

Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

BUILDING A FAMILY OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST — THROUGH CATHOLIC WORSHIP, EDUCATION & CHARITY.

APRIL 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus Raises Us Up to Radiate Hope and Healing



This Easter I pray that our Risen Lord will release us from solitary confinement with renewed love for family and friends, as we become butterflies emerging from their chrysalises. For Jesus promised us that if we die with Him to selfishness and sin, our heavenly Father blesses us with divine love, mercy and peace. I hope that the time we spent together praying and caring for each other at home will help you to see the value of our Catholic faith. We believe that the family is the domestic church and parents are the primary teachers of their children. As parents, priests, teachers and coaches, we have the sacred responsibility to pass on the faith by living a life of virtue as a disciple of Jesus.

The good news is that our Risen Lord gifts us with the grace and guidance of his Holy Spirit. As we grow in compassion and care for our loved ones at home or over the internet, Jesus reveals the way and the truth that guarantees freedom to become the very heart and hands of Jesus. By practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we face the crises in our lives

and believe that things are going to get better. For our faithful God is our source of hope and become the butterflies radiating the joy of Jesus.

From the empty tomb, the angel announces good news: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

God asks us to view life as he views it, for in each of us he never ceases to see an amazing kernel of beauty. Do not fear, then: the Lord loves your life, even when you are afraid to look at it and take it in hand. In Easter he shows you how much he loves that life: even to the point of living it completely, experiencing anguish, abandonment, death and hell, in order to emerge triumphant to tell you: "You are not alone; put your trust in me!"

Archbishop Perez, Father Izzo and I invite you to believe that "our Risen Lord lives in us, loves through us, in spite of us."

Enjoy the Live Stream for all our Masses and devotions and thank you for your continued prayers and financial support as our Risen Lord blesses us so that we can bless others.

A blessed Easter— Father Izzo and Father Ralph

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Mass Schedule

Saturday:

8:30 AM & 4:30 PM Vigil

Sunday:

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

11:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Weekday:

Monday thru Friday

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Watch Mass from our Live Stream on Website.

At this time, we cannot offer Holy Communion.

Chapel: Mondays through Friday: 6 AM to 8 PM

Church & Chapel: Saturday: 8 AM to 4 PM

Chapel: Sunday: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM (Church Closed)

Confessions available from 9 to 10 AM on Saturdays.

Join Tuesday's Rosary on Live Stream at 7:15 PM.

**All events held on our Parish and School Campus
are currently on hold until further notice.**

Call our parish office for information or assistance.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

*O Mary, you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need, and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy
and to feasting after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the
Father and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

*Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver
us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

How Good is Your Vision?

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34A, 37-43

“God granted that [Jesus] be visible, not to all the people, but to us.”

After the resurrection, Jesus was visible, audible and tangible. He even ate and drank with his friends as before. Evidence of his material reality, for weeks after he spent days in the tomb, is heaped up in the final gospel stories.

Whatever else a glorified body might be, it is also pretty substantial. So why didn't everyone see him? Why didn't the high priest Caiaphas fall down and confess he had been wrong? Why didn't all of Jerusalem line up to be baptized? For the same reason we don't have mass conversions today. Jesus is available in flesh and blood at every altar, and visible too in the faces of our poor sisters and brothers. But many don't have the vision to see him. A lot of factors cloud our sight: the hunger for our own comfort, the distractions of busyness, the unwillingness to look beneath the surface of things. Seeing Jesus after the resurrection changed the disciples into apostles, sent into the world of ambassadors of good news. If one sight improves, what might it cost us?

List all the places you can see Jesus. This is an eye exam. The longer the list, the better your vision.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6B-8

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

Spiritual people keep their focus on pious thoughts and celestial realms - or so many of us were taught.

We are supposed to be a little like St. Stephen, the first martyr whose story is told in Acts Chapter 7. While Stephen is being stoned to death—and that has got to hurt plenty—he keeps his eyes trained on Jesus standing at God's right hand. Now that is what I call concentration. However, recently I pulled a muscle in my back. The sharp pain that accompanied every movement for days was all I could think of. I guess this means I am a poor candidate for martyrdom, at least the gloriously focused kind. I would be shouting the whole time, “Hey! Quit it! Help!” And that is only what I can say in print. But even if we can't keep our minds on cosmic realities when earthy ones intrude, that doesn't mean game over. Most of us can still say a rosary through our tears, surrender ourselves at Mass even when relationships are fraying, and perform a generous act though our pockets are nearly empty. We don't have to ignore this world to aim for the next one.

How do you keep your eyes on heaven while firmly navigating this world?

Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

How often do we see everything and appreciate nothing? The kids are growing up by leaps and bounds yet we are still buying them juvenile toys. The people in our lives are sending up flares and we are ignorant of their distress. The local economy is in the tank but we are convinced the market for widgets will pick up again soon. Social frictions are increasing and gulfs widening; still, we imagine “one nation, under God” means we are all participating in the same American Dream. Easter, it turns out, isn't just a day on the calendar. It is a decision we make and a vision we hold or refuse to see. We can wander into the empty tomb and see what the first disciples saw: burial cloths and no body. Someone might steal a corpse for any number of reasons—but why would they unwrap it first? And fold the cloths and lay them gently aside? We can choose to call this a bizarre robbery. Or the lynchpin of history. It all depends on who God is for you, and how you see.

Happy Easter! How does what you believe about Easter affect the way you celebrate it?

*Please continue to pray for the victims of the Coronavirus
and for all who are affected by this unprecedented pandemic.*

NEW! A GRATEFUL PASTOR

Thank you to the teachers, staff and Ms. Winterberger for all of your efforts with distance learning and your unwavering dedication to our students. Collectively, we make SMM a truly special parish. Please contact the parish offices with any needs as we continue to work remotely. Thank you for your continued donations so that we can provide the services necessary for the good of our parish family. Please continue to pray, participate with our Live stream Mass and stay healthy.

NEW! PARISH GIVING THROUGH ELECTRONIC & MAILED DONATIONS

We appreciate your continued support as we work together and pray for an end to the pandemic and all those affected. Currently, our weekly collection average is down 45%. We are facing serious shortfalls. If you are able, you can make a donation through our website's Giving page, sign-up for electronic 'Parish Giving', or mail-in your offertory envelope to our parish office.

We wish you and your family a bountiful and blessed Easter. Thank you!

NEW! ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Although temporarily closed to the public, we are available to help and are here for your requests.

Announced Mass intentions can be requested remotely, too! If you would like an announced Mass, email Gina at ganthony@stmarymagdalen.net and submit your request. Please include the name, date(s) and time(s) you are requesting as well as your information. Providing at least 3 choices of dates would help in expediting your request.

If you are flexible, please feel free to indicate: "First available weekday at 8:30", "First Sunday Mass, anytime", and we will reply with the information before confirming. We will mail the card and an extra outer envelope to your home.

Please note if a card is needed.

To maintain the guidelines of the CDC, we will take credit cards over the phone or you can pay on our website by going to the Giving tab and clicking on the donate button. Please note on the drop down menu that it is for an announced Mass so we can ensure receipt. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

If you need any additional assistance, call the parish's office at 610-566-8821.

HAVE A HAPPY & HEALTHY EASTER!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS

This month, your donations paid \$1350 in rent for a family of four living in a small apartment. Their two teenage girls are homebound with the virus shutdown, but they are managing okay.

We also paid \$200 in rent support for a woman living alone in a rented room within a house. Unfortunately, the virus shutdown has minimized our face-to-face contact with her and she is lonely.

Please remember her in your prayers and thank you for your continued generosity.

We expect the need in the coming months to be significant; if you learn of someone in spiritual or financial crisis, please contact: Paul Feuerstein at 610-529-1672.



NEW! BLESSED MOTHER

Fellow parishioner, **Mary Canzanese** sent us this photo. After she had dressed their Blessed Mary statue with the scarf she noticed Mary was stepping on the devil serpent. She thought it beautifully depicts our Blessed Mother helping us defeat this 'devil virus' circulating our planet and she wanted to share it with our parish family. Stay vigilant!

See Prayer to Mary on page 2.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES

New family to our parish? We welcome our new parishioners:
 Vu and Deborah Nguyen & family

Please see an usher, or simply stop in or call our parish office.

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Blair Barbara Henry, William Dougherty (*father of Regina*) and victims of coronavirus and all the families of war that have lost a loved one, and the 4,000+ daily abortions and those in our community who have died.

A TIME TO HEAL

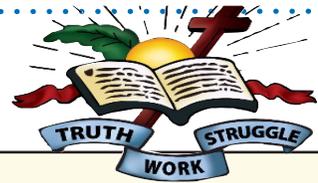
Please pray for our sick.

Marie Berenato, Chris Bogdash, Lucy Brooks, Patricia Brown, Thomas Byrnes, Mary Rose Benedetti, Joe and Kathleen Cahill, Giana Campbell, Anthony Carbo, Christine Cavaliere, Margaret Clark, Jacob DelPrato, Charlie Deegan, Mary Lou Dittmar, Robin D’Orazio, Theresa D’Orazio, Flora Dunn, Dalila Fay, Abigail Foster, Sharon Feist, Michael Fiorda, Peg Greco, Kay Greenblatt, Eileen Hiefer, Jim Huff, Elliot and Henry Johnson, Steve Jordan, Tom King, Dennis Kinslow, Caren Pappano Ladd, Coleen Lynch, Betty MacIntyre, Joe Maltby, Joe Malloy, Kinny McQuade, Thomas Melvin, Jr., Joe Mesko, Andrea Orsini, Ann Pagliei, Harry Reid, Robin Ross, Peter Salemo, John Sanders, Jackie Simms, Kerry Davisson Sinnis, Katherine Smith, Susan Sowa, Jane Spencer, Liam James Sweeney, Ryan Swingle, Eleanor Tiongson, Linda Tofani, Joann Trolio, Maria Twining, Joanne Vinci, Maureen Walsh, Henry Wisen, and Roseann Yannacone.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized! For baptismal information, call ext.107.
 Chloe Pingel

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE SAINTS!



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 PM – People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 AM – People of the Parish

9:30 AM – People of the Parish

11:30 AM – People of the Parish

5:30 PM – NO MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 AM – No Mass

8:30 AM – John List

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 AM – No Mass

8:30 AM – Dave Monzo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 AM – Margaret Bradley

8:30 AM – Jean M. Feketics

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 AM – Elizabeth Franco

8:30 AM – Lucille Francesco

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 AM – Regina Brennan

8:30 AM – Eugene Leopardi, Jr.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 AM – Connie and Dick Procopio

4:30 PM – John Paul Helmig

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 AM – Valerie Leonard

9:30 AM – Thomas J. Ryan, Jr.

11:30 AM – Charles Melazzo

5:30 PM – Ints. of Lucia Cahill

FLOWERS

Stephen and Mary Phillips

BREAD & WINE

Isabella and William Murphy

CANDLE

Gary DeNapoli

LIVESTREAM MASSES

We are grateful to our dear parishioner, **Dan Amoroso**, for sponsoring our Live Streams.

Currently, Masses will still have no public attendance. Join us for Mass Online from your home by going on our website at **stmarymagdalen.net** and watch the Mass or service on your computer or smart phone through our **Live Stream** services. Click on the link(s) to start the stream. **When finished, close the window to end your session's connection.**

NEW! PREP NEWS

I hope that you and your families are healthy and coping with the almost daily changes that the pandemic has brought to our lives.

First Communion, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 3 has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2020. Reception of the sacrament will take place at the 11:30 AM Mass. Second grade teachers (*school, PREP, and Family Catechesis*) are dedicated to making sure that your child is prepared to receive the Blessed Sacrament and have been providing lessons with that preparation in mind. Thank you for continuing those lessons at home in your role as your child's first catechist. Msgr. Chieffo also wants to offer parents the option of scheduling your child's First Communion individually at a Mass if you feel that your child is prepared to receive this sacrament prior to October 4. Looking ahead to the school year 2020-2021, there will be two celebrations of First Communion at our parish—one this October for those students currently preparing, and one on May 2, 2021, for those students preparing next year in second grade. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Prayers and blessings for continued health—
Dorothy Brown, DRE

NEW! E-NEWSLETTERS

Share our e-newsletter with friends and family. With news and links to online events and more.

Not getting it? Just email:
bulletins@stmarymagdalen.net
Send us your email address.

CHECKERED FLAG GALA DATE

Our 'Checkered Flag' Gala has been rescheduled for October 17, 2020.

The venue and time remain unchanged. Car and Cash Raffle tickets are still available. Raffle Tickets may be purchased on our website. We look forward to seeing you there!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The Mothers' Home in Darby has relief staffing needs that may arise to fill open shifts if their current staff is unable to report to work. Presently, there are three 8 hour shifts filled daily. The primary qualifications are: mature adult (*over 21-years-old*) and must have PA state clearance qualifications required for those working with children.

Appropriate remuneration is available.

If interested, contact: jduff1973@comcast.net.

SOULCORE FROM YOUR HOME

Free Live Daily Workouts and Prayer right from your living room using Zoom! **Go to our below link**

Monday-Friday by 11 AM. Use the link/info

below to join us in united prayer! Go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/5465885408>

Changes due to Enhanced security—

You must enter our password: **Jesus412**

NEW! A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

H.O.P.E. MINISTRY

We bring meals to any parishioners experiencing difficult times. Contact:

**We are on Easter Break.
We wish you and your family
a healthy and blessed Easter.**

STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

March 2020: \$88,129

March 2019: \$105,243

**To the best of your ability, please help
your parish family in this time of need.**

We thank you for your generosity!

Worship

Adult Choir	Ralph Purri	610-566-8821	rpurri@stmarymagdalen.net
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Altar Society	Monica Grzeczowski	610-891-9483	monicajmj@gmail.com
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Greeters	Ginny McHugh	610-361-5141	jmchugh123@verizon.net
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Perpetual Adoration	Shelly Zeller	610-353-7739	shellsing2@aol.com
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Little Church School	Anne Fenerty	610-565-6228	afenerty@verizon.net
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Marriage Encounter	Dennis & Lorraine Kinslow	610-742-7693	lkinslow@marykay.com
Marriage Prep	Phila. Marriage Prep	610-873-2017	info@phillycatholicmarriageprep.com
Moms in Prayer	Nicky Verna	610-639-3816	nicky@verna.com
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Services, Boards & Organizations

AA Meeting	Thursdays, 7PM		Rectory Basement
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