

Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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

10 MAY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is an exciting week at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish! We anticipate the announcement of our pastor at the end of the week, and on Saturday, Deacon Jude and eight of his classmates will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Pérez at the Cathedral.

This is a moment of profound joy for our parish and for our entire Archdiocese, and a reminder that Christ continues to call young men to follow him and tend his humble flock.

Deacon Jude will be here to preside at a special Mass on Sunday, May 31st, at 9:30 AM. A reception will follow in Saint Francis Hall to celebrate his ordination.

You may also see him around during the month of June, assisting at the parish until his new assignment begins on July 1st.

Today, I offer a short reflection on the dignity of Motherhood on this Mother's Day.

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker



Though secular in its contemporary origins, the celebration of Mother's Day is an affirmation of so much that is true, good, and beautiful about the world: that God has ordained that children be brought up in a loving home with the encouragement and support of a mother and father who care for them. Every single one of us has a mother—a woman who loved us before we were born. What a mystery and blessing!

The tragedy of abortion adds a new dimension to the dignity of motherhood, as the option to terminate a pregnancy is ever-present and disturbingly convenient. How sad it is when I hear parents whose ob/gyn offices suggest such an option so easily in response to prenatal diagnoses that often enough end up being false alarms. For this reason, we should support wonderful initiatives

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PARISH MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Weekday

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

On Mondays Mass is at 8:30 AM.

Saturday

8:30 AM & 4:30 PM Anticipated Mass



**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 Tuesday to Friday in the Chapel.

First Friday Holy Hour:

6:15 PM to 6:45 PM Confessions, followed by Adoration,
Vespers, & Benediction at 7 PM to 8 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.

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like Mother's Home and this weekend's baby bottle drive to support the important work of helping mothers in difficult circumstances to make the courageous decision for life.

At the same time, I know there are some out there who have complicated histories with their parents, and for whom Mother's Day brings a mix of emotions. All of our parents do the best they can, I think, but sometimes their own woundedness leaves scars in the hearts of their children. We can and should bring this to the Lord in prayer, who heals our wounds through His own and who offers us the "peace of God which surpasses all understanding."

These complicated parts of motherhood notwithstanding, we can still—even in the imperfect circumstances—give thanks for the gift of motherhood, especially in our midst. We have so many families in our parish with mothers who truly exemplify a spirit of self-sacrifice in seeking to build up their families in love and contribute to our community here. I am grateful to all of you! As the blessing given to them on this day says, "may we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect."

NEW! TUESDAY EVENING ROSARY

The 7:15 PM Rosary continues on Tuesday evenings with James Daltzell. For more information, contact the parish office during business hours.

NEW! MASS PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16

4:30 PM—Fr. Eric Banecker

Sunday, May 17

7:30 AM—Fr. Robert Pesarchick

9:30 AM—Fr. Eric Banecker

11:30 AM—Fr. Eric Banecker

7 PM—Fr. Robert Pesarchick

**This schedule may be subject to change without notice.*

"They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." (John 14:6)

NEW! THANK YOU! KENTUCKY DERBY GALA

A heartfelt thank you to the many generous supporters who made our gala such a memorable and meaningful evening in support of our school! **View the video and photo library on our website:** stmarymagdalen.net/gala.

NEW! DEACON JUDE OPARA TO BE ORDAINED AS A PRIEST SATURDAY, MAY 16

With praise to God and joy in our hearts for Deacon Jude Opara, who is called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the Priesthood. Deacon will be ordained by the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by Archbishop Nelson Pérez on Saturday, May 16, at 10 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel in Philadelphia. Deacon Jude was ordained a transitional deacon on May 10, 2025, after completing his theological studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and arrived at St. Mary Magdalen shortly afterward, quickly immersing himself in our spiritual community. He is originally from Nigeria and the 4th of 5 boys in his family, who still reside there. As we look forward to his ordination, we ask for your prayers for him and his eight fellow transitional deacons as they prepare to be ordained as priests.



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Ascension Thursday
JOIN US ON MAY 14

MASSES AT 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

"...AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE WORLD."

QUO VADIS DAYS 2026

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

June 22-25 2026
Registration Due: May 22, 2026
Registration: \$25-300
sliding scale, pay what you are able

Who: High School Men; incoming freshmen to graduated seniors

What: a 4 day 3 night camp for high school men in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia focused on fun, prayer, and fellowship

Where: Black Rock Retreat Center (Quarryville - optional bus transportation available)



Scan for registration details or visit:
HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis

Join the Vocation Office, Philadelphia seminarians, priests, and friends from around the Archdiocese for a week of fun, games, prayer, and faith!

Questions?
lpickell@archphila.org (610-667-5778)



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

As we pray for peace in the Middle East and around the world, for an end to strife, let us pray for our veterans, all those currently serving in our military, their families, and especially those in our SMM family:

Timothy Brown, 1st Lieutenant USMC, C-130 Pilot, stationed at Iwakuni, Japan.

Mick Horrocks, Lieutenant, US Navy.

Thomas Kerr, Petty Officer 2nd Class, US Navy, stationed in Rota, Spain, deployed on USS Bulkeley.

Michael Macdonald, US Navy Ensign, studying to instruct nuclear propulsion to officers, stationed in Charleston, South Carolina.

Evan Rosenberg, 1st Lieutenant, US Army, 1st Battalion, 41st field artillery regiment stationed at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

Fernando Sommo, Lieutenant, US Navy, Nuclear Power Officer, deployed on USS George H W Bush.

Brian Szipszky, US Navy Ensign, stationed in Norfolk, VA, serving on the USS Ross.

Jack Szipsky, US Air Force Captain, 21st Special Operations Squadron. He is a CV-22 Osprey pilot based in Yokota Air Base in Tokyo, Japan.

Mikayla Szipsky, US Space Force Captain, (wife of Jack), based in Yokota Air Base in Tokyo.

Eli Volk, Lieutenant, US Navy.

If you have a loved one or friend currently serving, or a veteran in need of prayers, please let us know by emailing Jessica at jessica@stmarymagdalen.net.



CELEBRATE! OUR PARISH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

We are grateful to all our Servants of God for their devotion and service to our parish community. As a parish community we pray for you and wish each of you a very blessed and happy Ordination Anniversary! We thank you for answering His Call!

Rev. Eric J. Banecker – May 19, 2018
 Rev. Msgr. Ralph J. Chieffo – May 17, 1975
 Rev. Robert Pesarchick – May 18, 1991

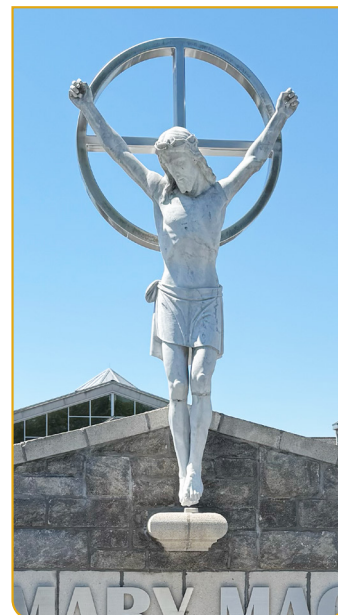
Deacon E. Peter Zurbach – June 6, 1992
 Deacon James DiFerdinand – June 2, 2007
 Deacon Joseph Boyle – June 12, 2021
 Deacon Bob Szipszky – June 8, 2024

NEW! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Vince Canzanese and Bob Hedgepeth for all the hard work and care you put into making our church shine so beautifully. Your dedication truly makes a difference!



Before



After



We currently have openings in our **Pre-K 4** class for the 2026-2027 school year.

To inquire, scan the code or call 610-565-1822.






MOMS' TEA

Our Delaware County MOMS group invites all women to join us for a MOMs' Tea to honor the mothers of priests & religious. Join us on

Friday, May 15
9:30 to 11:30 AM
St. Francis Hall

For more information, contact Sarah Albanese at sarah.albanese@gmail.com.



CASSEROLE COLLECTON

Next Weekend!

Place your frozen casserole in the cart. Tins and lids are available in the Narthex, or party size frozen meals may be purchased.

Donations of toiletries and socks are also appreciated.

Thank you!



MARIAN APPARITIONS EXHIBIT

SATURDAY, MAY 23 & SUNDAY, MAY 24

All area parishes are invited to visit the Marian Apparitions Exhibit on Saturday, May 23 from 2 PM to 6 PM, and Sunday, May 24 from 10 AM to 5 PM at St. Gabriel Church in Norwood. Contact Suzanne at sameesuee@msn.com for more information.



WISDOM & WELCOME WEDNESDAYS MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

As the Church prepares for the 250th anniversary of the United States, the U.S. bishops are inviting Catholics to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, trusting in Christ's love, mercy, and hope for our nation. In this spirit, we invite you to our

Wisdom & Welcome Wednesdays, with a Sacred Heart Kick-Off Gathering for seniors on Wednesday, May 27, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in Philadelphia. Cost is \$30, including refreshments and lunch.

To register call 267-350-1830 or email asstdirector@msbt.org by May 24.



MILK AND HONEY MOMS & DAUGHTERS THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT

Enjoy a special retreat for Moms and Daughters (ages 9 to 12) on Saturday, May 16, at 10 AM at Sts. Simon and Jude, 8 Cavanaugh Court in West Chester. We invite Mothers and Daughters to come and discover together what it means to be feminine and how God guides us toward what is true, good, and beautiful. Cost is \$40 per mother-daughter pair, and \$15 per additional daughter, including breakfast and lunch.

To register, visit: MilkandHoneyTOB.com.



MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Intentions Book is now online. Scan the code or visit stmarymagdalen.net. You may also visit the Parish Office during business hours.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Tyler & Marlena DeMan



CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Adeline Ferguson, Clark Natali, Albert Mikalauskas**, those souls who died due to wars or conflicts, including our Service Members recently lost in the Middle East, those lost to natural disasters or acts of violence, and the 4,000+ babies aborted daily.

A TIME TO HEAL

Please pray for our sick. If you or a loved one is ill and would like to be included for the quarter, please call the Parish Office.

Paul Berenato, Mary Cichanowsky, Jean Cotter, Diane Delaney, Betty Dietrick, Lynn Finelli, Jean Godorecci, Penny Henwood, Rodie Henson, Judy Larkin, Joseph McCabe, Fr. Alan Okon, Michelle Okon, Nicholas Quercetti, Sr., Naomi Rouse, Cynthia Sannutti, Quintin Sarne, Mark Scaleri, Bill Snyder, Maria Johnson Twining, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.



MARRIAGES

Congratulations to our newest newlyweds!

Vincent Luciano & Kerry Lynch

BAPTISMS

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

Theodore Dutch Bogaczyk, Matthew Mason Narzikul,

Lucy Marie Santangelo



Congratulations to our Disciples of Jesus Award recipients for March and April!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8:30 AM - Joseph Fuscaldo
4:30 PM - Joseph Patrick Walker

SUNDAY, MAY 10

7:30 AM - Ints. of the Procaccini Family
9:30 AM - Michael Ciavardini
11:30 AM - Phil Mullen
7 PM - The People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 11

6:30 AM - No Mass
8:30 AM - Margaret & Bertram Stevenson

TUESDAY, MAY 12

6:30 AM - Lynda J. DiGioia
8:30 AM - Giana Campbell

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

6:30 AM - Ints. of Michael D'Angelo & Michelle Okon
8:30 AM - Margaret M. Ryan

THURSDAY, MAY 14

The Ascension of the Lord
6:30 AM - Thomas Patrick Logan & James Ross McGinnis
8:30 AM - Michael Ciavardini
6:30 PM - Ints. of Deacon Jude Opara

FRIDAY, MAY 15

6:30 AM - Diane Thornton
8:30 AM - Margaret "Daught" Ryan

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:30 AM - Ints. of Deacon Jude Opara
4:30 PM - Patti Ryan

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:30 AM - Thomas Patrick Logan
9:30 AM - The Vinci Family
11:30 AM - Grace Flanagan
7 PM - The People of the Parish



FLOWERS

Ints. of our Service Members

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Kerry Barker

CANDLE

In memory of Josephine Gavio & Louise Matt

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NEW! THE HONOR ROLLS

Our parish recently received the following notifications of the performance of our high school students who achieved Academic Honors for the 3rd quarter or 1st semester of the school year:

MONSIGNOR BONNER & ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST

First Honors: Gavin DiRita '27

Gavin is also a member of the Bonner Prendie Friars baseball team. Congratulations to Gavin!

CARDINAL O'HARA

First Honors:

Abigail Adolph '26, Matthew Chin '26,
Avery Murphy-Costanzo '26, James Smith '26,
Molly Carroll '27, Isabella Tillilie '27,
Colette Breen '28, Ella Eusebio '28,
Kylie Sobel '28, Bella DiPaulo '29,
Kate Kalinchak '29, Julie McAnally '29,
Keira Stonelake '29, Joseph Thompson '29

Second Honors:

Connor Bray '26, Ryan Crowley '26,
Gianna Mariano '26, Eva Marquis '27,
Penelope Miller '27, Alanna Phillips '27,
Kathleen Rayfield '27, Harry Bastian '28,
Alex Foster '28, Fiona Gribbin '28,
Nathaniel Saleski '29

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors:

Shane Ebersole '26, Reagan Zalis '26,
Owen Gallagher '27, Brie Urbanski '29

Second Honors:

Ryan Hefferan '27, William Wood '27

SACRED HEART ACADEMY

Highest Honors:

Violet Gill '26, Grace Gill '28, Anna Gill '29

Honors:

Sarah McCormick '27, Lauren Savko '27,
Gretchen Reiner '29

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

Distinguished Honors:

MaryGrace Coyne, Victoria Bradley

First Honors: Anna Vickers

Second Honors: Alyssa Sexton

We are so proud of our student parishioners!

DELCO PREGNANCY CENTER VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

The Delaware County Pregnancy Center offers hope and life to women, men, and families facing an unplanned pregnancy, while inviting souls to experience Jesus Christ for themselves. They are currently seeking volunteers, with a special need for counselors. Training is provided. For more information, contact Holly Speace at 610-209-1677 or holly.delcopenancycenter@outlook.com.

St. Mary Magdalen Church Offers Venmo:

@StMaryMagdalenParish

We are grateful for your support!



venmo

Don't forget to add your gift type e.g., Mass Collection.

STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

March 2026 \$139,559

Collection: \$46,742

Mail-in: \$40,657

EFT: \$52,160

March 2025 \$131,345

Collection: \$43,405

Mail-in: \$44,975

EFT: \$42,965

Easter 2026 \$52,435

Easter 2025 \$49,318

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.

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Bishop Shanahan High School
People of God; People for Others

HOLY *Mass*

14 MAY 2026

6:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY

THE SCALLY BROTHERS

IN CONCERT



Join us for a special Ascension Thursday Mass, followed by the concert! Doors open at 5:15pm with an intermission between Mass and the 7:45pm concert.



LOCATION:
BISHOP SHANAHAN
AUDITORIUM

QR CODE FOR
TICKETS

