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.**

NEW! RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Reflection: When the Father and Son come and abide with us, it is through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit unites the human family in bonds of self-giving love. Abortion and other manifestations of the culture of death, however, divide the human family because they are the opposite of self-giving. Holy Spirit, we need You and long for the unity You bring. Give us the love that overcomes division.

NEW! SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY

On April 8, SMM students sang "Here Comes the Sun" and "Walking on Sunshine." They learned all about solar eclipses, did lots of science activities, and even caught a glimpse through the clouds with glasses distributed by the school to all the students.



NEW! 2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK

We are happy to announce the 2025 Mass Intention Book will be open beginning on **Thursday, April 25**, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please visit the parish office to add your intentions for next year.

UNLOCK YOUR HIDDEN POTENTIAL! THE UNFORESEEN BENEFITS OF JOINING A 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.**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

passes through the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**May 30 to
June 3**



Full the schedule and how you can participate, use the QR code or visit:

phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

Welcome! New family to our parish? Stop by or call the office to register.
 Kurt & Catherine Linton, Constance Shelengian, Robert & Marta Guerra

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **John Krisciunas, Frank Santoro, Vince Zeller**, those souls have died due to the wars in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Sudan, and 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, Ray Kenney, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Joe Malloy, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Marion McCarthy, Mary Jane McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Dorothy Milliner, Darcy Moerman, 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.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations and blessings to newest newlyweds.

Skylar Wylie & Andrew Payne

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

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

Xavier Grzeczowski



The Scanlon Family celebrated the confirmation of Clare.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:30 AM – Ints. of Marie Barbich
 4:30 PM – Shirley Giannini

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 AM – Ints. of Christine Cavaliere
 9:30 AM – Andrew DeVoe
 11:30 AM – Christopher Dougherty
 5:30 PM – Joseph Alexander Bronte

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 AM – Vincent Zeller
 8:30 AM – The Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 AM – Raymond Davey
 8:30 AM – Eugene Barcaro

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 AM – Theresa Baer
 8:30 AM – Antonio Romeo

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 AM – Barbara Anne Bodzo
 8:30 AM – Matthew Mullin

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 AM – Frank Santoro
 8:30 AM – Ints. of Jean & John Scott

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 AM – Mel Fenerty
 4:30 PM – Emma Rose Campbell

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 AM – Ints. of Carrea & Hansen Families
 9:30 AM – Joseph P. Boyle, Sr.
 11:30 AM – Karl Grentz, Jr.
 5:30 PM – Edmund L. Dale III

FLOWERS

In memory of Vince Zeller

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Frank Santoro

CANDLE

In memory of John Krisciunas

EILEEN GEORGE HOLY HOUR **SUNDAY, MAY 12 • 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. Remaining 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.**



NEW! MOTHERS' HOME CHARITY GOLF EVENT AT PAXON HOLLOW **MONDAY, MAY 13 • NOON**

Come out on **Monday, May 13** for a 12 PM lunch and a 1 PM 'Shotgun Start'. Afterward, stay for a relaxing cocktail reception and barbeque at the beautiful Paxon Hollow Country Club. All proceeds go to **Mothers' Home** in Darby, whose dedicated mission is supporting pregnant women to prepare for motherhood and helping them to build a strong foundation for themselves and their children. **To register, visit mothershomegolf.com.**

A LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR



NEW! THE LEGION OF MARY **PRAY WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Msgr. Chieffo treasures his family photo of the Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Mother when it was enthroned in his home for a week in Italy. He recalls, "My Dad built an altar, and Mom decorated Mary with beautiful linens and flowers. We prayed for increased faith in God, family, vocations, and the church community." SMM's Legion of Mary invites you to host their blessed Marian Statue in your home for a week. **To arrange your Marian statue visit, please contact Eileen Mielcarek at eileen@facialrejuvenation.center.**

NEW! HOME VISITS

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Would you like your home blessed? **Please call our parish office to schedule a visit.**

TODAY'S READINGS BEGIN ON 629
IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL

STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

March 2024	\$ 91,399
Collection:	\$32,938
Mail-in:	\$17,238
EFT:	\$41,223
March 2023	\$122,745
Collection:	\$31,506
Mail-in:	\$39,557
EFT:	\$51,682

EASTER COLLECTION

2024:	\$46,681 (\$1,851 Flowers)
2023:	\$69,955 (\$525 Flowers)



Scan our QR code for a secure link to our 'Parish Giving' link for Weekly Collection, Annual School Fund, In Memory, Single Gift, Stewardship, and more.

We are grateful for your generous spirit!

AA Meetings		267-934-3455	Thursdays at 7 PM in Rectory Basement
Adoration Chapel	Shelly Zeller	610-353-7739	shellsing2@aol.com
Adult Choir	Ralph Purri	610-566-8821	rpurri@stmarymagdalen.net
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Altar Society & Church Care	Monica Grzeczowski	610-891-9483	monicajmj@gmail.com
Baptismal Class (Pre-Jordan)	Stephanie Davey		stephaniepdavey@gmail.com
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