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6 APRIL 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the most beautiful pieces of music ever written, in my opinion, is Hans Leo Hassler's *O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden*, which J.S. Bach famously inserted into his *Saint Matthew Passion*. It has found its way into English as the hymn, "O Sacred Head Surrounded." The hymn—both in its original Latin and in its German and English versions—is a meditation on the totality of Jesus' Passion: his head crowned with thorns, his face bruised and unbecoming, his body scourged. And yet, amazingly, to this poor criminal in a garbage dump (literally) outside of Jerusalem, angels and men bow their heads in worship.

There on the cross, dear friends, is God's judgment upon fallen humanity. It is a judgment that acknowledges the full implications of the fall and offers us a new beginning.

We understand the meaning of life—and its immense value—only with reference to Christ's passion. Today begins Passiontide, the final two weeks of Lent in which our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead us to an extended meditation on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, who mounted the Cross for my sins and those of the whole world. That is why we veil statues in these days and bring the musical instruments down to a minimum: so that we might gaze in wonder and silence our hearts before the awesome love of God manifest in Christ, the suffering servant. Like Saint John, Saint Mary Magdalene, and the Blessed Virgin herself, may we stand and keep watch in the shadow of the Cross during these weeks.

May we make our prayer of the hymn with its haunting melody: "O Jesus, by thy Passion, / Thy life in us increase; / They death for us did fashion / Our pardon and our peace."



Allow me to offer a few suggestions for making these weeks a time of grace:

Tomorrow, April 7th, is our **Lenten Day of Mercy**. We will have opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at 1:30 pm, 5 pm, and 7-8 pm. We will have many visiting priests here during all three sessions, so please join us to experience the tender compassion of our God.

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PARISH MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 7 PM

Weekday

Monday thru Friday
6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday

8:30 AM & 4:30 PM Vigil

**Confessions from 9 to 10 AM on Saturdays,
and 6:15 to 6:45 PM on Sundays.**

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

PARISH DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

Adoration Chapel: Monday from 7 AM to Friday until 1 PM.

Morning Prayer: 7:15 AM from Monday to Friday in the Chapel.

First Friday Holy Hour: 5:30 PM Adoration & Confessions,
followed by Mass at 6:30 PM.

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

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

Flame of Love Devotions: Noon on Fridays in the Chapel.

See ministries and parish services on our website.



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' secure link or scan the QR code.

Friday, April 11th at 5:30 is our **Lenten Simple Supper** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Stay afterward for **Stations of the Cross** at 7 pm.

Be sure to sign up for an **Adoration Hour**. Committing to an hour (or more) each week ensures that we can have an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our adoration chapel all summer long. The commitment covers May 1st through October 31st. Please scan the QR Code below or pick up a form in the narthex.

Finally, if you haven't completed the **Disciple Maker Index Survey**, please scan the QR Code on page 6, or visit our website for the link to the confidential survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute through April 10th. Your collective responses will aid us in our pastoral planning for several years.

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker



*'To speak of hope to those who are desperate,
it is essential to share their desperation.*

*To dry the tears from the faces
of those who are suffering,
it is necessary to join our tears with theirs.'*

—Pope Francis



NEW! ADORATION CHAPEL SIX-MONTH COMMITMENT SIGN UP NOW

The current six months ends on April 30, Please consider making or renewing a six-month adoration commitment from **May 1 to October 31**.

Dear Adorers,
Fr. Eric asks us to commit or recommit ourselves to ensure ample chapel coverage. Scan the QR code with your phone camera for the link to the adoration hour form.



LENTEN EVENTS



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 9 to 10 AM

Sundays from 6:15 to 6:45 PM

First Fridays from 5:30 to 6:15 PM

Good Friday from 9 to 10 AM, 12:30 to 2 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Gather with our community at 2 PM or 7 PM on Fridays (First Fridays at 7:30) during Lent.

DAY OF MERCY

Monday, April 7

Give yourself the gift of God's mercy and grace this Lent from 1:30 to 2:30 PM with the school, 5 to 6 PM with PREP, 7 to 8 PM.

MOMMY & ME HOLY HALF HOUR

Wednesday, April 9

All are welcome! Come bring your children to the Chapel from 9:30 to 10 AM with all their wiggles and joyful noises to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

EVENING OF PRAYER & PRAISE

Thursday, April 10

Join us in the Chapel from 7 PM to 8 PM as we prepare to journey through the Holy Week, with music provided by Melissa Goldhorn.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER

Friday, April 11 at 5:30 PM

Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 PM
To RSVP, email events@stmarymagdalen.net.

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12 at 4:30 PM

Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM & 7 PM

Knights' Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM



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ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S

DAY OF MERCY

Experience God's forgiveness and peace in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation offered throughout the day
this Monday, April 7, with our School and PREP
students. Adults are welcome at any service times.

PENANCE

1:30 to 2:30 PM {School Students}

5 to 6 PM {PREP Students}

7 to 8 PM

MONDAY
APRIL 7TH

An Evening of Prayer & Praise

Thursday, April 10th

Join us in the Chapel
from 7 to 8 pm
as we prepare to
journey through
the Holy Week.

with

Music by Melissa Goldhorn





How can we help our kids thrive in a phone-based culture?

A Catholic approach to Smartphones and Social Media

Monday, April 28 at 6 PM • St. Francis Hall

Join us for a conversation with Alex Haynie on the harmful effects of smartphones and social media on kids' mental health.

Evidence shows an alarming increase in poor academic performance, anxiety, and depression in today's youth.

Drawing on the new and bestselling book, *The Anxious Generation*, this presentation will identify what we are up against in our new phone-based childhood culture.

Join us as we begin a conversation about what we can do as parents and educators to help our children now.



Alex Haynie



Scan the QR Code
to register by **April 25**



TRIDUUM & EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 17

Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 AM
Mass of the Supper of the Lord at 6:30 PM
Night Prayer at 9 PM
Prayer at the Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 18

Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 AM
Confessions from 9 to 10 AM & 12:30 to 2 PM
Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM
The Passion of the Lord &
Veneration of the Cross at 3 PM

HOLY SATURDAY ~ APRIL 19

Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 AM
Confessions from 9 to 10 AM
Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 20

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM & 7 PM
No Sunday evening Confessions

NEW! KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS

EASTER CRAB CAKE AND CANDY SALE ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, APRIL 7

Place your orders now for the Knights' Easter Crab Cake and Candy Fundraiser. Order forms are available in the narthex. Please pick up your orders on Thursday, April 10, between 4 and 6 PM outside the school using curbside service. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 14982. Proceeds benefit Knights' local charities.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY, APRIL 13

The Knights invite you to join them after the 9:30 AM Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13, for this fun event. The egg hunt will occur in the back of the church and the lower-level parking lot area. All children up to fifth grade are welcome to participate!

NEW! TEA WITH THERESE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SAINTHOOD SUNDAY, MAY 18

Join author and EWTN guest Susan Brinkmann of LiveCatholic, for a **Lady's Afternoon Tea** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese of Lisieux on Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 4 PM in the Memorial Dining Hall at the Malvern Retreat House. The afternoon will feature assorted teas, treats, a video about the life of the Little Flower filmed on location in France, a gift basket raffle, giveaways, and resources for purchase.

Visit livecatholic.org to register.

THAT MAN IS YOU THURSDAYS AT 6:25 AM

Join us in St. Francis Hall for *Apostles in Springtime*. Doors open at 6 AM. Learn more at TMIY.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.**

How well is our parish supporting you?
Are you growing closer in your
relationship with Jesus and His Church?



We need your help
to assess our progress!

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey for the Archdiocese that provides insights into how well each parish is forming missionary disciples.

The DMI Survey is Open through April 10.

Scan the QR Code
or visit our website for
the survey link. We are
grateful for your input.



FOLLOW SMM ON



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Are you interested in joining our parish? Visit our website or stop by our parish office to register. We welcome new members weekly.

Courtney Seitter, The Klein Family, The Lynch Family

CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Joann Pagliei, Joseph Malloy, James Moerman**, those souls who died due to wars or conflicts including the Holy Land, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, those recently lost to natural disasters or acts of 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.

Carol Austin, Charles Bastian, Danielle Bastian, Kevin Boylan, Bill Boylan, Joe Cahill, Anthony Carbo, Tricia Carmen, Christine Cavaliere, Mary Cichanowsky, Jim Clark, Jean Cotter, Joseph DeFabio, Kieran Doran, Rosemary Dougherty, Theresa D'Orazio, Kevin Gallagher, Katie Garwood, Jacquelyn Gibbons, Bob Gentile, Rodie Henson, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Francis Iacovone, Rita Klauder, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Shellz Mangan, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Marion McCarthy, Mary Jane & Pat McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Michael McFadden, Dorothy Milliner, Dorothy Moerman, Daniel Murphy, Joan Murphy, Mike Murphy, Carol Ortner, Bill Pace, John Pollera, Nicholas Quercetti, Sr., George Rodgers, Naomi Rouse, Daught Ryan, Peter Salemo, Angelina Scarpa, Brendan Shain, Lisa Innaurato Shaine, Bill Snyder, Susan Sowa, Amerigo Tomassi, Mark Torregosa, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to our newest newlyweds!

Ashley Bross & Colin McDermott

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized! For baptismal information, visit our website for an intake form, call, or email baptisms@stmarymagdalen.net.

Capri Colette Trio, Saoirse Grace McFadden, Olivia Rose Smith



3rd grade PREP students enjoyed the outdoor Stations of the Cross last week.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 AM - Helen Elizabeth Huk

4:30 PM - Frances Brandell

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 AM - Ints. of Patt Sarkees

9:30 AM - Ann Henderson

11:30 AM - Marian & John Vadino

7 PM - John J. List

MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

8:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 AM - Luigi Scotto D'Antuono

8:30 AM - Frank Santoro

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 AM - Delores Lerro

8:30 AM - Vincent Zeller
& Christopher J. Lamoureux

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 AM - Matthew Mullin

8:30 AM - Marie & Frank Dreisbach

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

6:30 AM - Ints. of Rosemarie Hinkle

8:30 AM - Albert Spinelli

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 AM - Elizabeth Talone

4:30 PM - Ints. of Alan & Fran Okon

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 AM - Ints. of John Leopardi, Sr.

9:30 AM - Adele Page

11:30 AM - Patricia "Pat" Gonzalez

7 PM - The People of The Parish



BREAD & WINE

In memory of Joseph Malloy

CANDLE

In memory of Joann Pagliei

**NEW! MOTHERS' HOME
ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING
MONDAY, MAY 12**

Join us for this year's Mothers' Home Charity Golf Outing at Paxon Hollow Country Club on Monday, May 12. Enjoy lunch at 11 AM, followed by Golf with a 'Shotgun Start' at Noon. All proceeds benefit the Mothers' Home in Darby. **To sponsor or register for this year's event, please visit mothershomegolf.com.**

**NEW! HOLY HOUR & NOVENA
FOR EILEEN GEORGE'S INTERSESSION
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 2 PM**

Join us for a grace-filled Holy Hour on Sunday, April 13, from 2 to 3 PM at Annunciation BVM Church on 401 Brookline Blvd. in Havertown. The Holy Hour includes Adoration, Confessions, Benediction, and Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. Afterward, all are welcome to a social in the parish hall. Additional Holy Hour dates this year are May 11, June 15, July 13, August 10, and September 14. All are welcome!

**SOON! SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB TRIP
THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

Our Seniors' Social Club invites you to join them for their trip to the Walnut Street Theatre to experience the unforgettable musical 'Dream Girls' on Thursday, April 24. The price is \$212 per person, including a deluxe motor coach transportation to and from SMM, 2 pm show admission, followed by dinner at the Positano Coast Restaurant in Philadelphia. **For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Bill Moore at patbillbr4@comcast.net or call 484-420-4575.**

**WEST CATHOLIC COMMUNION BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 AT 9 AM**

Join fellow West Catholic alumni and friends on Sunday, April 27, at the Aronimink Golf Club at 3600 St. David's Road in Newtown Square. Mass at 9 AM, followed by breakfast and awards. **For tickets go to westcatholicalumni.org**

NEW! STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Last week, prayer partners worked together to make blankets for Project Linus. They provide handmade blankets to children who are ill, in treatment, or experiencing long hospital stays.



STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

February 2025 **\$94,315**

Collection: \$27,229

Mail-in: \$19,962

EFT: \$47,124

February 2024 **\$109,101**

Collection: \$31,475

Mail-in: \$31,985

EFT: \$45,641

We are grateful for your generous spirit!



Scan our QR Code for a secure link to our 'Parish Giving' link for Weekly & Special Collections, Annual School Fund, In Memory, Single Gifts, Stewardship, School Fund, and more.

A photograph of a blue ceramic bowl filled with a hearty soup, topped with fresh green herbs. Beside the bowl is a piece of golden-brown bread. In the background, there are some vegetables like carrots and green beans.

A St. Mary Magdalen Parish
& Knights of Columbus Council Event

A Lenten

Simple Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

5:30 to 6:45 PM  **St. Francis Hall**

*Join us for an evening of goodwill and fellowship that begins with a prayer
and a Lenten meal of homemade soups, salad, bread, and pizza.*

Goodwill offerings will benefit The Mothers' Home.

7 PM  **Main Church**

*Afterword, we invite you to stay to journey with Jesus during
the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday before the Passion of our Lord.*



RSVP by Tuesday, April 8

*Scan the QR Code or email events@stmarymagdalen.net
and please include your name and number in your party.*

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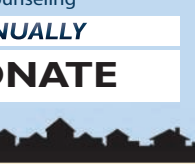
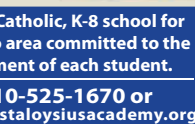
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