

Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



We Die and Rise with Jesus

On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem with mildness and humility as the Messianic King offers victory and peace to his people. A victory and peace secured in the cross and Resurrection that would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Saint Augustine comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus, he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made. To become king of Israel is an indication of pity, not an increase in power."

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life to those who accept his kingship. Does the King of Glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home?

Emma Hanway, a fourth grader, accepted the guidance of her doctor to undergo a critical heart operation with faith in God, the wisdom of doctors, and the compassionate love of her family, teachers, and fellow students. In our prayer service, she wore a shirt with the inscription, 'BORN BRAVE.'

Emma amazed us with her Irish smile and extraordinary trust she would be healed. Emma endured a long but successful surgery. Emma and her family thank us for praying for her miracle. Above all, we thank her for her faith, fortitude, and courage, which strengthens us to believe in our Lord's passion and death and opens the door to resurrection and new life.

Join us this Holy Week to grow as a missionary disciple of Jesus with the expectant faith and hope of Jesus and Emma!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30 AM & 4:30 PM Vigil



Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, and 5:30 PM



Weekday

Monday thru Friday

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

ADORATION, ROSARY & CONFESSION TIMES

Adoration Chapel:

Monday at 7 AM through Friday until Midnight.

Confessions from 9 to 9:30 AM on Saturdays.

For a private confession time, please call the parish office.

Pro-Life Rosary & Reflection at 7 PM on Mondays in the Church.

Legion of Mary at 9:30 AM on Tuesdays in the Gathering Room.

Rosary at 7:15 PM on Tuesdays in the Chapel.

Flame of Love Devotions on Friday at Noon in the Chapel.



ELECTRONIC PARISH GIVING

Visit our website's 'Giving' page to make a one time gift or sign-up for recurring electronic donations through the 'Parish Giving' program, or send your offertory to our parish office. Thank you!

THIS LENT

Glorify The Lord With Your Life



UPDATED! DATE CHANGE

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING HONORING MSGR. RALPH J. CHIEFFO

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 • 9:30 AM MASS

Save the date so you can be sure to join us for a very special day of appreciation which begins with a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of our dear pastor, Msgr. Ralph Chieffo! We will gather at the **9:30 AM Mass** on **June 2** (*Corpus Christi*).

Afterward, we welcome parishioners and friends to join us in Fr. Hughes Hall (*gym*) in our school for lunch and parish fellowship—plus a few other fun surprises. All are welcome!



“Lord, fill me with light and never let me forget that there is nothing more attractive than holiness.”

– Beautiful Eucharist



NEW! THE LEGION OF MARY PRAY WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER THIS EASTER SEASON

Msgr. Chieffo treasures his family photo of the Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Mother when it was enthroned in his home for a week in Italy. He recalls, “My Dad built an altar, and Mom decorated Mary with beautiful linens and flowers. We prayed for increased faith in God, family, vocations, and the church community.” SMM’s Legion of Mary invites you to host their blessed Marian Statue in your home for a week. **To arrange your Marian statue visit, please contact Eileen Mielcarek at eileen@facialrejuvenation.center.**

NEW! THE HONOR ROLLS ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL

Our congratulations to these outstanding achievers from the second quarter marking period.

First Honors: **Owen Gallagher, James Klusarits, Rose Procaccini, and William Wood**

Second Honors: **Shane Ebersole, Jack Sarne, and Joseph Wood.**

EVENTS

TODAY! PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, March 24

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30 AM Mass

PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 26

7 to 8:30 PM

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Wednesday, March 27

7 to 8 PM followed by fellowship

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer Sung at 8:30 AM

Stations of the Cross at 9 AM

Passion of the Lord at 3 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

No 5:30 PM Mass

GALA

LEGACY OF LOVE & BUILDER OF FAITH

The Drexelbrook Ballroom

Check-in begins at 6:30 PM. Online Auction is Open.
(no physical tickets issued for those attending)

Questions: contact gala@stmarymagdalen.net

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Rosary at 4:30 PM

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 5 PM

Mass at 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY! THE ROSARY
SORROWFUL MYSTERIES SERIES
WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 27

This Lent, embark on a spiritual journey that will deepen your love for Jesus through the Mysteries of the Rosary. Discover deeply reflective insights into the life of Christ and theological truths through captivating stories and see the places he journeyed in the Holy Land. Join us for five one-hour consecutive Wednesday evenings to discover theological truths about the powerful gift of the Rosary as we explore the Sorrowful Mysteries. This fantastic series was created by Paradisus Dei and sponsored by our TMIY. Our final session is **Wednesday, March 27** in St. Francis Hall from 7 to 8 PM. We have a prayer, a 30-minute video, and a reflective discussion. Afterward, stay for light fare and fellowship until 9 PM. Join us anytime!



THIS MONTH! VIRTUE=STRENGTH™
THE VIRTUE OF FORTITUDE

During March, our students are practicing the **virtue of fortitude**, which is the strength to do the right thing in the face of fear or difficulties. Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in pursuing the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. Fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions—even to renounce and sacrifice one's life in defense of a just cause. This virtue enables us to persevere in our our goals and helps us to control our emotions and fears so we can do the good and avoid the evil.

To help our children to practice this virtue, read stories with them about martyred or persecuted saints. Find a Bible verse about fortitude or courage and memorize it. Pray for the gift of fortitude. It is a grace, a gift received from God.

Family Resolution: Walk, jog, or run as a family for a specific distance, offering it up for an intention
Practice praying in public, for example:
Cross yourself and pray when you're out to eat.

HOME VISITS

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Would you like your home blessed?
Please call our parish office to schedule a visit.

NEW! WORLDWIDE PRAYER
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA

Cardinal Raymond Burke began asking Catholics for a worldwide call to prayer through a nine-month Novena that will culminate in a consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe for her feast day on December 12. In 1531, Our Lady interceded when Juan Diego opened his tilma and roses poured out and a miracle was set into motion. The miracle continues with our participation in this historic prayer event to Our Lady. Join the world in prayer. Each month, you'll receive emails from His Eminence with encouragement and spiritual direction as you follow this novena, which leads to the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **To learn more or to sign up, visit novena.cardinalburke.com and pick up the novena in the Narthex.**

LENTEN INTENTIONS
CROSS WITH BASKET ON ALTAR

During Lent, a Cross with a basket for our intentions will be on the altar. Please place your intentions in an envelope and put them into the basket. For your convenience, we will have some paper and envelopes on hand in the Narthex. We wish you a deeply meaningful Lenten journey with Jesus.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage

passes through the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

May 30 to
June 3



Full the schedule and how you can participate, use the QR code or visit:
phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage

**NEW! THE OASIS OF PEACE HOME
IN KENYA THANKS YOU**

Thank you to all who donated to the St. Mary Magdalen Oasis of Peace Home last weekend. With the support and generosity of our parish family, so far, we have raised over \$7,195 in the collection, mail or directed donations. Another big thank you to Monsignor Chieffo and Mrs. Mita for all their effort and support. God Bless you!

–**Connor Victoria** ('20) and **Meredith Victoria** ('21)

**NEW! PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 • 9:30 AM**

Meet other families with small children!

Join us for Preschool Playtime the first Saturday of the month. Our next date is **April 6** at 9:30 AM on the SMM's playground behind the church. Join other preschool-aged children and their parents who want to get to know others in the parish—just come and have fun!

For more information, contact Emily Skyrms at theskyrms@gmail.com or call 609-932-8067.

**TODAY! EILEEN GEORGE HOLY HOUR
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 2 PM**

Join us for a grace-filled Holy Hour at Annunciation BVM at 401 Brookline Blvd. in Havertown. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our needs. After Benediction, you can join us in the hall for light refreshments. Additional Prayer dates are May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 15 from 2 to 3 PM. **For questions, call or text Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308.**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES APPEAL

Did you know that one in five individuals throughout the greater Philadelphia area count on the Archdiocese's Catholic Charities Appeal?

Your gift provides vital support to almost a million people in need who are served in various organizations, ministries, and programs in our archdiocese. For a complete listing of beneficiaries and more ways to support or donate to this year's campaign, which began in February, visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org, or pick up a flyer or envelope in our Narthex.

NEW! FOOD PANTRY

The Food Collection benefits our neighbors who live just a few miles away. Please remember those less fortunate during Lent and beyond.

We welcome cleaning items, too. We remain grateful for your continued support of this vital collection in support of those living in hunger.

**JOIN US! THAT MAN IS YOU!
THURSDAY MORNINGS • 6:25 AM**

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Catholic Church**

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

Dr. John J. and Dr. Margaret T. Clark were devoted Saint Mary Magdalen Parish members. The Clarks directed that a gift be made through their estate to endow scholarships for students who were members of Saint Mary Magdalen parish toward their post-secondary education.

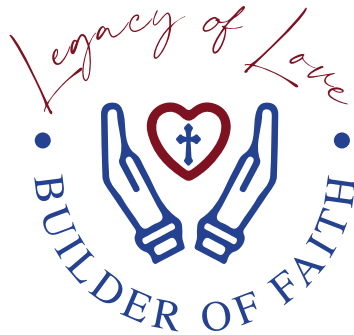
Annually, the Saint Mary Magdalen Scholarship Committee selects one eligible student to receive a scholarship toward two (2) years of undergraduate tuition for their chosen college, university, or trade school. The scholarship is \$5,000 per year for up to two years.

Eligibility for this scholarship requires that the student attended Saint Mary Magdalen School or Saint Mary Magdalen PREP (Parish Religious Education Program).

For the complete scholarship instructions and digital application, visit our parish website's Home page. Completed applications must be submitted by **April 22, 2024**.

If you have any questions, email the Scholarship Committee at clarkscholarship@stmarymagdalen.net.

Thank You

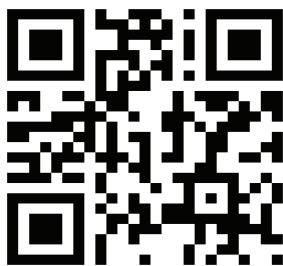


St. Mary Magdalen School 2024 Gala

*Saturday, April 6, 2024
six thirty in the evening*

*Drexelbrook
4700 Drexelbrook Dr, Drexel Hill, PA*

**We have a few \$1,000 Seraphim Sponsorships available.
Our allotment of \$200 tickets is sold out. Thank you!**



Register now to receive event updates
and to bid on items online.

NEW ITEMS ARE ADDED DAILY!

visit: <https://smmgala2024.cbo.io>
or scan the qr code with your cell phone camera.



WE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

Welcome! New family to our parish? Stop by or call the office to register.

Paul & Erin Coppola and family

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of **Thomas Trainor, Paul Bodalski**, those souls have died due to the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine, US military personnel who died, those souls recently lost to 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.

Kevin Boylan, Bill Boylan, Joe Cahill, Anthony Carbo, Christine Cavaliere, Phil Franco, Joseph DeFabio, Kieran Doran, Rosemary Dougherty, Theresa D’Orazio, Les Fry, Kevin Gallagher, Katie Garwood, Jacquelyn Gibbons, Bob Gentile, Cole Keith, Ray Kenney, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Joe Malloy, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Marion McCarthy, Mary Jane McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Dorothy Milliner, James Moerman, Joan Murphy, Mike Murphy, Carol Ortner, Bill Pace, John Pollera, George Rodgers, Naomi Rouse, Daught Ryan, Peter Salemo, Angelina Scarpa, Brendan Shain, Susan Sowa, Eleanor Tiongson, Amerigo Tomassi, Mark Torregosa, Bill Virbitsky, Joanne Winchester, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

For baptismal information, call or email baptisms@stmarymagdalen.net

Emma Marie Sabol, Sophie Briar Cosse



Last Thursday, along with our 7th grade, we were blessed to confirm four adults: Marie Paillard, Rory Corcoran Le, Ashley Connor, and Benjamin Lehman (not pictured). Congratulations to all our newly confirmed.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 AM – Marian Moran

4:30 PM – Josephine & Alphonse Edmundowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

7:30 AM – Maria Malta

9:30 AM – Jessie & Philip Cavalcanto

11:30 AM – Michael Ciavardini

5:30 PM – Colin Tipping

MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 AM – Scott McNella

8:30 AM – Philip Franco III

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 AM – Anthony DiPrinzio

8:30 AM – Joseph Boyle, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 AM – Francis Bryne

8:30 AM – Mel Fenerty

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Holy Thursday

7:30 PM – The People of the Parish

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Good Friday

3 PM – The Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil

7:30 PM – The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 AM – The People of the Parish

9:30 AM – The People of the Parish

11:30 AM – The People of the Parish

5:30 PM – No Mass

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Deceased Parishioners

CANDLE

In memory of John Egan

NEW! ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS

Our ministry helps individuals and families facing a crisis with food, shelter, and the love of Jesus.

This month, we are helping a husband and wife with severe, chronic medical issues. They have a grown son at home who is autistic. We purchased several hundred dollars of medical supplies that insurance doesn't cover and are paying their utility bills. Please place Donations in our metal donation box in the Narthex. Thank you. **If you know someone facing a crisis, call Paul Feuerstein at 610-529-1672.**

BONNER-PRENDIE REUNION

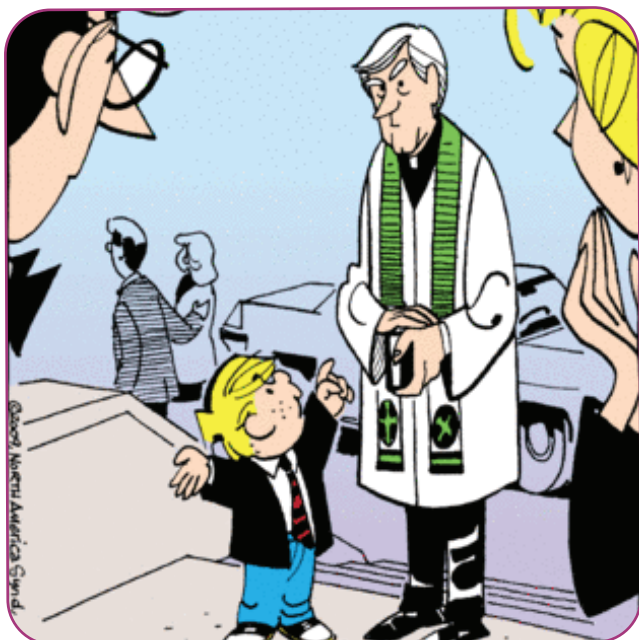
50TH REUNION—CLASS OF 1974

Monsignor Bonner-Archbishop Prendergast High School's Class of 1974 is planning its 50th Class Reunion from 6 to 10 PM on **Friday, September 27**, at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall. The Reunion Committee seeks to email alumni—please submit your current name and contact information, including your email, to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com.

2023 DONATION LETTERS

Our annual tax letters for 2023 are available by request. We are no longer automatically mailing households an end-of-year donation letter. If you need an gift donation letter for 2023, please contact us at records@stmarymagdalen.net.

A LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR



"YOU MUST BE AN AWESOME SWIMMER! MY DAD SAID YOU WERE VERY LONG-WINDED!"

**UNLOCK YOUR HIDDEN POTENTIAL!
THE UNFORESEEN BENEFITS
OF JOINING OUR CHURCH CHOIR**

Singing in a choir is about a lot more than just making music; it's about being part of a community. It's about coming together with people who share your passion for music and creating something beautiful together. Moreover, being part of a choir provides an opportunity to serve your community and draw closer to God through worship. When you sing praises with others, you're participating in an act of communal worship that can deepen your faith. Don't let fear or uncertainty hold you back from experiencing the joy and fulfillment that comes from singing in a choir. We are in need of singers for our SMM adult choir. **Contact Ralph Purri at rpurri@stmarymagdalen.net or stop by the organ and speak with him.**


**TODAY'S READINGS BEGIN ON 619
IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL**

STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

February 2024	\$109,599
Collection:	\$31,475
Mail-in:	\$32,483
EFT:	\$45,641
 February 2023	 \$110,551
Collection:	\$34,134
Mail-in:	\$30,459
EFT:	\$45,958

2023-24 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

Parish: \$68,655	School: \$30,875
2022-23: \$82,781	School: \$44,105



Scan our QR code for a secure link to our 'Parish Giving' link for Weekly Collection, Annual School Fund, In Memory, Single Gift, Stewardship, and more.

We are grateful for your generous spirit!

AA Meetings		267-934-3455	Thursdays at 7 PM in Rectory Basement
Adoration Chapel	Shelly Zeller	610-353-7739	shellsing2@aol.com
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Altar Servers	Deacon Joseph	610-566-8821	deaconjoe@stmarymagdalen.net
Altar Society & Church Care	Monica Grzeczowski	610-891-9483	monicajmj@gmail.com
Baptismal Class (Pre-Jordan)	Stephanie Davey		stephaniepdavey@gmail.com
Baptismal Sacrament Schedule	Gina Staiber	610-566-8821	baptisms@stmarymagdalen.net
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 2023-2024

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 9am - 11:30am
 Advanced 8th Grade -
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