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ARTICLES OF THE CREED

Part Twelve: Life Everlasting. Amen.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

When we all arrive at church next Sunday, the Advent wreath will be in place with its first candle lit.

It's hard to believe we are here already!

With the new liturgical year comes a change in our hymnals. Beginning next week, instead of the two different hymnals, we will have one new soft-cover hymnal with covers on the exterior to keep them in good condition throughout the year. This Heritage Missal will replace both the blue choral praise and Breaking Bread. It contains all the readings and prayers for Mass, as usual.

I believe this change will help streamline our participation in the liturgy each week.

Today, we conclude our look at the Apostles' Creed.

Next week, I will begin a series of meditations on Advent and Christmas.

May the Lord grant you peace!

—Father Eric Banecker



The final words of the Apostles' Creed offer a kind of checklist of the most mysterious elements of the Catholic faith: "the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting." Let's begin with the Church.

To believe in the Holy Catholic Church is not the same thing as believing in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For the persons of the Trinity, belief involves more than simply assenting to their importance: it means a complete giving over of one's life. That is what our Trinitarian faith demands: the acceptance of the invitation to share in



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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.



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the very life of God, who is one in three. The Church, of course, is not God—but the Church is divine because Jesus is the head! We are the body—we are fallen, and fallible human beings, which means the Church is human, too. Very human, you might say. Too human! And, often, that is our focus, isn't it? Even among clergy, it can be far too easy to judge the work of the Church according to secular categories of power. Movies, like the latest one, *Conclave*, which by all accounts does a terrible job depicting the actual reality of the Papacy—often examine the institutional elements of Catholicism, with the strange robes and ancient rituals, but also with all the ugliness and messiness inherent in any organization in which fallen human beings have a say.

Can we look under the surface of things? To believe in the Church is to say that Jesus, in choosing the twelve apostles, intended to found a community of the faithful that would exist throughout time and would hand on to every generation his revelation of God's superabundant love and redemption. Of course, the Church is much more than the Pope and bishops. All of us, through baptism, are equal members of God's holy Church. But the Church isn't less than the Pope and bishops, either. Jesus intended that through the apostolic succession, the handing on of holy orders from the apostles down to this very day, the deposit of faith would be preserved and authentically handed on by the successors of those Jesus chose to announce his resurrection to the world.

Pope Saint John XXIII wrote an encyclical, *Mater et Magistra*, in 1961. The title means "mother and teacher." Yet, because of so many scandals and mediocrity—not to mention our tendency toward independence and making our own decisions about things—many Catholics have chosen to ignore the Church's authentic teaching not just on prudential and contingent political questions but on decisions that touch upon the very meaning of marriage and family life, and even the fundamental tenants of faith in the Eucharist, the necessity of baptism, and even the divinity of Christ. I acknowledge the failures that might have been the cause of some of this loss of trust in recent decades. At the same time, it is important for us to look beyond the veil of our all-too-human failures and see Christ, the head of the Church, who guides her amid the storms of every age.

It is as members of Christ's Body, the Church, that we come to share in the resurrection from the dead and life everlasting. These final words recall that we are not made to simply persist in living as we do right now. What Christ came to bring about is a new heaven and a new earth. Because of this, we are promised to share body and soul in his glory—this is what it means to believe in the resurrection of the dead. All of us, the dust of the earth that we are, will rise and stand on the last day. Our bodies will be like his in glory. In this way, we will share in life everlasting, a life no longer subject to decay or sickness, a life without the struggles, weaknesses, and division we so often experience now due to sin.

Yet to share in this eternal joy is not something that happens without our consent. We have to say 'yes' to it—not just as a word, but in the manner of our life. Every day, we should ask for the grace to make this day a response of "yes" to these mysterious things promised to the saints on the last day. In other words, today and every day, may our response to the truths of our Catholic faith be "Amen."



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Now Through December



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.

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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.



RSVP NOW! 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.



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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.

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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 Sarah Thomas. Then stay afterward for food and some fun in St. Francis Hall or in nearby Media.



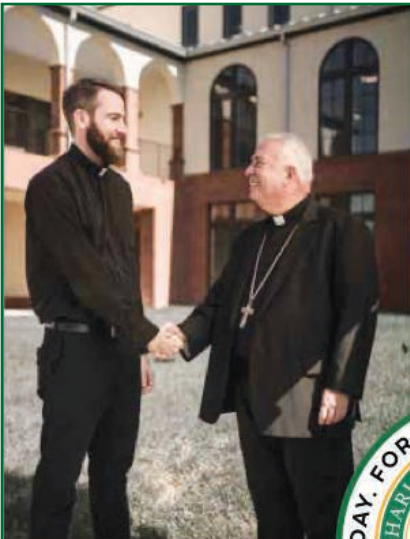
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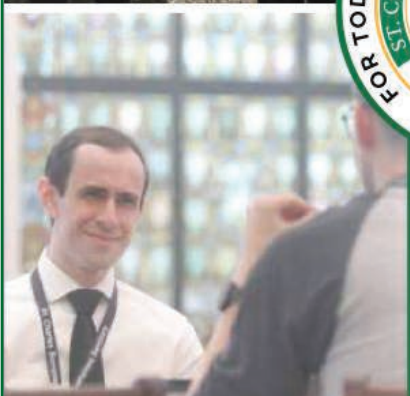
Someone in your life is waiting for a moment that will change everything. God is ready to deliver, and he wants YOU to be a part of that story. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of someone you know and love. It only takes one encounter with Jesus to change their life forever.

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.

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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.

Gregory Moppert & Juliette Gabriel, Thomas & Antoinette Torrence,
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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

Cora Adele Ervin, Maura Elizabeth Mohollen



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:30 AM - Anne Myers & Family

8:30 PM - Michelina Miley

7:30 PM - The Deceased Members
of Delaware County Pro-Life

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 AM - Terry & Matt Whelan
& Family

8:30 AM - Mary Phillips

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:30 AM - Mary W. McIlvaine

8:30 AM - Mel Fenerty

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 AM - The People of the Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 AM - Restituta Inise Magarelli

8:30 AM - Janet Zurbach

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 AM - Caitlyn & Collin Thomas

4:30 PM - Vincent Zeller

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 AM - Frances Bradley

9:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

11:30 AM - Vincent Zeller

7 PM - The People of the Parish

FLOWERS

In memory of deceased parishioners

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Robert O'Connell

CANDLE

In memory of Gerald Halt, Sr.

NEW! SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

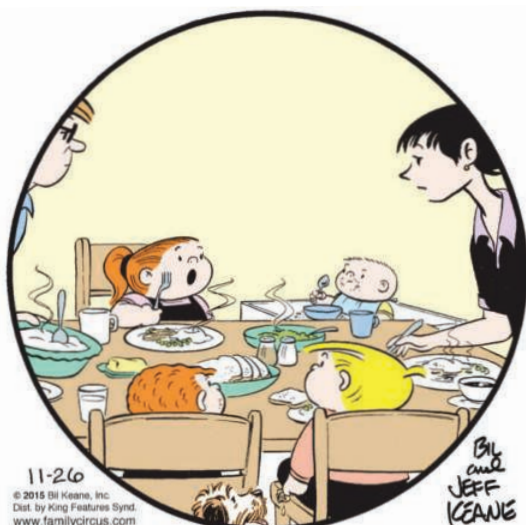
Since December 2023, we have been assisting a family in Marcus Hook, who has had many emotional, physical, and economic crises. They currently need further rent assistance as well as food and Christmas gifts. Are you able to help them by making a contribution to our ministry or providing them with some gifts this Christmas? Even the smallest contribution is helpful and appreciated. Kindly mark your financial contribution as "Marcus Hook Family," so we may specifically direct those gifts to this family. For a Christmas wish list, contact Jackie at jackiedooley44@gmail.com.

**NEW! THE HONOR ROLLS
CARDINAL O'HARA**

The following students earned the following academic honors from the first quarter. We congratulate these diligent students!

First Honors: Kira Carroll '25, Kara Hoy '25, Keara Mangan '25, Jane McAnally '25, Abigail Adolph '26, Connor Bray '26, Matthew Chin '26, Ryan Crowley '26, Ben Kalinchak '26, Gianna Mariano '26, Avery Murphy-Costanzo '26, James Smith '26, Penelope Miller '27, Kathleen Rayfield '27, Isabella Tillilie '27, Colette Breen '28, Ella Eusebio '28, Gwenn Mangan '28, Sienna Randazzo '28, & Kylie Sobel '28.

Second Honors: Kara McLaughlin '25, Chiara Mersch, 25, Marina Mersch '25, Molly Carroll '27, Owen Flowers '27, Alanna Phillips '27, Harry Bastian '28, Alexa Bondurant '28, Alex Foster '28, Fiona Gribbin '28, Michael Quinn '28, Max Sutcliffe '28, & William Wolfe '28.



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**NEW! HOLIDAY CLOSURES
ADORATION CHAPEL**

We will close our Adoration Chapel for Thanksgiving with Benediction on Wednesday, November 27, at 12:45 PM. It will reopen on Monday, December 2, after the 6:30 AM Mass. Happy Thanksgiving!

PARISH OFFICE

Our parish office will be closed November 27 through November 29. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving!

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IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL**

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2024

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