

# Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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

31 MAY 2026

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week, I would like to draw our attention to two significant events taking place in the wider Church, which, of course, affects us as well.

The first is the upcoming consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to be carried out by the bishops of the United States in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. All Catholics are encouraged to make a novena to the Sacred Heart from June 3-11 in anticipation of this profound spiritual act, in which we—faithful Catholics and loyal citizens—entrust our nation anew to the providential care of God.

I invite you to check out this website for more information on the novena:  
<https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus>.

Secondly, this past Monday, Pope Leo issued his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, On Safeguarding the Human Person in a Time of Artificial Intelligence. I certainly encourage everyone to read this encyclical letter, which I predict will have profound implications for our time. I would encourage all parish groups to use these summer months to study this document. I make a special appeal to those in our parish who work in the fields of government, business, law, medicine, and other sectors affected by A.I. I pray that this encyclical enlightens hearts and minds, so that leaders may make prudent decisions to use this emerging technology for good, not evil, placing the dignity of the human person, and not profit or power, at the center.

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker

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Tommaso Donini, The Holy Trinity (1625)



## 2 Mass & Devotions

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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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**STATEMENT OF MOST REVEREND  
NELSON J. PÉREZ WELCOMING POPE LEO XIV'S  
FIRST ENCYCLICAL, *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*,  
ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON  
IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

*I enthusiastically welcome Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity), with profound gratitude and encourage all people to read it with care and reflect on its vital message.*

*The Holy Father's teaching on safeguarding human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence speaks to a critical need and brings clarity to a confusing landscape. While this powerful technology presents significant opportunities to advance healthcare, education, and share the Good News of the Gospel, it also poses significant moral and ethical pitfalls that must be navigated and reflected upon.*

*Pope Leo emphasizes with crystal clarity that the sanctity of human life must remain paramount as artificial intelligence systems continue to develop and become more closely integrated into nearly every aspect of our lives.*

*The Holy Father has rightly called for rapid technological advancements to be accompanied by a moral and ethical framework that guides their usage. In *Magnifica Humanitas*, he says, "So-called artificial intelligences do not undergo experiences, do not possess a body, do not feel joy or pain, do not mature through relationships, and do not know from within what love, work, friendship, or responsibility mean. Nor do they have a moral conscience, since they do not judge good and evil, grasp the ultimate meaning of situations, or bear responsibility for consequences."*

*Pope Leo also clearly defined the challenge before us in his encyclical by stating, "Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." With the heart of a shepherd and a father, the Pope asks everyone, "to join forces in building up the common good, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell."*

*The Church's deep intellectual heritage, coupled with its teachings on social justice, and the Holy Father's wisdom, offer an opportunity for all of us to learn how to work and live with artificial intelligence platforms in ways that demonstrate compassion, respect, and charity.*

*On behalf of the bishops, clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful of the Church of Philadelphia, I encourage everyone to read, reflect upon, and pray about the important message our Holy Father offers us today. May God abundantly bless Pope Leo XIV and his Petrine ministry abundantly.*

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



**THANK YOU, FR. ERIC BANECKER**

We would like to express our deep gratitude to our pastor, Father Eric, for his dedicated leadership and for encouraging each of us to embrace our mission as disciples within our parish family and in the wider community. We invite you to celebrate Father Eric on Sunday, June 7, following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Francis Hall, where we will hold a reception in his honor. On June 15, Father Eric will begin his new role as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, as appointed by Archbishop Pérez. However, he will remain with us as pastor until July 1, when Father Kenneth Cavara will arrive to take over as our 8<sup>th</sup> pastor.

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# SENT PHILADELPHIA

A GOOD WORK CATHOLIC LEADERS WORKSHOP

## JUNE 8

Build a workplace culture where you and others can flourish humanly, professionally, and spiritually.

Who should attend? Catholic entrepreneurs, owners, executives, managers, and young professionals.

Drawing from decades of experience inside organizations, along with the principles behind the Good Work framework, we will explore practical, concrete ways to build a workplace marked by dignity, excellence, trust, and growth.

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7:30 AM: Registration & Continental Breakfast

8 AM: Morning Session  
*Why workplace culture matters more than you think; What "organizational culture" really is*

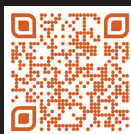
12 PM: Lunch

1 PM: Afternoon Session  
*What makes a culture truly good? Practical ways leaders cultivate flourishing.*

5 PM: Mass in Main Church

6 PM: Social, Optional

To learn more and to register, scan the code.



## LUMINISCE

See the Basilica in Philly come to life with light and sound!



Tickets on sale now!  
[luminisce.com/philadelphia](http://luminisce.com/philadelphia)

**NEW! ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CHOIR**  
**MAY 31 AND JUNE 7**

*It's More Than A Choir–It's a Community*

One of the most meaningful ways to grow in faith is to share your gifts in service to others—and our parish music ministry is a place where community, prayer, and friendship come together every week.

Whether you sang in a choir years ago, played an instrument in school, or simply love music and worship, there is a place for you here. Our Adult Choir and Handbell Choir welcome new members of all experience levels, and training is always available—even if your skills feel a little rusty.

For parents, our Children's Choir is a wonderful way to help young people grow in confidence, friendship, and faith through music.

Choir members often say that what began as "helping out" quickly became one of the most rewarding and life-giving parts of parish life. Rehearsals are filled with laughter, encouragement, and the shared purpose of helping lead our community in prayer.

If you have been looking for a deeper connection to God, a stronger sense of belonging, or a meaningful way to become more involved in parish life, we invite you to join us. The music ministry needs you—and we would love to welcome you. You don't have to be perfect—just willing.

Choir members will be available next Sunday, June 7, after the 9:30 Mass to answer any questions you may have.



**NOTE! MASS INTENTIONS**

Our Mass Intentions Book is available on our homepage, or scan the code.

**NEW! CAR MAGNETS**

St. Mary Magdalen car magnets are available for a donation of \$5 in the Parish Office.



# CAMP GUADALUPE

## June 22-26 from 9 AM to 12 PM

in partnership with

### St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media, PA

Campers ages 4-12

Teen Volunteers ages 13-17

Adult Volunteers ages 18+ with clearances



To register or volunteer online at:  
[www.livingbridges.org](http://www.livingbridges.org)  
For more info contact: **610-525-4770**  
or [staff@livingbridges.org](mailto:staff@livingbridges.org)

**Join us for another fun week of play, music, art, and learning about our Catholic faith!**



# First Friday

CELEBRATING HIS LOVE

## Friday, June 5

First Fridays at SMM, where we gather in Christ through fellowship, faith, and fun! Let's celebrate God's love for us in community.

6:30 AM

MASS

7:15 AM

MORNING PRAYER  
CHAPEL

8:30 AM

MASS

AFTER, ENJOY COFFEE & SNACKS · NARTHEX



5:30 PM TO 7 PM

PICNIC & BARBEQUE

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: PICKLEBALL,  
BEAN BAG TOSS, WATER ICE  
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

ST. FRANCIS HALL

6 TO 6:45 PM

CONFESSIONS

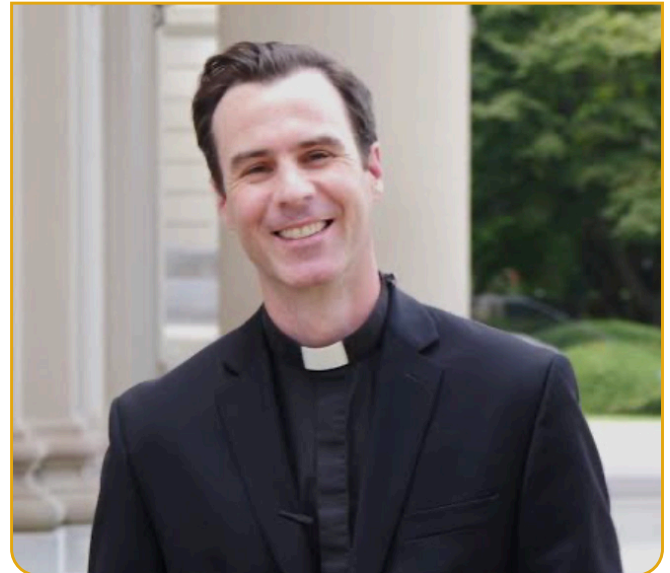
7 TO 8 PM

ADORATION HOUR

MUSIC, VESPERS & BENEDICTION

All are welcome to join the day's activities, as they fit into your family's schedule.

### NEW! MEET OUR INCOMING PASTOR FR. KENNETH L. CAVARA



Scan the code to discover more about Fr. Kenneth Cavara in this *CatholicPhilly* article written just before he was ordained a priest.



### REMINDER! SUMMER SCHEDULE

#### ADORATION HOURS

Adoration hours are available Tuesday at 9 AM to Thursday at 2 PM from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The chapel will remain open during its regular hours for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, present in the tabernacle.

#### NEW! MASSES

Our regular Mass schedule remains unchanged, including the 7 PM Mass on Sundays.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our parish offices is closed on Fridays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.



### REMINDER! MORE NEWS & EVENTS

For more parish news and information on events, visit [stmarymagdalen.net](http://stmarymagdalen.net), follow us on social media, or pick-up flyers in the Narthex.

FOLLOW SMM ON   

## 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.

The Bushong Family, Dan Fitzgerald, The Hermansen Family,  
Joseph Whelan, The Meindl Family



## CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Robert Auclair, Thomas McLaughlin, Arlene DuComb, Clark Natali, 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 Diedrich, Lynn Finelli, Jean Godorecci, Penny Henwood, Rodie Henson, Judy Larkin, 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.

Isla Bae Ambrogi, Faye Louise Ciccarelli,  
Antonella Caeli Piraino, Cooper Darius Shafagh



Principal Appreciation Day—Thank you, Mrs. Bauer, for everything you do for our school!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:30 AM - Ints. of Stephanie Davey  
4:30 PM - Margaret "Daught" Ryan

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

7:30 AM - Margaret "Daught" Ryan  
9:30 AM - Ints. of The Kelley Family  
11:30 AM - Grace & Gene Glanagan  
7 PM - The People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

6:30 AM - No Mass  
8:30 AM - Yolanda T. Doyle

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 AM - William Guarnera  
8:30 AM - Catherine DeVoe

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 AM - Thomas McLaughlin  
8:30 AM - Agnes Ruggierei

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

6:30 AM - Robert Auclair  
8:30 AM - Stephen Phillips

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 AM - Arlene DuComb  
8:30 AM - Ints. of Monica Grzczkowski & Family

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 AM - John J. Robins  
4:30 PM - Margaret "Daught" Ryan

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 AM - Philip J. Mullen  
9:30 AM - Benjamin Lehman  
11:30 AM - Margaret "Daught" Ryan  
7 PM - The People of the Parish



## FLOWERS

Ints. of our Service Members

## BREAD & WINE

Ints. of Peter & Angela Matt

## CANDLE

In memory of Christopher Sclafani

**NEW! COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED  
TUESDAY MORNINGS**

We are currently seeking volunteers to help count the Sunday collection. Volunteers meet on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM, and participation frequency is based on your availability and discretion. Coffee and snacks are provided, along with the appreciation of the Parish Community!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Daniela DiCandilo at [daniela@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:daniela@stmarymagdalen.net).



**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE  
"ONE NATION, UNDER GOD"**

**FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND**

To celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the USA, the United States Bishops are sponsoring a Eucharistic Pilgrimage that will bring our Eucharistic Lord along the east coast, ending in Philadelphia the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The culminating events, hosted by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Adorers are needed for the Continuous Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral from July 2 to July 4, or serve as a Procession Marshall from the Cathedral to the Shrine of St. John Neumann on July 5.

For more information on events, or to sign up as a volunteer, please visit [archphila.org/underGod](http://archphila.org/underGod).



**NEW! MASS PRESIDER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, June 6**

4:30 PM—Fr. Lowe

**Sunday, June 7**

7:30 AM—Fr. Eric Banecker

9:30 AM—Fr. Eric Banecker

11:30 AM—Fr. Robert Pesarchick

7 PM—Fr. Robert Pesarchick

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

**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT  
MONDAY, JUNE 22**

Join us for this year's Mothers' Home Charity Golf Tournament at Paxon Hollow Country Club on Monday, June 22. Enjoy lunch at 11 AM, golf with a 'Shotgun Start' at Noon, and a cocktail reception barbeque following golf. All proceeds benefit programs for moms-to-be and their newborns.

Visit [mothershomegolf.com](http://mothershomegolf.com) to register.

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**

April 2026 \$95,084

Collection: \$22,227

Mail-in: \$28,862

EFT: \$43,995

April 2025 \$126,290

Collection: \$43,494

Mail-in: \$30,875

EFT: \$51,921

Easter 2026 \$52,820

Easter 2025 \$43,173

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 NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH  
& ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENT

*Copus Christi*

# PROCESSION

*at* NATIVITY BVM IN MEDIA

*Thursday*

## JUNE 4

**6 PM** EXPOSITION, PRAYERS,  
& CONFESSIONS

Light a candle and pray in adoration. Confession opportunities.

**6:45 PM** PROCESSION IN MEDIA

After a period of adoration, we will make a 25-minute  
procession in Media and conclude at Nativity.

JOIN US FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL, FAITHFUL  
& COMMUNAL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION  
IN VENERATION TO OUR LORD.



Scan the QRs for Mass  
& Confession Times

Nativity BVM  
30 East Franklin Street  
Media, PA



St. Mary Magdalen  
2400 N. Providence Road  
Media, PA

