

Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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

1 JUNE 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, on this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate with joy the 50th Jubilee of Monsignor Chieffo's ordination to the priesthood. As the priests and faithful of Saint Mary Magdalen, we are so grateful for his devoted service as a priest, half of which was spent here in Media.

On the day I was appointed pastor here, Monsignor Chieffo and I spoke on the phone. I told him how nervous I was to fill such big shoes. He said, "You just fill your own shoes, and you'll be fine." I was so grateful for his encouragement and continue to be inspired by his witness of JOY among us.

Monsignor, this is the day the Lord has made! As we give thanks for your fifty years of loving service, we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to fill your heart with blessings of health and happiness. May God bring to completion the good work he has begun among us here at Saint Mary Magdalen.

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker

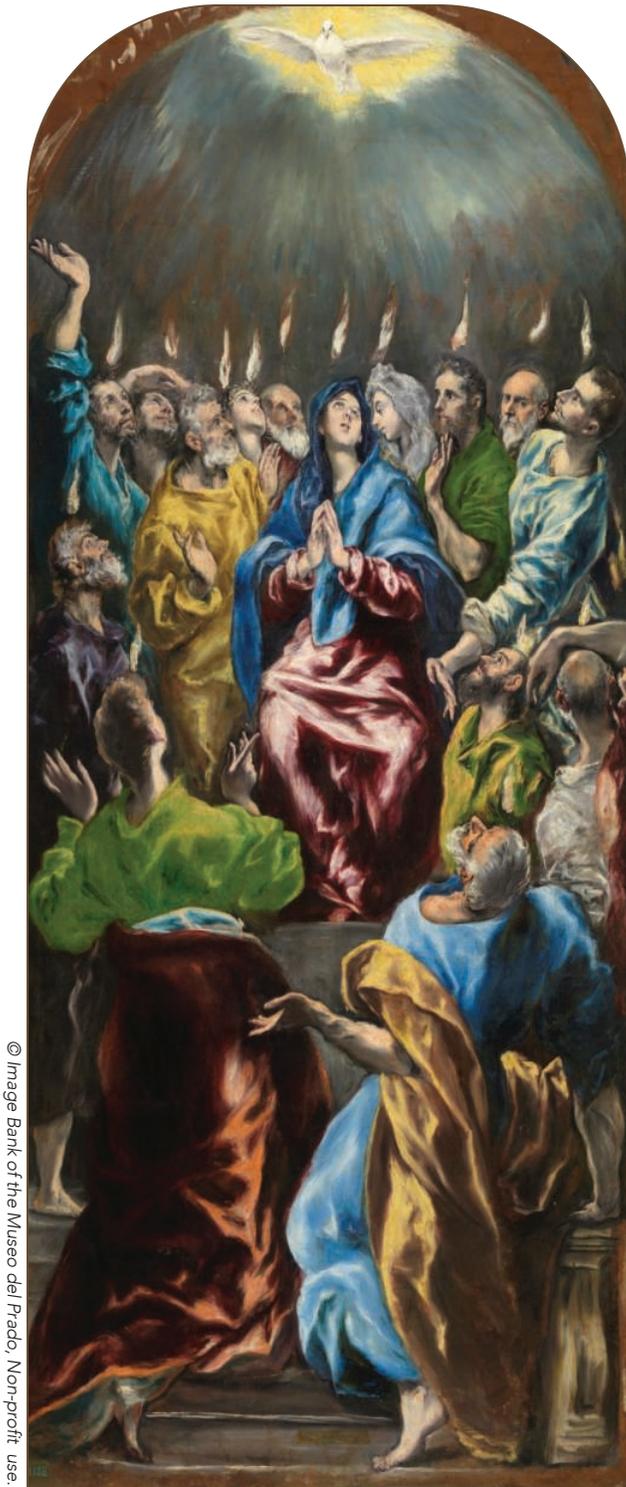


These days between the two great solemnities of Ascension and Pentecost are truly the first and greatest novena—nine days of prayer in preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Acts of the Apostles describes it in this way:

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these, with one accord, devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The apostles have just witnessed the Ascension of the Lord Jesus. They haven't even elected a replacement for Judas yet. But their first act is to pray. As Christians, that is our first priority: to pray. Naturally, not all of us are meant to pray for the same

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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 Vigil

**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.

See ministries and parish services on our website.



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length of time as, say, a Trappist monk. The contemplative vocation is very different from that of a parent, or even a parish priest. Yet, so often I, and perhaps you, save prayer as a kind of court of final appeal. When all other options have been exhausted, we decide to pray. But this must not be so! Our first duty is to pray, and only then can we be docile to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Importantly, they are gathered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. I have in my office a copy of El Greco's depiction of *Pentecost*, the original of which is on display at the Prado Museum in Madrid. As seen on the cover—it is a beautiful but very unique piece. And right in the center is Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Her posture in this portrait demonstrates that she has spent her whole life as a privileged instrument of the Holy Spirit. Even though the apostles bear the authority of Christ to tend the sheep in his name, it is very clear that Mary is the true spiritual authority here. She teaches us how to pray and how to receive God's life into our own.

These days between Ascension and Pentecost, then, are meant to be a time of intentional prayer for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. In recent days, our Archdiocese has welcomed over 1000 new Catholics, including several right here at SMM. Our seventh graders have been confirmed, and our second graders have made their first Holy Communion. Pope Leo XIV has been elected as the new Roman Pontiff. All this is the work of grace in our lives and our world. Do we dare ask for more? Of course! God knows what we need even before we ask, but we really do have to ask, because like any good Father, he will not force us to accept something we don't want. That's where the concept of a novena comes from: the nine days (or in some cases, nine weeks) of prayer are not some sort of magic number, but simply a gift of persistent prayer to God for an increase in charity, or for understanding into a teaching of the Church, or for healing of body or soul for someone we love.

In that Upper Room, the entire Church was present. That's all there was: Mary, eleven flawed apostles, some faithful women, and Jesus' relatives. One could be forgiven for thinking that such a group—armed with a strange story about a dead criminal being alive again—would not amount to much. And yet, here we are. Prayer and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit can literally change human history. In these privileged days, may we be united intensely to pray that God will fill us with renewed spirit of holiness and joy in imitation of Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. 🌿

UPCOMING DATES

MSGR. CHIEFFO'S 50TH JUBILEE MASS & HOSPITALITY

TODAY! SUNDAY, JUNE 1 • 9:30 AM

We celebrate Msgr.'s 50th year as a priest!

Join us at the 9:30 AM Mass, hosted by the school's second grade. Afterward, come enjoy a breakfast hospitality in St. Francis Hall presented by H&S and the parish.



ENVISIONING HAPPY HOUR

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Happy Hour at the Sterling Pig from 6 to 8 PM. Enjoy fellowship and share your insights and thoughts with Fr. Eric and the Envisioning Team as they work to create a new three-year Pastoral Plan for our community.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

5:30 PM: Adoration & Confessions, Mass: 6:30 PM
Enjoy pizza and light refreshments afterward.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 & SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Join us at the 7 PM Vigil or Sunday Masses.



SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 • 4 PM

Please pray for the Class of 2025



REGISTER! CAMP GUADALUPE

JUNE 23 TO JUNE 27

Living Bridges' Summer Bible Camp at St. Mary Magdalen School. See page 9 for details. To register visit livingbridges.org.

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Pentecost Vigil Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 AT 7 PM  ST. MARY MAGDALEN



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QUO VADIS DAYS 2025 WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

June 23-26, 2025
Registration Due: May 23, 2025
Registration: \$25-300
sliding scale, pay what you are able

Who: High School Men; incoming freshmen to graduating 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 - 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?
gmurphy@archphila.org (610-667-5778)



**SOON! REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY
OF PHILADELPHIA BENEFIT DINNER**

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 AT 6 PM

Join **Archbishop Nelson Pérez** and friends of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary for their Benefit Dinner on Friday, June 6, at the Springfield Country Club at 400 Sproul Road in Springfield from 6 to 9 PM.

Enjoy dinner, silent and live auctions, and more during this fun and memorable event that benefits the seminarians! This year, the seminary will honor

His Excellency Keith J. Chylinski, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, **Rev. Msgr. Ralph J. Chieffo**, Pastor Emeritus at St. Mary Magdalen, and **Mr. J. Eustace Wolfington**, Movie Producer of Sound of Freedom & Cabrini.

Individual tickets, tables, and sponsors, are available at rmphiladelphia.org.

**NEW! 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

CHILDREN'S MASS LIBRARY

SMM will launch a "Mass Library" in June, to provide quiet activities for young children in the church. We plan to fill 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!

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are grateful to all the parents, catechists, and children participating in CLOW this school year.

Our remaining CLOW session is June 8.

We will return in the fall. Have a great summer!

DISCOVER MORE—STMARYMAGDALEN.NET



Ordained on May 17, 1975

**Msgr. Ralph's
Jubilee Mass**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1
9:30 AM**

**Come and celebrate
Msgr.'s 50th year
as a priest!**

9:30 AM

*Mass hosted by
2nd grade.*



10:30 AM

*Enjoy a breakfast
hospitality with Msgr.
in St. Francis Hall.*

Join us!

Happy Hour at Sterling Pig

Monday, June 2 • 6 to 8 PM



**Enjoy a refreshing Happy Hour with
Fr. Eric and your fellow parishioners!**

**Our Envisioning Team will provide
updates and seek insights to help
create the new three-year pastoral
plan for our community.**



BLAZE & THE GOD SQUAD'S
**PERISHABLE
 FOOD
 COLLECTION**
 MIDDLE-SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP

While attending his granddaughter's First Holy Communion party, Phil Martelli and his family noticed a large amount of fresh food was left over, which could benefit others in our area who struggle with food scarcity. So, he contacted Srs. Maggie and Cathy at the *Access Chester Center* in Chester. Thus, began the inspiration for the Loaves & Fishes Project! Students in BLAZE and THE GOD SQUAD will collect perishable and other food items!

And, if you have perishable items from a graduation or event, please consider donating them to *Access Chester*.

To learn more about this non-profit and its mission go to accesschester.org.

**BEFORE
 MASSES**

NO COLLECTION AT 7 PM

**JUNE 7
 & JUNE 8**

DONATIONS WILL GO TO

**ACCESS
 CHESTER**

PRE-JORDAN CLASSES

We offer parents preparing for the joyful Baptismal day of their child a Pre-Jordan class. Parents are asked to attend the class before their child is baptized as it provides them with the theology of Baptism, explains the ritual and responsibilities, and shares some of the practical information regarding the Baptismal process in our parish. Visit our Baptism page on our website for sacramental information.

Classes are offered on the **first Sunday of each month after the 11:30 AM Mass** in the Gathering Room. Although advance registration is not required, it helps us for our planning purposes. **Contact Stephanie at stephaniepdavey@gmail.com**



**NEW! THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM
 WITH DEEP GRATITUDE**

In Father Banecker's first few months, several parishioners came forward to express their interest in a new church audio system. Thanks to their interest and the donations of those listed below, we installed a new audio system before Easter. We are a blessed parish and want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our contributors, including:

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**Monday
 from 7 AM
 to Friday
 at 1 PM**

We are the Delaware County location for **Philly Adoration for Vocations**

Thursdays from 9 to 4 around the Archdiocese

**Weekdays
 at 7:15 AM
 in the Chapel**

**Morning
 Prayer**

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.

Cheryl Borrelli, The Farrell Family, Connor Thomson, & Erica Braunlinger

CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Alyssa Rose Wiest**, 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, Bill 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, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Francis Iacovone, Rita Klaunder, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Shellz Mangan, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Mary Jane & Pat McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Michael McFadden, Dorothy Milliner, Dorothy Moerman, Daniel Murphy, Joan Murphy, Mike Murphy, Carol Ortner, Bill Pace, John Pollera, Nicholas Quercetti, Sr., George Rodgers, Naomi Rouse, Daught Ryan, 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.

Conrad Stephen Britt



SMM School presented the *Little Mermaid, Jr.* on May 16 to May 18. Congratulations to the cast and crew—and parents, too—for a fabulous show!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 31

8:30 AM - Ann & Angelo Codevilla

4:30 PM - Nancy C. Cicione

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

7:30 AM - Kevin Coyne

9:30 AM - Ints. of Kerry & Deacon Joseph Boyle

11:30 AM - Gerald Halt, Sr.

7 PM - The People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 AM - Joseph M. Paolino

8:30 AM - Catherine DeVoe

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 AM - Joseph Malloy

8:30 AM - Stephen Phillips

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

6:30 AM - Matthew Mullin

8:30 AM - Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 AM - Loretta Short

8:30 AM - Herb Phillips

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 AM - John Beamon

8:30 AM - Anthony Bowes

6:30 PM - The People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:30 AM - Ints. of Fr. Eric Banecker

4:30 PM - Nancy C. Cicione

7 PM - The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Pentecost

7:30 AM - Mary Lee Corr

9:30 AM - Ints. of Fr. Bob Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Elizabeth Talone

7 PM - The People of the Parish

FLOWERS

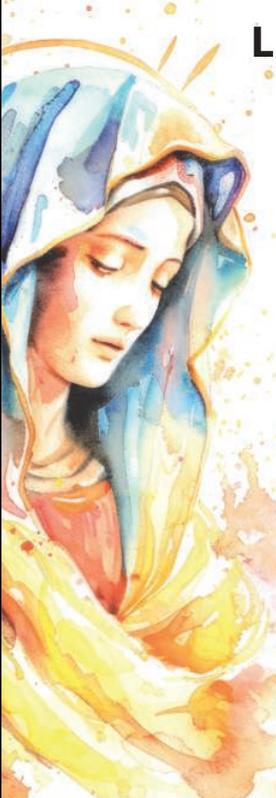
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BREAD & WINE

In memory of Alyssa Wiest

CANDLE

In memory of Matthew Mullin



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**Every Tuesday at 9:30 AM
in the Gathering Room**

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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!

**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!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

April 2025	\$126,290
Collection:	\$43,494
Mail-in:	\$30,875
EFT:	\$51,921
April 2024	\$94,824
Collection:	\$29,195
Mail-in:	\$23,823
EFT:	\$41,806
Easter 2025	\$43,173
Easter 2024	\$54,400

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Monica prayed for Augustine.
Ambrose accompanied him.
Who will you walk with?

GO WALK WITH ONE

Everyone is called to evangelize, and it's not as hard as you might think. *Walk With One* is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person—someone whom Jesus longs to bring into relationship with himself and his Church. Learn more about this initiative, access resources, and receive prayer support at eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one.



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Friday

9:30 - 12:30

Procession - Mass - Closing
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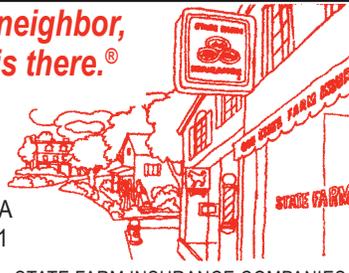
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