

# Saint Mary Magdalen Church

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

17 NOV 2024 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ARTICLES OF THE CREED

### Part Eleven: I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, we welcome Mr. Charles Cappelli, a seminarian in the Theology III class at Saint Charles Borromeo seminarian, preparing for ordination for our Archdiocese. I have known Charlie since I was a seminarian assigned to the Temple Newman Center when he was a senior. After graduating, he spent some years as a FOCUS missionary before entering the seminary. Father Bob and I agree that he will make a fine priest in just a few short years. Welcome, Charlie, and thanks for sharing your story and reminding us of the importance of the annual seminary appeal!

On December 6th, we will have a First Friday evening celebration with adoration beginning at 5:30 pm in the church and concluding with benediction at 6:15, followed by Mass at 6:30 pm. Confessions will be available during the holy hour, and a social will follow in the hall after. Speaking of First Friday and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, did you know that Pope Francis released a new encyclical last month called *Dilexit Nos* on the Sacred Heart? It is a powerful document, and I hope we can organize discussion groups to read it. Here is one quote from the conclusion: "In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming, and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost."

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker



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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.  
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.

## ELECTRONIC PARISH GIVING



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The Gospel of John relates that Jesus engaged in an extended discourse with his Apostles on the night before his death. He had called them and formed them for all that time, but now he was beginning his journey back to the Father from whom he had come.

He promised not to leave them orphans, assuring them that "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and assure you of all that I told you" (*John 14:26*).

There are whispers of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Literally, the very first verse of the Bible speaks of a "mighty wind" (in Hebrew, "ruah") that swept across the primeval waters just as God says, "Let there be light" (*Gen 1:1*). When Abraham greets three angels, he recognizes them to be emissaries of God himself, an Old Testament prefiguration of the Trinity, of which the Holy Spirit is the third person.

Yet, as with the revelation of the Son, knowledge of the Holy Spirit is given definitively in the fullness of time when God sent his Son. The New Testament tells us that the Angel Gabriel assures Mary that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you." At the time of Jesus' baptism by John, we are told that the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove.

At one point, Jesus rejoices in the Holy Spirit when contemplating God's amazing work of salvation in which he hides things from the wise and learned "but reveals them to the childlike."

And now, on the cusp of his death, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will continue and extend the work of sanctification which he has inaugurated. The Holy Spirit, which descended upon the Church at Pentecost when the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room, makes Christ present in history until he comes again in glory. We see this on that day of Pentecost when the Spirit sets the Apostles on fire to proclaim Christ as the crucified and risen savior of the world. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see that the Spirit is accompanied by powerful signs such as speaking in tongues, healing of disease, and even the resuscitation of people from the dead.

In all this, the Holy Spirit manifests divine power working in and through the human vessels of the apostles, giving credibility to their proclamation of Christ to Jews and pagans alike.

The Holy Spirit works in our age, too, to make present in the Church this credible witness to Christ. When the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine, they are transformed into the very body and blood of Christ himself. This act of calling the Holy Spirit, called the epiclesis, implies a

second event: the transformation of the entire community of believers assembled at the Eucharist in faith, that they too may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and so become "one body, one spirit in Christ."

The Holy Spirit raises up in every age powerful signs of the Church's identity as the body of Christ. In our time and place, members of Christ's faithful organize ministries to support pregnant women so that they choose life for their children AND to support migrants at the southern border. We have beautiful communities for the elderly poor, such as Holy Family Home in West Philadelphia, as well as schools for children of all ages, including schools of special education where children learn above all that they are loved by God. In these and so many other ways, our communities of faith demonstrate that we are so much more than a political party or an NGO—the Church is the body of believers called out of the world by the Holy Spirit to worship God and proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.

Even today, amid all the uncertainties of our time, we have several members of our local community journeying in preparation to become Catholic. Even today, the Holy Spirit continues to draw men and women and "kindle in them the fire of [his] love."

Dear friends, I pray that each of us will call upon the Holy Spirit in our lives and respond to the promptings in our hearts, inviting us to a fuller participation in Christ's death and resurrection. In a particular way, I ask that you keep in prayer the members of our parish community preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this March.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Brock Martin

Peter Blute

Lillian Fallon

Archbishop Perez








# The Well

Young Adult Conference



**SHERATON HOTEL  
DOWNTOWN PHILADELPHIA &  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

SATURDAY  
1:00 PM - 10:30 PM  
**NOV 23**

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**SMM Knights' Fundraiser**

# ONE HOPE

The Knights' ONE HOPE Winery fundraiser will benefit the Mothers' Home in Darby. Start your Christmas shopping or stock up for the upcoming holidays while benefitting a great cause in our area. So, let's pour it forward!

To place an order, please visit the Knights' digital storefront at [onehopewine.com/event/208579](http://onehopewine.com/event/208579).

The Knights of Columbus are grateful for your support!

**Now Through December 14**

**American Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT  
*Means Something*

**GIVE BLOOD**

**Friday, November 29, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Before you head out to get the perfect gifts for your loved ones this Thanksgiving, consider giving an invaluable gift to someone who needs it.

Schedule your blood donation at St. Mary Magdalen. Our annual drive will be held in the School Gym.

**Scan the QR Code to schedule our time slot today!**



**Give Nov 18 to Dec 8 for two pairs of custom FRIENDS + Red Cross socks, ltd qty. Keep one, gift one!**



Scan to schedule an appointment.

## NEW! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS IN URGENT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

We urgently need volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), which provides an age-appropriate Liturgy each week during the school year to children in grades 1 to 3 during Sunday's 9:30 AM Mass. Can you volunteer a handful of times from now to June? The readings are provided with ideas and suggestions for discussing the Gospel reading. Then, together, you assist them with reciting the Apostles' Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful. Children share their special petitions for special loved ones.

Without additional support, this long-running program may not be able to continue regularly. We would welcome high school or middle school students (a parent or adult must assist and accompany you), and you can fulfill service hours in this rewarding service ministry!

**If you have questions or want to meet in the chapel to review the material, please email Carol at [clow@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:clow@stmarymagdalen.net).**

## NEW! SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Our Seniors' Social Club is having a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 11, at the Springhaven Country Club in Wallingford. The cost is \$42 per guest, and the choice of entree is crab cake or filet. The Social Club hopes you can join them for an afternoon of Christmas cheer and fine food. **If you are interested, please get in touch with Bette Dietrich at 610-544-6295 by November 29 to make your reservation.**

## PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

It is the fervent desire of the Archdiocese to encourage the faithful to pray before the Most Blessed Sacrament on the day the Eucharist and the Priesthood were instituted by Christ to pray for our priests, seminarians, and an increase in vocations. Join us at the designated Chapel in Delaware County for Vocation Adoration every Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM throughout the Archdiocese.

**To learn more about vocations and upcoming events to the priesthood, visit [heedthecall.org](http://heedthecall.org).**

## SICILY with FR. ERIC

### Come on a Spiritual, Cultural, and Culinary Journey to Sicily with Fr. Eric from October 15 to October 25, 2025!

**Trips to Italy with Laura**, a native Italian who moved to America and now specializes in small, customizable group trips to Italy. Join her and Fr. Eric to explore Sicily's ancient temples and magnificent Baroque basilicas. Enjoy its rich and diverse culinary tradition while exploring cities and monuments with Greek, Roman, Arabic, Norman, and Spanish influences.

Highlights include Palermo—visit the Duomo and Palazzo dei Normanni, explore Mercato di Balarò, and experience Palermo's food and lively nightlife.

See Alcamo and Selinunte with its Valley of the Temples. Enjoy a day in magical Siracusa, which includes a visit to the Basilica, Greek amphitheater, and the island of Ortigia.

We will visit the top of Mount Etna and end the day with a volcanic wine tasting.

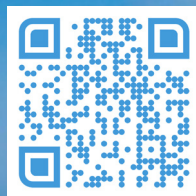
Enjoy a night in Taormina, then head to Catania, Sicily's fanciest city, filled with a blend of Baroque and Liberty architecture and fantastic food.

We will visit the mountain town of Castelbuono, famous for its Panettone, and stay the night.

Before we head home, we will marvel at the Byzantine mosaics of the Cathedral of Monreale, complete with a Benedictine monastery and garden!

Plus, Mass is offered daily with Fr. Eric.

Scan the QR Code below or visit website for trip details, rates, inclusions and exclusions, itinerary, deposit schedule, and more!



[tripstoitalywithlaura.com](http://tripstoitalywithlaura.com)



## Young Adults

### BIBLE STUDY

Mondays from 7 to 8 PM

Join us weekly at St. Mary Magdalen for faith and fellowship on the lower level of the church by St. Francis Hall. Begins November 4th.

### MASS & SOCIAL

Sundays at 7 PM

Come for Mass with music by Gus DeSimone and Sara Thomas. Then stay afterward for food and some fun in St. Francis Hall or in nearby Media.



## NEW! CYO TURKEY DRIVE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 6 TO 7 PM

Our CYO will collect frozen turkeys to benefit local food banks. Your generosity will help provide a Thanksgiving meal to many of our neighboring families in Delaware County! We'll make it easy for you—just pull up to our drop-off spot in the church's front parking lot, and we will grab the turkeys and other non-perishables from your car!

Please do not drop off food at the school.

We are grateful for your support, and we wish you and yours a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.



## SOON: PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE AT IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

*Join us for this amazing event!*

The day begins with check-in at 8:40 AM.

The conference features live music, prayer, speakers, lunch, games, Adoration, a Vigil Mass with Archbishop Pérez at 5:15 PM, and loads of fun!

It is sponsored by the Office for Ministry with Youth in the Archdiocese for grades 8 through 12.

Sign up or learn more at [phillyOMY.org](http://phillyOMY.org).



## SUPPORT: GRIEVING THROUGH HOLIDAYS BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 6:30 PM

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter how much time has passed, please know that you are not alone. These offerings are for anyone suffering loss. Join this upcoming online Zoom program from 6:30 to 8:30 PM for anyone who wants to share or listen to others who walk in grief along with you.

May you know that God is with you. Please register by November 10 so materials can be mailed to you.

For more information and the online link, contact Theresa Ferrari, MSN, RN, and certified spiritual director at [dtpcmt@aol.com](mailto:dtpcmt@aol.com) or call 484-459-1564.



## WOULD YOU LIKE A HOME VISIT?

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Would you like your home blessed?

We are here for you! Please call our parish office to schedule a visit or for assistance.



# It only takes one encounter.

## GO WALK WITH ONE

Someone in your life is waiting for a moment that will change everything. God is ready to deliver, and he wants YOU to be a part of that story. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of someone you know and love. It only takes one encounter with Jesus to change their life forever.

You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be present and walk with them. Grace will do the rest. Scan the code to get started.

[eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one](http://eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one)





## WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Are you interested in joining our parish? Visit our website or stop by our parish office to register. We welcome new members weekly.

Frank & Irene Vaul

## CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Robert O'Conner, Gerald Halt, Sr., Julia Harkins those souls who have died due to wars or conflicts including the Holy Land, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, those recently lost to natural disasters, famine, 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, Jean Cotter, Joseph DeFabio, Kieran Doran, Rosemary Dougherty, Theresa D'Orazio, Phil Franco, Kevin Gallagher, Katie Garwood, Jacquelyn Gibbons, Bob Gentile, Rodie Henson, Francis Iacovone, Cole Keith, Ray Kenney, Gregory Lewis, Leonard Lombardi, Joe Malloy, Floyd Marvin, Robin Marvin, Marion McCarthy, Mary Jane & Pat McCloskey, Mary Theresa McDevitt, Dorothy Milliner, Dorothy Moerman, James Moerman, 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, Eleanor Tiongson, Amerigo Tomassi, Mark Torregosa, Roseann Yannacone, and Ernie Zappacosta.

## MARRIAGES

Best wishes and many blessings to our newest newlyweds.

Ashley Mendicino & Ricardo Pereira

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

For baptismal information, call or email [baptisms@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:baptisms@stmarymagdalen.net)

Issac Mayeda



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30 AM - Siena Santarelli

4:30 PM - Peter & Yolanda DiMaggio

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 AM - Ints. of Deacon

Robert Szipszky

9:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

11:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

7 PM - Bill Virbitsky

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 AM - Melenie Lambert & Family

8:30 PM - Valerio Veneri

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 AM - The People of the Parish

8:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 AM - Regina Feeney

8:30 AM - Joseph McLane

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30 AM - Edwin Scott

8:30 AM - Janet Zurbach

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:30 AM - Genevieve Gardner

8:30 AM - Charles Krauss

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30 AM - James Phillips

4:30 PM - Vincent Zeller

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 AM - Maria Malta

9:30 AM - Matthew Bowen

11:30 AM - Dolly Cioschi

7 PM - Daniel Chirico

## FLOWERS

In memory of our Veterans

## BREAD & WINE

In memory of Robert O'Connell

## CANDLE

In memory of Gerald Halt, Sr.

**NEW! A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM VILLANOVA'S PASTORAL MUSICIANS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Villanova Pastoral Musicians in our pilgrimage to France by participating in our raffle last weekend. I'm sorry to say that none of the tickets I sold won, but I greatly appreciate your generosity. I'd like to extend a special sentiment of gratitude to Fr. Banecker for allowing me to sell my tickets. This fundraiser has helped us so much financially, and it would not have been possible without your kindness. Thank you again, and I will be praying for you all from France!

Sincerely—Maria Procaccini

**ORDER NOW! SACRED HEART CHURCH HOMEMADE PIEROGI SALE NOVEMBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 22**

Homemade Pierogies are for sale at Sacred Heart Church in St. Stephen's Church Hall, located at 199 W. Baltimore Ave & Church Street in Clifton Heights, from November 11 through November 22—To order, call Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077. Order pick-up times are weekdays from noon to 1:30 PM or Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Pierogies are \$8 per dozen. Thank you!

**SEE MORE EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE**



**URGENT! SCAMS TARGET PARISHIONERS**

There is an uptick in email and text scams trying to masquerade as parishes, priests, or other parish leaders throughout the Archdiocese. You will not receive 'private' texts or email requests from Fr. Eric, clergy, or parish staff asking for gift cards, cash, or emergency funds. Any parish events or fundraisers are posted publically on our website, bulletin, or newsletters. Do not respond to or click on links from suspicious emails or texts. When in doubt, contact our parish office or ask any staff member using the emails listed in our bulletin or on the website at stmarymagdalen.net.

**LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM**

This class, for all children ages 3 to 5, teaches Jesus through stories, songs, games, crafts, and prayer. It is held in the Gathering Room during the 9:30 AM Mass throughout the school year.

**For information contact Elizabeth Logan at [elogan26@gmail.com](mailto:elogan26@gmail.com).**

**TODAY'S READINGS BEGIN ON 746 IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL**

**STEWARDSHIP & TITHING**

<b>October 2024</b>	<b>\$115,528</b>
Collection:	\$30,054
Mail-in:	\$30,638
EFT:	\$54,836
<b>October 2023</b>	<b>\$106,050</b>
Collection:	\$39,169
Mail-in:	\$24,963
EFT:	\$41,918



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**We are grateful for your generous spirit!**



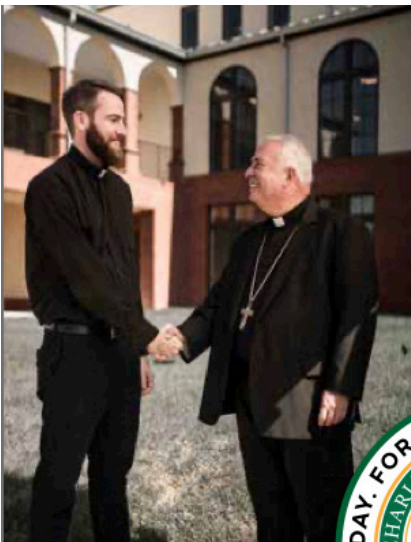


“The formation of a priest involves a path of deep sacrifice, personal commitment, faith, and an unwavering desire to be an instrument of Christ’s love. It’s a journey that no man walks alone. It requires the support of our entire local Church.

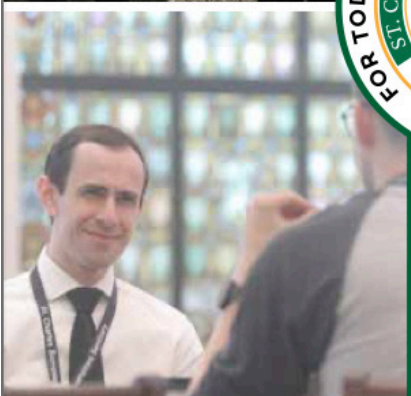
The future of our Church depends on the next generation of priests who will serve with the zealous hearts of Missionary Disciples. They depend on you. By supporting Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary today, you are ensuring that our future as a family in faith will be bright and vibrant.

Together, let us be the hands and hearts that form our Church. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.”

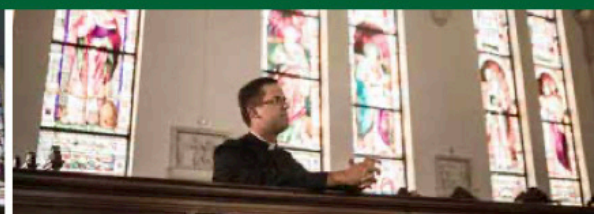
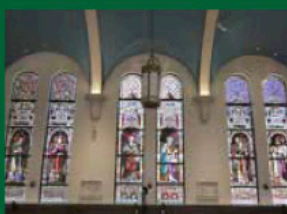
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– Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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