

Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

BUILDING A FAMILY OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST — THROUGH CATHOLIC WORSHIP, FORMATION & CHARITY.

APRIL 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus Transforms Hostility Into Hospitality



*Join us today at the 9:30 AM Mass to
celebrate Mary and Deacon Peter.*

This week, we welcome **Father Pio Mandato** for our **Forty Hours** devotion, which begins on Tuesday so we can revive, renew, and rejoice that our Risen Lord desires to live and love in and through us. As it was difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord, many Catholics have lost the belief that the Eucharist is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. Like the early disciples, we view the cross as defeat rather than victory over our sins and death. The empty tomb only makes sense if we believe in the Resurrection.

Our Risen Lord appeared to the disciples and listened to their pain and discouragement before teaching them that God chose to redeem us as a "Suffering Servant." Saint Augustine reflects: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind." How often do we fail to recognize the Lord as He speaks to our broken hearts when we face sickness, sin, and death? Jesus transformed our hostility to hospitality when we understood that our crosses form the bridge to eternal life.

The Acts of Apostles document how the early Christians devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles, prayer, scripture reflection, and shared their resources. Their trust in the Risen Lord empowered them to sacrifice themselves to the amazement and conversion of many. Are you hungry for that divine love, mercy, peace, and joy?

Come and listen to how our crucified and Risen Lord called Father Pio to become a priest and help others heal through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. (See the updated *Forty Hours* event details on page 3.) "Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life."

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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

Make a single secure donation on our website's 'Giving' page, or sign-up for recurring electronic donations through the 'Parish Giving' program, or send your offertory to our parish office. Thank you!

Revised Event Schedule

FORTY HOURS

Eucharistic Retreat with Fr. Pio Mandato

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 PM ✠ CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM ✠ HOLY HOUR WITH FR. PIO
with Evening Prayer, Conference, and Benediction

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 AM ✠ MASS

Mass with Fr. Pio, Blessing with the glove of Padre Pio, and Confessions afterward

6:30 PM ✠ CONFESSIONS

7 PM ✠ HEALING SERVICE

with Evening Prayer, Healing Service with the glove of Padre Pio, and Benediction

Thursday, April 27

8:30 AM ✠ MASS

Mass with Fr. Pio, and Confessions afterward

6:30 PM ✠ CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM ✠ MASS & CONSECRATION TO MARY

Mass with Marian Procession, Chaplet, & Rosary



About Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ

A Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton. He was born in Italy, and his parents came from Pietrelcina where Saint Padre Pio, the stigmatist priest, originated, and who they knew well. Fr. Pio received his first Holy Communion from Padre Pio before coming to the United States. He entered the Capuchin Franciscans at age 17, receiving his Franciscan and priestly formation. In 1985, he was ordained as a Capuchin. Fr. Pio has been involved in various apostolates, including as a hospital chaplain, aiding people experiencing homelessness, and giving retreats and Healing Masses.

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and organizations on page 9

View our 'Live Stream' Masses,
events, and full calendar online:

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TOMORROW! BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS MONDAYS • APRIL 24 THRU MAY 23

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."

Our parish reaches out and cares for those who have lost a loved one. We want to be your companions on your journey. Our sessions are scheduled for five consecutive Mondays starting on Monday, April 24, through Monday, May 23, at 1:30 PM in the St. Francis Room. All are welcome to join us at any time. We will be privileged to have **Sr. Marie Michelle Donnelly, R.S.M** as our guest speaker. **For more information, contact Dottie or John Donohue at 610-359-9394.**



NEW! LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR MAY STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Each May, our school students collect toiletries for elderly residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor's Holy Family Home. We welcome parishioners to join the students' collection effort. We will collect Dove bar soap, box tissues, and Jergens Body Lotion. If you want to donate, please drop the purchased items in the designated boxes in the Narthex behind St. Mary Magdalen statue. We are grateful for your generosity in assisting the Sisters and their Residents.



SIGN UP! MOTHER'S HOME CHARITY GOLF EVENT AT PAXON HOLLOW MONDAY, MAY 15 • NOON

Come out on Monday, May 15 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. For more information and to register, visit mothershomegolf.com.



NEW! LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR 'LIGHTS OUT' SPRING CONCERT • MAY 16

Enjoy a fun night out for a great cause! Join us on **Saturday, May 6**, at **Villanova's Mullen Center for Performing Arts** for the Little Sisters of the Poor annual Spring Concert with **Lights Out**—the ultimate tribute band to Frankie Valli, the Four Seasons, and more. The event begins at 7 PM, and admission tickets are \$50 per person. There is also an online auction that starts on April 23 and closes at noon on May 7. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the residents of Holy Family Home. To purchase tickets, call Villanova's Box office at 610.519.7474 or visit littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org for more information.



TOGETHER, AS A PARISH FAMILY, WE:

Renew. Revive. Rejoice.

TODAY! MASS & RECEPTION TO HONOR DEACON PETER & MARY SUNDAY, APRIL 23 • 9:30 AM MASS

Join us today for a special celebration of **Deacon Peter Zurbach** and his wife, **Mary**, for their joyful devotion and diaconal service to our Lord and parish family since his ordination in 1992.

For over thirty years, they served our church as leaders in many ministries, including RCIA, PREP, Pre-Jordan, served on the altar, and administered sacraments to our congregation.

Deacon Peter will be the homilist at the 9:30 Mass.

Afterward, we invite everyone to the St. Francis Room for a reception and light refreshments as we thank them for their faithful witness, dedication, and humble service. Deacon Peter officially retired last year as an active deacon for the Archdiocese;

however, as an ordained clergy, he and Mary will continue to assist our community. We are grateful to them as daily witnesses and loving role models for Jesus. We wish them continued love and happiness as they spend more time relaxing and enjoying each other and their beautiful family.

Lord, I am open to your possibilities. Please fill me with the wisdom, grace, and courage I need to step out of my self-imposed limitations and live in your possibilities. Amen.

NEW! SMM PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME SATURDAY, JUNE 3 • 9:30 AM

Meet other new families with small children!

Join us for our first playtime on Saturday, June 3, at 9:30 AM on the SMM's playground on the grass behind the church for a playdate geared to preschool-aged children and their parents who want to get to know each other and the parish. For more information, contact Emily Skyrms at theskyrms@gmail.com or call 609-932-8067.

No registration— just come and have fun!

MUSIC SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY

4:30 Vigil: Adult Choir; 9:30 AM: Guitar Group;
11:30 AM: Children's Choir (PREP First Communion)

NEW! A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

Dear Faculty, Parents, and Parish Community,

I am most thankful to our Interim Principal **Mrs. Jennifer Roerhig**, for her devoted love and sacrifices as our teacher, vice principal, and principal for over eighteen years.

With the recommendation of our Search Committee, I am appointing **Mrs. Amy Crawford Bauer** to be our principal this July 1, 2023.

Please pray for Jen as she continues to serve as our Interim Principal. Pray also for our faculty and parents that God will bless us with the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit to do our best, so God can do the rest.

Our Risen Lord's Love and peace,
Monsignor Ralph

NEW! FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are grateful for your dedication and generosity to our food collection efforts. The pantries we bring donations to are continually thankful for all we donate. As always, all items are appreciated; however, there is a particular need for coffee, snack cakes (like, Little Debbie's), granola bars, small snack bags, flour, sugar, canned goods, and baby items, including formula and diapers.

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.



Deacons & Msgr. gather to honor Deacon Peter & Mary.

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

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*School Fund donations are totaled annually by donor from July 1 through June 30.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

Melanie Williams and family, Jason and Michelle Wall & family

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

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Anthony LoGiurato, Amy Donaghy, Suzanne Verna Meager**, those who have died in the recent tornadoes, victims of gun violence, and those who have died from the war in Ukraine, those who recently lost a loved one, and the 4,000+ babies aborted daily.

A TIME TO HEAL

Please pray for our sick.

Please contact our parish office if you or a loved one is ill.

Kevin Boylan, Joe Boyle, Sr., Joe Cahill, Anthony Carbo, Christine Cavaliere, Chuck Deegan, Joseph DeFabio, Yvonne DiVario, Rosemary Dougherty, Theresa D'Orazio, Eileen Dwyer, Kevin Gallagher, Katie Garwood, Helen Forrest, Frank Franco, Bob Gentile, Cole Keith, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Joe Malloy, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Marion McCarthy, Mary Jane McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Al Mele, Dorothy Milliner, Marian Moran, Alan Okon, Carol Ortner, Bill Pace, John Pollera, Lynn Procopio, Patricia Rafferty, Jim Register, George Rodgers, Naomi Rouse (*baby*), Linda Romano, Daught Ryan, Peter Salemo, Angelina Scarpa, Brendan Shain, Susan Sowa, Eleanor Tiongson, Mark Torregosa, Peter Triponi, Joann Trollo, John Vadino, Bill Virbitsky, Joanne Winchester, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized! *For baptismal information, call Ext.107.*

Fiona Bernice Dailey, Liliana Grace Napoletano



Friends and family celebrate the Zurbach's years of service to our parish!



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:30 AM – Ints. of Tricia Combs

4:30 PM – Eugene Barcaro

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 AM – Ints. of Jean and John Scott

9:30 AM – Patrick, Eleanor
& Joyce Blizzari

11:30 AM – Rosemary Johnson

5:30 PM – Alphonse DiGiovanni

MONDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 AM – Matthew Mullin

8:30 AM – James McHale

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 AM – Barbara Anne Bodzo

8:30 AM – Teresa Lyons

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 AM – Catherine Inglis

8:30 AM – Ints. of Jean & John Scott

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 AM – Giulio Pugliese

8:30 AM – Mel Fenerty

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 AM – Communion Service

8:30 AM – Ints. of Elese Wichman

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 AM – Ints. of Clare Flynn

4:30 PM – Hugh McCabe

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 AM – Giuseppe Paul
and Rosaria Raspa

9:30 AM – Mel Fenerty

11:30 AM – Deceased members
of the Clark Family

5:30 PM – Alphonse DiGiovanni

FLOWERS

In memory of Amy Donaghy

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Anthony LoGiurato

CANDLE

In memory of Suzanne Verna Meager

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL GIVING HOPE TO ALL

In these extraordinary times of need, we call on you, the faithful, for help. **The Catholic Charities Appeal** makes a difference to thousands in need each year. As the largest annual fundraiser in the Archdiocese, reaching our annual goal of \$12.5 million is critical; otherwise, those in dire need will not receive the services they rely on to survive. We can answer His call to help others who cannot help themselves. Please consider a gift to the **2023 Catholic Charities Appeal** and give hope to all who have lost it.

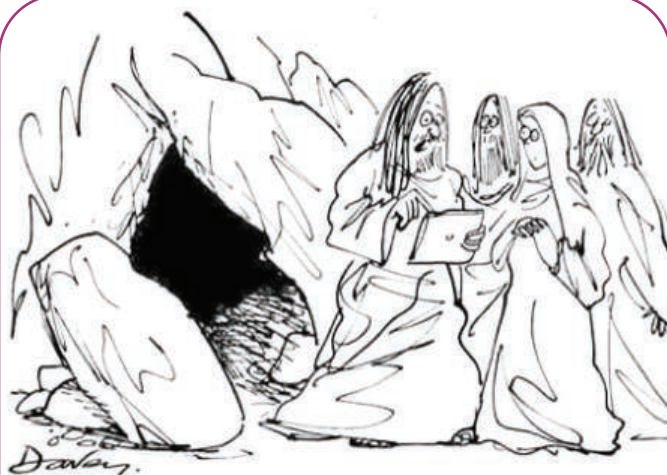
Visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org or pick-up an envelope in the our church's narthex.

NEW! ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

This April, we are helping a single mother and her four children who live in Clifton Heights. Her sons are both disabled, one with severe autism and the other has cerebral palsy. She is being forced from her rented home because the landlord is selling it in May. She needs help with moving expenses and a security deposit when she finds an affordable place to live; thus far, she has not found anything. We thank you for your financial support and prayers for this family. **Please consider joining our ministry; call Paul Feuerstein at 610-529-1672 for information.**

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IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL**

NEW! A LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

NEW! RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Students for Life, formed in 1988, is a nationwide Pro-Life organization that familiarizes college and high school students with the culture of life issues. When they visit campuses, opposing protesters approach them, which can be challenging. In April, their visits include Georgetown, UCLA, University of Ohio, and the University of New Mexico. Please consider sending them a note of encouragement or thank you to their leader at kristan@studentsforlife.org. **To donate, visit studentsforlife.org.**

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Collection: \$35,080
Mail-in: \$24,643
EFT: \$41,729

Easter 2023 \$54,600

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We are grateful for your generous spirit!

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