

# Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

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

## JULY 25, 2021

### THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# The Bread of Life

by Deacon Joseph Boyle



The multiplication of loaves is the only miracle, in addition to the Resurrection, recorded in all four Gospels, which the writers saw in a new light after the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. Throughout John's Gospel, we discover our Lord in terms of the "I am" proclamations. As disciples of "I am the Bread of Life," how are we expected to follow our Lord's Way? Jesus was testing the apostles' faith when questioning them, saying: "How are we to buy bread so that these people may eat?" It is likely that the apostles did not anticipate feeding the multitude, let alone how it would be purchased. At this point in the apostles' journey, their replies to His query displayed a remarkable lack of understanding of who Jesus

was. However, the lad, who brought forth the five barley loaves and two fish, showed the faith and courage required to follow our Lord's Way. We, as children of the Bread of Life, need to be open to our Lord's Way with courage and determination. When we follow the Way, we follow His Will.

**The Way to JOY in this life is to keep Jesus, Others, and Yourself in mind at all times.** All three, properly ordered, will give us the peace we seek in this world. The young lad saw Jesus. He saw the vast crowd and himself. Yet, it was the five barley loaves presented as an offering that made the difference. Barley was the bread of the poor during that time. He gave what he had, not knowing to what extent it would be of assistance. Indeed he witnessed the miracle of the feeding of the multitude. Certainly, this brought him—JOY. Perhaps only in heaven did the boy realize how he contributed to the miracle of the Bread of Life, the Eucharist, and spiritual food which truly sustains us.

**We are called to union and communion with our Lord, with each other, and with ourselves.** When we witness Jesus in others and feed them with our time, talents, and gifts, we nurture our souls and become true disciples of Jesus. As an example, the story of the "long spoons" sets the table for us. In both heaven and hell, there is bountiful food and drink provided. In both heaven and hell, to consume the feast, very long spoons are disturbed. In hell, each individual starves, for he cannot figure out how to feed himself with the long spoons. In heaven, everyone is fully satisfied from the bounty, for everyone feeds each other with the spoons.

*"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission; I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in a great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling."*

— Cardinal John Henry Newman

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

8:30 AM & 4:30 PM Vigil

### Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

No 5:30 PM from Memorial Day  
until after Labor Day

**Weekday: Monday thru Friday**

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM



## ADORATION, ROSARY & CONFESSION TIMES

### Adoration Chapel Hours

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.**

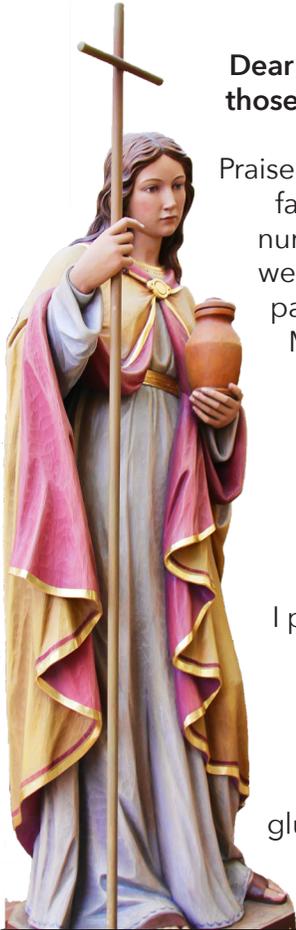
**Rosary at 7:15 PM on Tuesdays in the Chapel.**

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

## PARISH GIVING

Make a donation through our website's 'Giving' page, sign-up for our recurring electronic donations through our 'Parish Giving' program, or send your offertory to our parish office. Thank you!

# PARISH UNITY RETREAT



**Dear parish leaders, staff, and those desiring to serve the parish,**

Praise God for blessing our parish family with a vibrant faith to nurture our salvation and those we serve. As we celebrate our patronal Feast of Saint Mary Magdalen, I invite you to join our **Parish Unity Retreat** at Saint Joseph in the Hills Retreat Center in Malvern on **Wednesday, August 25**. The retreat will take place from Noon to 8 PM.

I pray that by coming together, we can renew our love for Jesus and one another. Jesus delivered Mary Magdalen from her pride, anger, lust, greed, envy, gluttony, and sloth by spending time with her, offering her

resources, and trusting in His divine love and tender mercy. God's Powerful Spirit (*GPS*) desires to grace and guide us to grow in friendship with Jesus and encourage others to fulfill our Parish Mission Statement: "Building a family of faith in Jesus Christ through Catholic worship, education, and charity."

**Father Alex Gibbs** will be the celebrant and homilist at the 4:30 PM Mass.

**Father Christopher Walsh** and **Mrs. Bernadette Dougherty** will facilitate our retreat theme: **"Growing in Friendship with Jesus and One Another"**



**All are welcome to come for all or part of the day.**

If you plan to attend, please email the following information: name(s), email, and if you will be present for lunch, dinner, or both.

**Kindly RSVP no later than August 10 to:**  
**events@stmarymagdalen.net**

*Calling all of our SMM parish leaders and staff-*

## UNITY RETREAT

an SMM event at **Malvern Retreat House**

**Wednesday, August 25**

**Noon to 8 PM**

A retreat for our parish and school staff, teachers, those in service or interested in being of service to our church. Meals included.

Join us for the full day or come for evening portion.

Presenters include: **Bernadette Dougherty**, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools for Archdiocese, and **Fr. Christopher Walsh**. 4 PM Mass with celebrant, **Fr. Alex Gibbs**. Itinerary details to come.

To attend, **RSVP by August 10** to our parish office or email: **events@stmarymagdalen.net**

### **A Prayer to St. Mary Magdalen**

*Saint Mary Magdalen, through your friendship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, you were delivered from the seven demons of pride, anger, lust, greed, envy, gluttony, and sloth. Through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, renew within us the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, courage, piety, and fear of the Lord, so that like you, we, too, can announce the good news of our Risen Lord by a life of virtue. Amen.*



*A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; the one who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price; no sum can balance its worth. A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as one who fears God finds.*

– Sirach 6:14-16

## **NEW! DIVINE WORD MISSION APPEAL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend during our Masses, we will welcome **Fr. Binh Nguyen**. Fr. Nguyen will speak about the importance and need of the **Divine Word Mission**.

Missionaries live among the people of the world and offer their lives and service in a variety of ways—

Schools, Medical Centers, Food Programs, Vocational Training, and more. Divine Mission spreads and promotes the unity of the Christian faith on earth through their work in over eighty countries

bringing healing, education, support, and life-changing help through the person of Jesus, the Divine Word, to the people they serve.

Our second collection will be offered for the benefit Divine Word Mission.

## **NEW! THE HONOR ROLLS MERION MERCY ACADEMY**

Distinguished Honors:

**Alexis Sarne, Sofia Folgja**

Honors:

**Ryan Morrow, Bridget Lain**

## **VILLA MARIA ACADEMY**

Distinguished Honors:

**Rachel Buttimer, Jessica Ghaul**

First Honors:

**Ashlyn Kelly, Martine Sirianni, Samantha O'Donnell**

Second Honors:

**Madeline Sirianni, Caroline Bell**

We congratulate all these outstanding students for their efforts and pray for the continued success of all our student parishioners and alumni.



*Billy Clark plays the piano for Msgr. on his birthday!*

## **NEW! DRIVE-UP AND DROP-OFF FOOD AND CASSEROLE COLLECTION FRIDAY, JULY 30 • NOON TO 1 PM**

*Hunger doesn't take a vacation*

This Friday, July 30, our food pantry and Bethesda Project will hold a summer 'Drive-up and Drop-off'

Food Collection in the parking lot in front of the church. Any items are appreciated! We are especially in need of apples and oranges, soups, oatmeal, chili, boxed potatoes, pancake mix, syrup, juices, crackers, canned pasta,

Spam, canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, sugar, rice, black beans, spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac'n cheese, cake mixes and icing, coffee, snacks, and diapers. Casseroles will also be collected for Bethesda Project.

## **NEW! NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES BENEFITS CATHOLIC CHARITIES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 7 PM**

**Enjoy the Phillies on Catholic Charities Night!**

Join us on Friday, September 10 at 7 PM to watch the Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies. If 500 tickets are sold, **Fr. Sean Bransfield**, Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will throw out the first pitch of the game with special guest, **Archbishop Pérez!** A portion of all tickets sold will go directly to benefit our wonderful beneficiaries.

**For tickets go to: [catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org)**

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

### **CONFIRMATION • MARCH 17, 2022**

SMM will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 17, 2022 at 4 PM with **Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre** as our celebrant.

### **SMM GALA • APRIL 2, 2022**

We have a date for our 2022 Gala which benefits our school and its Catholic education initiatives! Join us at the **Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum** on Saturday, April 2, 2022. We are very grateful to **Katie Knee** and **Margarita Martinelli** have resumed their roles as the event's co-chairs.

Stay tuned for more event details this fall.

## **NEW! HOME VISITS**

*Are you in need of a home visit?*

Would like a priest to visit or desire to have a communion to you in your home? Call our parish office, Ext. 107, to make arrangements.



### NEW! PREP NEWS

#### Fall Registration Information

If your child was enrolled in PREP class for the 2020-2021 year and has completed all of the year's requirements (*all assigned lessons and submitted the study assignments*), he/she is **automatically enrolled for the next level** for the 2021-2022 school year. You only need to contact Mrs. Brown if your child will not return to the program in the fall or if your contact information has changed. **Reminder:** If your child has not completed the lessons or online assessments for the five Units in the PREP textbook yet, the work will be accepted through August. If your child will be in first grade or is a new student to PREP, please see the 'Religious Education' tab on the parish website to access our online registration.

For more information, to submit assessments, or enrollment status updates contact Mrs. Dorothy Brown, DRE, at [dbrown@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:dbrown@stmarymagdalen.net).

### SEND US YOUR ALUMNI UPDATES & NEWS

#### Got some great news about an SMM Alumni?

Send alumni graduations, marriages, jobs, or event news and photos to [bulletins@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:bulletins@stmarymagdalen.net) or visit our online alumni page and submit using our digital form.



The 4th grade wrapped up their last days of school with many fun activities, but a favorite is the traditional "Red Carpet Candy Awards."

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We're Here! Call or email us.



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See additional SMM ministries and organizations on page 9

View our 'Livestream' Masses, recorded events, and calendar online: [stmarymagdalen.net](http://stmarymagdalen.net)

**MSGR. RALPH ON THE RADIO • THURSDAYS**

**800 AM Radio • 5-6 PM**

Listen & call in with your questions to 610-527-2906!



**WE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES**

Robert and Rosemarie Cardie, Timothy Dowling & family,  
Shawn and Colleen Lubic & family

*New family to our parish? Complete our online form or call the office.*

**WELCOMED HOME BY GOD**

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of **Barbara Ranieri** (mother of James), **Elizabeth Kearney**, **Shawn Rose DiFerdinand** (sister of Deacon James) and all the victims of the Coronavirus, all the families of war that have lost a loved one, the 4,000+ daily abortions, and those in our community who have died.

**A TIME TO HEAL**

*Please pray for our sick.*

*Call our parish office if you or a loved one is ill.*

Linda Baker, Joe Boyle, Sr., Joe Cahill, Al Candiotti, Christine Cavaliere, Anthony Crane, Charlie Deegan, Debra DiFulvio, John Dohoney, John Dougherty, Theresa D’Orazio, Elaine Drames, Eileen Dwyer, Sharon Feist, Micheal Ferrantino, Michael Fiorda, Joseph Flynn, Philip Franco, Peg Greco, Joe Malloy, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Dorothy Millener, Johannes Mooyman, Marian Moran, Linda Romano, Peter Salemo, Brendan Shain, Elizabeth Shay, Melissa Spahr, Eleanor Tiongson, Mark Torregosa, Peter Triponi, Joann Trolio, and Roseann Yannacone.

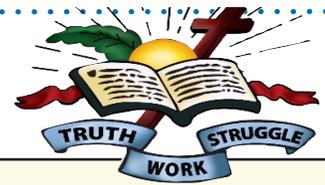
**BAPTISMS**

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

**Harley Brynn Guagliarello, Nora Olivia McDade**



*Hoops of Happiness during Mike Doyle’s Basketball Camp.*



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JULY 24**

8:30 AM – George & Rose Baer  
4:30 PM – Lee Gardella

**SUNDAY, JULY 25**

7:30 AM – Timothy Connor  
9:30 AM – Rudy Chillemi  
11:30 AM – Gregory McCullough  
5:30 PM – NO MASS

**MONDAY, JULY 26**

6:30 AM – Francis A. Smith  
8:30 AM – Gloria Moppert

**TUESDAY, JULY 27**

6:30 AM – Patrick Brady  
8:30 AM – Joseph McCarthy

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

6:30 AM – Rosemary Wall  
8:30 AM – James A. Williamson, Jr.

**THURSDAY, JULY 29**

6:30 AM – Linda Szipszky  
8:30 AM – Patricia Lerro

**FRIDAY, JULY 30**

6:30 AM – Stephen H. Kreider  
8:30 AM – Claudia Parker Davenport

**SATURDAY, JULY 31**

8:30 AM – George & Rose Baer  
4:30 PM – Ints. of Joseph Cahill

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

7:30 AM – Chase Robbins  
9:30 AM – Louise Dzara  
11:30 AM – Ralph DiGiovanni

**FLOWERS**

In memory of James Dooley

**BREAD & WINE**

In memory of James Dooley

**CANDLE**

In memory of James Dooley

### BETHESDA PROJECT CASSEROLE COLLECTION & NEWS

We have great news to share with our parishioners. SMM's Bethesda Project had a beautiful new freezer delivered on July 5, gifted by an anonymous donor.

We are so grateful! We will have a casserole collection on **Friday, July 30** outside of church from 11 AM to noon. Please bring your casseroles frozen and place them on our cart outside the church entrance. Please remember to put a label on the lid. If you don't feel like cooking, we also accept Party Size Frozen Stouffers dinners. Each and every casserole you donate feeds 10 hungry people. You really do make a difference! To learn more about this great outreach program in our community, contact **Joanne Hinkle** at [johinkle@verizon.net](mailto:johinkle@verizon.net).

### NEW! ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

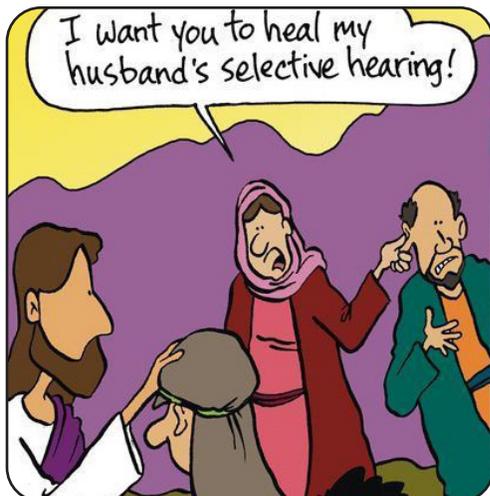
This month, we helped a woman suffering in a sweltering apartment by purchasing and installing an A/C window unit for her. In addition, SVDP also assisted a woman who could not pay her car insurance and living expenses due to a financial shortfall. We are so thankful for your donations, which may be left in the metal box in the Narthex. If you know of someone needing emergency aid, call **Paul Feuerstein** at **610-529-1672**.

### NEW! MASS OBLIGATION NEWS

As many aspects of life return to normalcy, the Bishops in PA will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days will resume on **Sunday, August 15, 2021**.

Visit our COVID guide online for more information and Mass exemptions.

### A LAUGH WITH THE PASTOR



### SMM CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Facilities updates and enhancements are in full swing this summer! Investing in the future of our parish and school, we will spend approximately \$350,000 on these improvements. To ensure a high-quality experience, we upgraded the Livestream capabilities, added new cameras, and upgraded the church sound system. We addressed structural concerns in the cupulas and bell tower by replacing the windows, patching and painting, and replacing the lighting fixtures with efficient LED lights. We continue our restorations in the school, ensuring enhanced security with a new fire alarm system and emergency lighting. We have also upgraded the flooring, replaced or repaired windows, and replaced crumbling sewer piping. We are replacing a large portion of the rooftop ventilation system to ensure clean air movement. We are blessed to be able to improve our church and school for the benefit of everyone. We are grateful for your continued support of our spiritual home.

### NEED A NOTARY?

We are happy to announce that our parish office coordinator, **Gina Guarnere-Anthony**, is now a Notary Public and will offer complimentary on-site notary services at SMM to our parishioners.

Please email [ganthony@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:ganthony@stmarymagdalen.net) or call our parish office to schedule an appointment.

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL LIMITED OPENINGS LEFT FOR FALL!

#### STEWARDSHIP & TITHING

<b>June 2021</b>	<b>\$95,904</b>
Collection:	\$26,685
Mail-in:	\$31,526
EFT:	\$37,693
<b>June 2020</b>	<b>\$97,109*</b>
Collection:	\$18,256
Mail-in:	\$48,272
EFT:	\$30,581

*We thank you for your generosity!*

*\* May be impacted by COVID.*

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