

Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Dear Friends in Christ,

With the conclusion of our School and PREP academic years, I want to offer a special word of congratulations to all our graduates, not just from our eighth grade, but all those who graduated from elementary, high school, trade school, collegiate, and post-graduate programs of various kinds.

Wherever you go in the next chapter of your lives,
I pray that Christ will be at the center of it all,
for all good things come from him.

Our June closes out with several exciting events before we enter a bit of a caesura in July and August. First, this

Thursday, June 19th, at 6 pm, we have our joint-parish Corpus Christi celebration at Nativity BVM in Media. Please join us for adoration and a Eucharistic procession. The event will conclude with an outdoor benediction (weather permitting) around 7:30 pm. Thanks to all who will assist in marking this beautiful moment of Eucharistic unity and witness, in the style of our National Eucharistic Revival.

On Saturday, June 21st, at 7 pm, we will have an evening of Eucharistic adoration with special guest Irish Tenor Mark Forrest leading us in song as we offer praise and reverence to our Eucharistic Lord. Finally, on Monday, June 23rd, at 6:30 pm, we offer a fond farewell to Father Reuben Nuxoll, LC, who has assisted our community so well in recent years as he prepares for his own assignment in Atlanta. Father Reuben will be the celebrant and homilist for that Mass, and everyone will have the opportunity to greet him in the narthex after.

Today, I continue with Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, often called the Magna Carta of Catholic Social Teaching.

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker

Toward the beginning of the famous document *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII laid out its purpose and aim: "to define the relative rights and mutual duties of the rich and of the poor, of capital and of labor." Indeed, it is not the job of the Church to effect decisions in the political and economic

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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 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 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.
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RERUM NOVARUM, PART II

sphere. However, she has the right and duty to lay down principles of justice and morality that prevail in any situation and place in which she finds herself. That is why the document is addressed not to the public at large but to “Our Venerable Brethren, the Patriarchs, Primate, Archbishops, Bishops, and other ordinaries of places having peace and communion with the Apostolic See.” In other words, the Pope is not some oracle who can address himself to the whole world and expect them to carry out his will. Instead, his aim is to inform those who bear pastoral responsibilities in their local churches about the grave issues at stake and what the Church’s wisdom can offer in response. It is for them, in turn, to form the faithful in their own communities, particularly those with some ability to bring about needed changes.

I would like to highlight three elements from the first sections of the document which might surprise us today. The first is Leo’s understanding of the role of salary and wages in commerce. He begins by condemning the notion—advocated by the Socialists—of getting rid of private property entirely. He calls this manifestly unjust. But then he goes on to say why: “It is surely undeniable that, when a man engages in remunerative labor, the impelling reason and motive of his work is to obtain property, and thereafter to hold it as his very own” (RN 5). Leo says that making property owned by the collective rather than private individuals is a crime against working people who, by collecting wages and living frugally, are able to provide for their material needs and acquire property for himself. In other words, a wage earner is supposed to become a property owner, one who has land (in an agrarian context) or some other combination of capital and skill by which he can earn his own living in a free and independent way. No one, implies Leo, is meant to work at the behest of some wealthy man indefinitely. That would be an injustice. Rather, the employer has a duty to pay a just and reasonable wage to allow the person to acquire the knowledge, savings, and skills necessary to have his own means of providing for himself and his family, thus “bettering his condition in life.”

Is that how we see things today? Perhaps not, but then again, perhaps we should. While our country often holds up famous (and/or infamous) public figures who have amassed great fortunes through massively lucrative businesses (think Rockefeller, Carnegie, Ford, Gates, Jobs, Musk, Bezos, et al.), a much more reasonable way of life is the person who operates a small business (or farm) that allows for the support of one’s family and the benefit of society by providing

some kind of goods or services. To young adults in particular, this is an important reminder that should not be ignored: the goal of one’s career is not to be dependent upon a salary given by a large company indefinitely but to allow such to be a temporary stop toward the fuller use of one’s creative energies in an organization in which one has much closer ownership and investment. (Today, this can take the form of small business partnerships and Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs), among other initiatives.)

Why does Leo emphasize this? Not because he cares about people becoming rich. We know what Jesus said in the Gospels about that (“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God,” Matt 19:24). Rather, it is for the sake of the dignity of the family, which is the vital cell of society and has the first claim to the concern of the wider community. He calls the family household a “true society and one older than any State.” For this reason, he says, “it has rights and duties peculiar to itself which are quite independent of the State” (12).

This is the absolute right of the family to live in tranquility and peace without interference from political or economic considerations—is the center of Leo’s message. The State cannot make all property communally owned because the family is more important than the State and has the proper claim to the land and property where they live. A company cannot pay someone such small wages that the family cannot possibly hope to acquire land and property for itself—that would be a sin against the virtue of justice. Rather, a wage earner who lives in a simple way should, over time, be able, says Pope Leo XIII, to acquire property, which can be the basis of the family’s freedom and independence, necessary for their full flourishing and that of the wider community.

We might contend that life has changed a great deal, and very few people live off the land anymore. That is true, though the buying out of huge tracts of agricultural land by large multinationals is something the Church has been concerned about for some time. This is why supporting local farms is a good thing. (I would like to bring some of our youth-aged parishioners to visit a Catholic farm run by a Catholic couple later this year.) However, that said, most people don’t have the ability to earn their living by running a farm anymore. They can, however, purchase a home which is the family’s own and even—in time—start or join in a (small) business venture by which the family’s financial resources can be properly provided.

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RERUM NOVARUM, PART II

Along this same vein, Leo contends that the State should not insert itself into family life in any way except for cases of extreme destitution or some grave abuse within the family itself. Even public financial aid (welfare) must be an absolute last resort, so that the State does not assume even accidentally the parental duty of providing for the family. That link between Socialist economic theory and the abolition of the family is clear in the writings of Marx—and so Leo wants society to avoid both. At the same time, this can only happen if the capitalist system is properly understood and regulated—by government policy as needed, but much more by the moral principles of justice and the Great Commandment of love.

We have seen in the 125 years since this document was published, the continual collection of wealth in the hands of a relative few, the increased dependence of families on earning wages (even as they have increased), and the breakdown of family life through the proliferation of divorce, contraception, abortion, and erroneous understandings of the nature of marriage. In other words, Leo was quite right to warn the world about the parallel dangers of a capitalist economy, unchecked by moral virtue, leading to a breakdown in those essential human relationships.

It is for us to learn these lessons anew and begin again, armed with the Church's perennial wisdom and the grace of the Holy Spirit who moves the lay faithful to make Christ present in every field of human endeavor. ✠



The Drs. John J. and Margaret T. Clark Memorial Scholarship

KARA MCLAUGHLIN

2025 Scholarship Recipient

Fr. Eric and the Clark Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce its second recipient—Kara McLaughlin!

Kara was chosen from among nearly a dozen amazingly qualified high school seniors. Kara graduated from Cardinal O'Hara on June 4th, and she will attend Pennsylvania State University this fall.

In addition to her academic record and service, Fr. Taglianetti shared, "Kara is an exceptional young woman who exhibits qualities of loyalty, leadership, kindness, and faith."

The Clarks were dedicated members of SMM. They directed that a gift be made through their estate to endow scholarships for students who are members of St Mary Magdalen toward their post-secondary education. Visit the Clark Scholarship page on our website to learn more about the application for 2026.



Congratulations, Kara!

God Bless THE CLASS OF 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025!

We are delighted to announce that the following students have completed the necessary academic requirements and graduated during a Commencement Ceremony in St. Mary Magdalen Church at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 11th, in the presence of their parents, family, friends, and our faculty, staff, and community. Please continue to pray for our graduates. They are:

Victoria Bradley <i>Villa Maria Academy</i>	Brady McCormick <i>St. Joseph's Prep</i>
Robert Buchheit <i>St. Joseph's Prep</i>	Sophie McNichol <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>
Bella DiPaulo <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>	Tessa Mersch <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>
Brody Flowers <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>	Gretchen Reiner <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i>
Mary Henry <i>Notre Dame de Namur</i>	Ella Rodia <i>Delaware County Christian School</i>
Kate Kalinchak <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>	Nathaniel Saleski <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>
Hanna Lake <i>Episcopal Academy</i>	Alaina Sammons <i>Springfield High School</i>
Lily Lake <i>Episcopal Academy</i>	Keira Stonelake <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>
Peyton Martelli <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>	Brie Urbanski <i>Archbishop John Carroll</i>
Julie McAnally <i>Cardinal O'Hara</i>	

CLASS OF 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students from our Class of 2025 have earned scholarships to various private and archdiocesan high schools. We congratulate all these students, their families, and teachers.

Victoria Bradley: *Cardinal O'Hara High School Bishop Joseph McFadden Scholarship, Villa Marie Academy's IHM Charism Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, and Sister Mary Kelly Scholarship, Ursuline Academy Academic Merit Scholarship;*
Bella DiPaulo: *Cardinal O'Hara High School Excellence in History Merit Scholarship;* **Brody Flowers:** *Cardinal O'Hara High School Academic Merit Scholarship;*
Mary Henry: *The Academy of Notre Dame Academic Merit Scholarship;* **Kate Kalinchak:** *Cardinal O'Hara High School Academic Merit Scholarship;*
Hanna Lake: *Cardinal O'Hara High School Academic Merit Scholarship, The Academy of Notre Dame Academic Merit Scholarship;* **Lily Lake:** *Cardinal O'Hara High School Academic Merit Scholarship, The Academy of Notre Dame Academic Merit Scholarship;*
Sophie McNichol: *Cardinal O'Hara High School Legacy Grant;* **Tessa Mersch:** *Cardinal O'Hara High School Legacy Grant;* **Nathaniel Saleski:** *Cardinal O'Hara High School Excellence in Religion Merit Scholarship;* **Keira Stonelake:** *Cardinal O'Hara High School Academic Merit Scholarship, The Academy of Notre Dame Academic Merit Scholarship;* **Brie Urbanski:** *Archbishop John Carroll High School Academic Merit Scholarship.*

* Additional SMM scholarships and awards were announced at the Commencement Ceremony on June 11. Congratulations to all our graduates! We wish you continued success in high school.

NEW! CHOIR NEWS

*Are you yearning for a closer relationship with God?
Have you been looking for a way to get more
involved in the parish? Would you like to
expand your circle of friends?*

Consider joining one of our parish choirs. Our choir membership drive has officially begun. We are seeking new members for our adult choir, handbell choir, and children's choir. If you have sung in a high school or college choir or played an instrument, we need your skill—even if it's a bit rusty. Help your child grow closer to Jesus and the liturgy. Notice how they gain more confidence by singing in the children's choir. **Contact Ralph Purri at rpurri@stmarymagdalen.net or speak with him before or after Mass to get the details specific to each choir.**

PHILLY CATHOLIC SINGLES FRIDAY, JUNE 20 AT 7 PM

Philly Catholic Singles Jubilee Mass on Friday, June 20, at 7 PM at the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel in the Philadelphia Cathedral. Enjoy a brief talk about the Jubilee year, Mass, and Confessions, plus there will be short tours of the Cathedral. **RSVP at [PhillyCatholic.Singles](https://www.phillycatholic.org/singles)**

CHILDREN'S MASS LIBRARY

SMM launched a "Mass Library" this June, to provide quiet activities for young children in the church. We will have a basket in the narthex with church-related toys and books that children may borrow during Mass. If you have any toys or books that fit this mission for ages 3-6, please place them in the marked donation bin in the narthex or contact Laura Lane at LauraL33@gmail.com or 215-694-7105. Thank you!

UPCOMING! MASS PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 21

4:30 PM—Fr. Eric Banecker

Sunday, June 22

7:30 AM—Fr. Bob Pesarchick

9:30 AM—Fr. Eric Banecker

11:30 AM—Msgr. Beach

7 PM—Fr. Eric Banecker

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

Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests

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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 Birzes Family, Dan & Nevie Hebding, Bill Wallace

CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Bill Boylan, Francis Mulgrew, William Murphy**, 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,
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,
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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!

Wally Rutecki & Casey Quigley

BAPTISMS

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

Henry James Melvin



Recently, our 7th Grade enjoyed a field trip in Philadelphia!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

8:30 AM - Bill Virbitsky

4:30 PM - Bob & Paulene Russell

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 AM - Anthony DiColli, Sr.

9:30 AM - Bill Virbitsky

11:30 AM - Lee Mielcarek

7 PM - The People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 16

6:30 AM - Justin & Erin Cullen

8:30 AM - Ints. of Jean Scott

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

6:30 AM - Jackie Nugent

8:30 AM - Cathryn Schumacher

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

6:30 AM - Ints. of Pat Sarkees

8:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

6:30 AM - Candace Ellis

8:30 AM - Genevieve Giangiulio

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

6:30 AM - Carl Morse

8:30 AM - JoAnn Winchester

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

8:30 AM - The Caniglia Family

2:00 PM - The People of the Parish

4:30 PM - Judy Baker

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 AM - Ints. of Mary Lou Mayer

9:30 AM - Timothy J. Klarich

11:30 AM - Julia S. Harkins

7 PM - The People of the Parish

FLOWERS

In memory of our deceased alumni

BREAD & WINE

In memory of deceased teachers

CANDLE

In memory of Linda Tofani

A Corpus Christi Evening with Mark Forrest



**Saturday
June 21
at 7 PM**

Music · Meditation · Prayer

NEW! BEYOND THE PULPIT VIDEO SERIES WITH FR. ERIC

Discover more about the foundations of the Catholic faith and go deeper into Scripture, with our pastor, Fr. Eric J. Banecker, with his new '*Beyond the Pulpit*' videos. The video series is available on our YouTube Channel or the '*Beyond the Pulpit*' page on our website, under 'Worship'. Plus, enjoy the audio recording of the Sunday Homily through our SoundCloud channel, or recorded Masses on YouTube. Direct links are all accessible at stmarymagdalen.net on the 'Mass Online' page.

TAKE NOTE! SUMMER SCHEDULE

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR & MASS

We will take a 'summer recess' from the Friday Holy Hour at 5:30 PM & Masses at 6:30 PM on July 4th and August 1st. Thank you!

OTHER SUMMER HOUR

Our parish offices are closed on Fridays in summer. No 6:30 AM Mass on Mondays, July 4 to Labor Day.

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The Legion of Mary is an international association of volunteers serving the Catholic Church. Our Legion goes to the lonely and isolated in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons to befriend and pray for them.

Discover more by visiting one of our weekly Tuesday meetings.

Mary, Our Lady, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

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Easter 2025 \$49,318

Easter 2024 \$56,501

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Copus Christi PROCESSION

at NATIVITY BVM IN MEDIA

Thursday
JUNE 19

6 PM EXPOSITION, PRAYERS,
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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
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