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8 NOVEMBER 2026

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



'The Wise and Foolish Virgins' by Peter von Cornelius (1813)

+JMJ+

Dear Faithful & Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ! On Thursday, November 5th, we were blessed to welcome Most Rev. Keith Chylinski to our parish for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to the newly confirmed and their families! Also, a special thank you to our teachers and catechists for preparing them.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Our Lord presents the parable of the ten virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise, and five were foolish. Although all ten carried lamps and all awaited the bridegroom's arrival, only the wise brought an adequate supply of oil. When the bridegroom finally came at midnight, the foolish virgins discovered that their lamps were going out. They were unprepared, and the door to the wedding feast was shut. Our Lord concludes this parable with a solemn admonition: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." *(Matthew 25:13)*.

The Church Fathers offer a beautiful spiritual interpretation on this parable, especially on the spiritual meaning of the oil for the lamps. St. John Chrysostom identifies the oil with charity, almsgiving, and works of mercy. St. Jerome sees it as the good works that must accompany our profession of faith. St. Augustine teaches that the oil signifies charity dwelling within the heart, not merely an outward appearance of religious devotion. Therefore, we draw a lesson that it is not enough to possess the lamp, but that the lamp must be kept burning through the love of Almighty God, the practice of virtue, mercy, perseverance in holiness, and a good conscience. This also explains why the foolish virgins cannot borrow the oil. You cannot borrow another person's charity, another person's holiness, or another person's relationship with Almighty God.

There is also a particularly beautiful connection between this Gospel and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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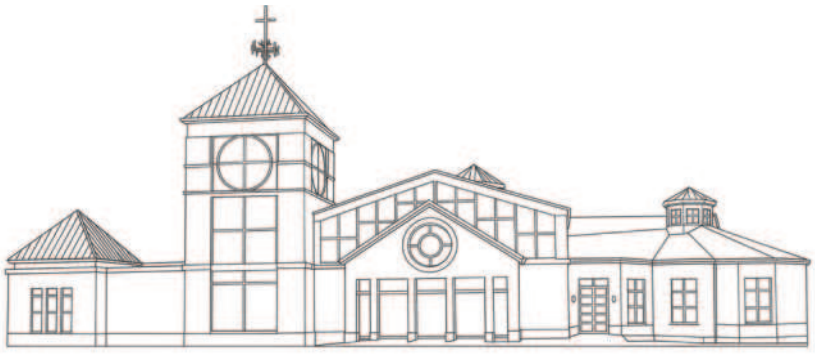
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PARISH MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

Weekday
Tuesday through 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:
Chapel is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for personal prayer. Our Exposition Hours are currently from Tuesday at 9 AM to Thursday at 2 PM.

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

First Friday Devotions *(except July and August)*:
6:15 PM to 6:45 PM Confessions, followed by Prayer, Adoration & Benediction from 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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In Confirmation, the baptized Christian is anointed with Sacred Chrism. As the bishop anoints the forehead, he proclaims: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." This sacred anointing is not merely a ceremony or an outward sign. It signifies the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who strengthens the soul, increases the grace received in Baptism, and equips the Christian to live and defend the Catholic faith.

Through Confirmation, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened within us: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These gifts are given so that we may grow in holiness, resist temptation, persevere in faith, and bear witness to Christ in the world.

Consider, then, the wise virgins and those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The lamps of the five wise virgins were ready because they had made provision for the bridegroom's arrival, even when he was delayed. Likewise, the grace received in Confirmation must be cultivated throughout our lives. The Holy Spirit does not anoint us merely for the day of our Confirmation; He strengthens us for a lifetime of Christian discipleship. When we cooperate with His grace through prayer, frequent reception of the Sacraments, fidelity to the teachings of the Church, works of charity, and the daily practice of virtue, then we, like the wise virgins, make our provisions for Christ, the Bridegroom.

In addition, the imagery of oil, light, and spiritual readiness offers a fitting occasion to reflect upon the gift and effect of the grace given at Confirmation to complete our Christian initiation. A Catholic who has received Confirmation is called to be a light in the darkness of this world. We are not to hide our faith, grow lukewarm in our devotion, or allow the flame of charity to grow dim through sin and neglect. Rather, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we are called to live as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ until the day we meet Him face to face.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, obtain for us the grace of perseverance, that our lamps may always be burning brightly and that, when the Bridegroom comes, we may be found ready to enter with Him into the eternal wedding feast of Heaven.

May our Lord bless you and our Lady keep you! Be assured of my prayers.

In Christ,
Father Cavara

NEW! H.O.P.E MEALS MINISTRY

Helping Other People Every Day (H.O.P.E.) is a ministry dedicated to exactly that. A team of volunteers uses a sign-up system to prepare and deliver a meal once or twice a week to those in our parish community who are suffering a setback, are homebound, or are experiencing an illness. If you need a meal service or would like to volunteer, please email Kelly Hassey at kellyhassey@msn.com. The commitment is minimal and extremely rewarding, helping bring hope and care to our parish community.

RECEIVING THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

As we come forward to receive our Lord in Holy Communion, parishioners who require a low-gluten host are invited to approach the Celebrant. He will have the low-gluten hosts with him, in a separate vessel from the main ciborium, as he distributes the Eucharist, generally from the center aisle. Thank you for helping us ensure that all who need a low-gluten host may receive the Most Holy Eucharist with reverence and care.

FIGHT HUNGER. FEED HOPE.

A St. Mary Magdalen Corporal Works of Mercy Ministry.

Did you know?
Media Food Bank serves over 260 families in Delaware County each week.

Some of the Media Food Bank's most-needed items include: cooking oil, dried fruits, protein bars, shelf-stable milk, peanut butter, jerky, canned salmon and tuna, taco kits, rice and couscous, crackers, laundry and bar soap, toothpaste, and baby items: formula, jarred food, diapers, and pull-ups. Food must not be expired. Items may be left in the bins in the narthex. Thank you!



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BE THE DIFFERENCE

SVDP Needs Your Help

Recently, the needs of those in our community struggling for safe shelter, food, and basic needs are growing. Over the past few months, SVDP has received numerous requests for help and rental assistance.

Our area's SVDP team has been able to assist many of the urgent requests, which were substantial; however, several more remain in critical need.

SVDP remains ever grateful for the support of our dedicated parishioners in our mission to aid those in dire need. Your kindness and gifts directly aid so many of our neighbors.

If you can help us to support families, please place a donation in our metal box near the food donation bins in the narthex. We thank you!

St. Vincent De Paul, Pray for us.

Be the change. **Give Blood.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8 AM to 1 PM
St. Mary Magdalen

Before you head out to get the perfect gifts for your loved ones this Thanksgiving, consider giving an invaluable gift to someone who needs it.

Our annual drive will be held in St. Francis Hall.

Scan the QR code
or visit **redcrossblood.org**
to schedule your time slot today!

NEW! PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

Congratulations to our sixty-seven students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, November 5, when Bishop Keith J. Chylinski conferred the sacrament on them.

Please keep them, their families, sponsors, and catechists in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit continue to grow in and through them as God's witnesses and as His missionary disciples in the world.

Below are the names of our confirmandi:

Samuel **John** Albanese
William **Michael** Barker
Charles **John** Bonner
Kyle **Joseph** Bracken
Charles **Joseph** Buchheit
Bridget **Katharine** Buckson
Charlotte **Agatha** Carpenter
Ryan **Francis** Caruso
Regan **Catherine** Cassidy
Lucas **Sebastian** Colterelli
Ava **Gianna** Costantino
Avery **Cecilia** Crooks
Charlotte **Cecilia** Davey
Benedict **Fulton** DiFrancesco
Chase **Lillian** Doogan
Lauren **Charity** Eusebio
Matthew **Lawrence** Fatica
Connor **Sebastian** Feeley
Madelyn **Dolores** Frederick
Korben **Paul** Gerst
Payton **Bridget** Grandieri
Desmond **Carlo** Gribbin
Sophia **Catherine** Grunwald
Tatiana **Elizabeth** Habel
Emma **Brigid** Hanway
Lucy **Anne** Hartman
Eliza **Mary** Heckler
Emma **Rose** Henry
Madalyn **Julia** Jeffries
Jude **Francis** Kenney
Chloe **Joan** King
Paige **Julie** Klauder
Emily **Clare** Koegel
Claire **Grace** Kokol
Olivia **Cecilia** Lake
Elizabeth **Anne** Leighton
Maximus **Demetrius** Lomas
Shane **Carlo** Lorine
Maria **Josephine** Malatesta
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Pia **Pio** Marino
Christopher **Michael** Mayerski
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Marin **Marianne** McCampbell
Nicholas **John** McCarthy
Claire **Jacqueline** McCormick
Hudson **Augustine** Michiels
Kendal **Francesca** O'Donnell
Emma **Charlene** Owens
Emmanuel **Sebastian** Pacheco Alemán
Evan **Stephen** Pisano
Alexandra **Frances** Roakes
Annabella **Mary** Roakes
Finn **Michael** Rouse
Shane **Carlo** Rouse
Emma **Josephine** Rudolph
Anna **Teresa** Saleski
Jameson **Francis** Scopelliti
Kellan **Andrew** Shane-Sanchez
Erin **Clare** Smith
Brooke **Elizabeth** Sullivan
Declan **Christian** Sutcliffe
William **Sebastian** Tashlik
Luciano **Angelo** Votta
Kennedy **Joan** Washek
Timothy **John** Wood
Logan **Jude** Wright

UPCOMING SMM EVENTS

MASS IN ITALIAN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 ✦ 7 PM

Join us at 7 PM for Mass in Italian, celebrated by Father Pesarchick. All are welcome!

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 ✦ 4:45 PM

SHE on Monday evenings for all women. Its fall theme is *Lift Up Your Hearts*, and it is offered weekly from 5 to 6 PM. Doors open at 4:45 PM.

THAT MAN IS YOU!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ✦ 6:30 AM

TMIY's fall series, Revelation of the Father, meets on Thursdays in St. Francis Hall. Doors open at 6:15 AM. TMIY welcomes all men 18+. Join us anytime!

MOMS MINISTRY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 ✦ 9:30 AM

Join us in St. Francis Hall as we come together to share the joys and struggles of motherhood, and to care and support one another. Enjoy complimentary babysitting and light refreshments. For more information, contact sarah.albanese@gmail.com.

'WE REMEMBER' CEREMONY & MASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 ✦ 11 AM

We will remember those who have returned home to the Lord and were buried from our parish from October 2025 through September 2026.

SMM BLOOD DRIVE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 ✦ 8 AM TO 1 PM

This year's annual blood drive will be held from 8 AM to 1 PM in St. Francis Hall. Please visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your time slot.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 ✦ NOON

The SMM Seniors' Social Club's annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at Noon at The Springhaven Club in Wallingford. To RSVP, contact Connie by November 27 at 610-420-4869. All are welcome.

SEE MORE EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
8:30 AM – Luigi Scotto Dantuono
4:30 PM – Marie Sanders

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:30 AM – The People Of the Parish
9:30 AM – Philip J. Cavalcanto
11:30 AM – The Carlino & Capuzzi Families
7 PM – Richard Bastian

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
6:30 AM – No Mass
8:30 AM – Elaine M. Au

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
6:30 AM – Frances Burkhardt
8:30 AM – Living and Deceased Members of The Culin Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
6:30 AM – George Burkhardt
8:30 AM – Ints. of Joanne Banecker

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
6:30 AM – Sharon E. Hannan
8:30 AM – Mary Jane Girondi

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:30 AM – Salvatore Salamone
8:30 AM – Margaret Mary Murphy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:30 AM – Theresa J. McDevitt
4:30 PM – James Ferry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:30 AM – Joseph & Berenice Brophy
9:30 AM – Ints. of The Sabol Family
11:30 AM – Philip Cavalcanto
7 PM – The People of the Parish

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FLOWERS
In memory of our Veterans

BREAD & WINE
In memory of Francis & Josephine Gavio

CANDLE
In memory of Salvatore & Giovanna Roberto

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 Mestichelli Family, Kelly Rogers

CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Anita Morris,** those souls who died due to wars or conflicts, including US 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.

Mary Cichanowsky, Mary Connor, Jean Cotter, Diane Delaney, Betty Diedrich, Jean Godorecci, Rodie Henson, Judy Larkin, Fr. Alan Okon, Michelle Okon, Eleanor 'Babe' Porto, Nicholas Quercetti, Sr., Naomi Rouse, Cynthia Sannutti, Quintin Sarne, Mark Scaleri, Bill Snyder, Anna Ortiz Torrent, Natalie Tuffy, Maria Johnson Twining, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to our newest newlyweds!

James Patane & Cameron Ducey

BAPTISMS

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

Lucy Ann Lake, Juliette Maria Flowers



Our 2026-27 student council is ready to lead—we look forward to a great year!

NEW! SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 12:45 TO 3 PM

Our Seniors' Social Club invites you to join us on Wednesday, November 11, from 12:45 to 3 PM in St. Francis Hall, located on the lower level of the church. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with lively conversations, entertainment, fellowship, and refreshments. This month, our entertainment will be Joey Vincent, Comedian and Singer.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 • NOON

All are welcome to attend this year's annual Christmas Luncheon at The Springhaven Club in Wallingford on Wednesday, December 9, at noon for cheer, good food, and fun with friends. The cost per guest is $42 and includes entertainment by singer Calvin Pressley. RSVP no later than November 27. Entrée selection is crab cake or filet. To reserve seats, please contact Connie Evanko at 610-420-4869.

NEW! 'WE REMEMBER' ALL SOULS' CANDLE CEREMONY & MASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 11 AM

On Sunday, November 15, at 11 AM, our parish community will come together to remember all of those who have returned Home to the Lord and were buried from St. Mary Magdalen Church between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026, in our annual 'We Remember' All Souls' Mass. During the Candle Lighting Ceremony, which will begin at 11:10 AM, before Mass, we will read each loved one's name, and a family member will present a candle to be lit and placed on the altar in their memory. After Mass, family members may take their keepsake candle home as a special remembrance. For all those who have recently lost a loved one, please know the members of St. Mary Magdalen are holding all of you in our thoughts, our prayers, and our hearts.

NEW! A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR INFANTS
NOVEMBER 21 • 10:30 AM

St. Laurence Church, located at 8245 West Chester Pike in Upper Darby, will offer a Mass of Remembrance to honor, pray, and remember children lost in the womb or infancy. A Potluck reception will follow. To RSVP to the reception visit: saintlaurencedelco.org/mass-of-remembrance.

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 15

Participants are invited to spend a weekend at the IHM Spirituality Center, located at 210 IHM Drive in Malvern, to engage in deep listening to God's voice through prayer and quiet. Those interested can choose to meet one-on-one with a certified spiritual director. The retreat is $200 for the weekend stay or $125 for the commuter (no overnight stay, includes meals). Meals and Mass are provided Saturday and Sunday. To register, contact Sister Anne Marie at ihmspcenter@gmail.com or 610-647-4136.

CATHOLIC COUPLES & CONVERSATION AT ST. NORBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Join Catholic couples from our area at St. Norbert in Paoli from 6 to 7:30 PM on November 13. Drinks and light fare provided, or bring your own. We encourage couples to go on a date after to continue the conversation! Located in the Oratory. For more information, contact Jen & Charlie Reid at 484-437-6894 or email jreid@peoplevest.com.



SMM CAR MAGNETS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Intentions Book for 2027 is now open. Visit our site, or scan the code.

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September 2025		$128,779
Collection:	*$47,662*	
Mail-in:	*$34,328*	
EFT:	*$46,789*	

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.

NEW! AGING WITH GRACE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 • 9:30 TO 11 AM

Join us for our first "Aging with Grace" event at SMM, where experts will offer guidance and support as we grow in grace. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and hear a brief discussion from our expert panel. Our panel will speak on wellness, safety, and finance. Our panel includes: David Carradorini, Financial Advisor with Equitable Advisors; Lindsey Conan-Dryer, Attorney and SMM parent, who will speak on wills and estate planning; Scott O'Donnell, ServPro owner and parishioner, offers home repairs and specialized cleanings; Nikki Chaffin, SMM parent from BeeOrganized, who will discuss organizing for life transitions. Additional information, handouts, and Q&A opportunities are available.
All are welcome.

NEW! SMM HELP WANTED:
PER DIEM FACILITIES AIDE
ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH & SCHOOL

Help us care for the place where our parish family gathers, learns, and grows in faith. Our parish campus is seeking a dependable, hands-on per diem Facilities Aide to support daily campus care and operations. This role is ideal for someone who takes pride in keeping spaces clean, safe, organized, and ready for students, parishioners, staff, and visitors.

The ideal candidate is reliable, safety-conscious, courteous, and able to perform light physical work in a school and parish environment. Previous light maintenance or custodial experience is appreciated. The successful candidate must obtain and maintain all required Safe Environment clearances. Please contact Deacon Joe at deaconjoe@stmarymagdalen.net for more information, or visit our websites.

NEW! MASS PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 14
4:30 PM—Fr. Kenneth Cavara

Sunday, November 15
7:30 AM—Fr. Bob Pesarchick
9:30 AM—Fr. Bob Pesarchick
11:30 AM—Fr. Kenneth Cavara
7 PM—Fr. Kenneth Cavara

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

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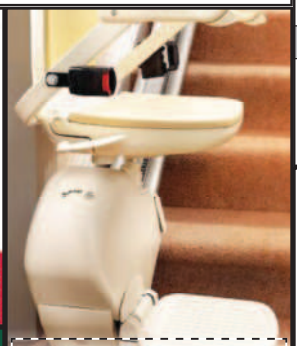
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