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Part Ten: Christ will 'Come Again in Glory to Judge the Living and the Dead'



Dear Friends in Christ,

Check out some photos on page 4 from our 'Churches and Cheesesteaks' event on All Souls' Day. Our school's Community Service Corp members visited Reading Terminal Market, Saint John the Evangelist Church, and the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Thanks to everyone who organized that great event!

Next weekend, we welcome Mr. Charlie Cappelli, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in Third Theology, who will speak about the annual seminary appeal. In the wake of the successful move to the new campus at Upper Gwynedd, Saint Charles Seminary is in a position to contribute to the Church not just locally but around the world for generations to come. Your generous support helps make that possible.

One more note on the seminary: it would be great if our parish sent not just funds but some of our parishioners as seminarians! On this point, let me say something to the parents and grandparents in our community: priests do not grow on trees or fall out of the sky. They come from our families and Catholic communities. Please be open to the possibility of a priestly vocation for your son or grandson. Please pray for and encourage young men you think would make a good priest. It is a great compliment to say that to someone, and that encouragement helped me even at times when the priesthood was the last thing on my mind. What a great grace it would be if we were to host a first Mass in our beautiful church for a newly ordained parishioner in the coming years.

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

Visit our website's 'Giving' page to make a one time gift or sign up for recurring electronic donations using the 'Parish Giving' secure link or scan the QR code. Thank you!

Most people are familiar with the famous "Halleluja chorus" from Handel's Messiah. Occasionally, choral groups will perform a "pop-up" version around Christmas. Here, our own Mr. Ralph Purri conducts a local presentation of the Messiah, which is coming up soon. The famous chorus is a stirring end to a powerful musical meditation on the person and life of Jesus Christ. My favorite part of that chorus is not the repetitive singing of "Halleluja" but the bridge: "And he shall reign forever and ever." It is that mystery that the Feast of Christ the King evokes in a few weeks. It is also at the heart of the Creed's promise that Christ will "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead."

In this month of November, the themes of the readings often turn to what the Church has traditionally called the "last four things:" death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Admittedly, these are not the most popular topics in common culture. But as winter (slowly) descends upon us, the readings of daily and Sunday Mass evoke the reality that all of us, as Saint Paul says, "will stand beneath the judgment seat of Christ." If you've ever been to the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican and stood under Michelangelo's great fresco, The Last Judgment, you know how small one feels before so profound a mystery. And the mystery is this: that I matter to God. Yes, me, as small and lowly as I am—my actions matter to the Lord of heaven and earth. They have eternal significance in ways I cannot possibly comprehend. For this reason, this article of the Creed calls us to responsibility because while God wants nothing more than for each of us to enter into the communion of the saints in heaven, he will not force us to enter, either. He made us in his own image, endowed with intellect to know him and will to love him: he will accept the decision we make to his invitation, a decision which is made with our lives.

Of course, Christ is the merciful judge who takes the weight of my own sin upon the Cross. Catholic dogma assures us that Jesus does not judge according to the measure of strict justice. He always responds with mercy and compassion to those who call on him for forgiveness. Sometimes, this forgiveness is accompanied by a period of purification so that one is truly prepared to encounter God in a definitive way and share in his life and love for eternity. This is where the Church's doctrine of purgatory comes from—it is a teaching filled with great hope, recognizing that while the fundamental question of our destiny is answered at death, God, in his mercy, opens a way forward

for those whose fundamental option has been for Christ, even if that choice has been marred by many compromises with sin. Saint Teresa of Calcutta once remarked that she didn't want people to think of her as a saint because she wanted people to pray for the repose of her soul when she died. That's right, Mother Teresa thought she would need prayers! The kind and well-intentioned remarks about someone who has just died "being in heaven" actually can prevent us from doing the most important thing we can for such persons—pray for them, that they may see God face to face for all eternity.

The one who comes as judge of the living and the dead is the same one who steps out upon the waters and says, "Take courage; it is I. Do not be afraid." To know him is to possess eternal life in mystery now, even as we await the fullness of joy in God's kingdom. In these days when autumn leaves fall, and the bareness of winter begins, we know that in Christ alone do we experience the light and peace which God desires for us for all eternity.



SOON! MASS IN ITALIAN
NOVEMBER 16 AT 7 PM

Join **Msgr. Chieffo** and **Fr. Gibbs** for a beautiful celebration of the Mass in Italian on **Saturday, November 16 at 7 PM**. All are invited!

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NEW! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONE HOPE WINE FUNDRAISER NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 14

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. To get ready 'to pour it forward! To place an order, please visit the Knights' digital storefront at onehopewine.com/event/208579. The Knights are grateful for your ongoing support!



NEW! VILLANOVA PASTORAL MUSICIANS' RAFFLE NOW TO NOVEMBER 11

The Villanova Pastoral Musicians are taking a pilgrimage to France this spring. To help with the cost, Maria Procaccini will sell Raffle Tickets in the narthex after 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM Masses this Sunday, November 10. The prize is a trip to London or Paris for two during Veteran's Day of 2025 or MLK weekend of 2026. Airfare and hotel are included. Sales end November 11. Contact Maria at 610-909-3699 or mjp917@icloud.com for more details! Tickets are \$10 each with payment by cash or check. The drawing is November 12th at 7 PM. We appreciate your support.



'Churches and Cheesesteaks' in Philly with Community Service Corp., Fr. Eric, and Mrs. Bauer.

**SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB
FORREST THEATER TRIP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

Our Seniors' Social Club invites you to join them for a trip to the Forrest Theater to see *'A Beautiful Noise'* on December 18. This Neil Diamond musical is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled memoir that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hit-maker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career. The price is \$275 per person, including bus transportation, lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant, and admission to the musical. Our deluxe motor coach departs from SMM at 10 AM and will return around 5 PM.

For more information, pick up an event flyer in the narthex or contact Bill Moore at patbillbr4@comcast.net or 484-420-4575.

**CYO WINTER SPORTS
REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Our CYO Winter Sports Registration is Open.

Basketball Programs offered this season: Little Hawks Co-Ed (K-2) \$60; Junior Hawks Co-Ed (3-4) \$60; Girls & Boys JV (5-6) \$150; Girls & Boys Varsity (7-8) \$150; and High School Girls & Boys (9-12) \$150. **To register, visit the CYO page under the 'ministry' tab on our website.**



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 as 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.

**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.



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.

Some 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 or visit website for trip details, rates, inclusions and exclusions, itinerary, deposit schedule, and more!



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



NEW! 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.



SOON! THEOLOGY OF THE BODY MOMMY & ME RETREAT AT SMM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Have you started to look at your daughter and thought that it's time to have a conversation?

Milk & Honey retreats explore St. Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, giving you and your daughter a shared experience and common vocabulary to start having more in-depth conversations about their femininity. Together, we will explore their God-given dignity as a person.

Who should attend? Moms and their daughters, who are 9-12 years old.

Join us for the half-day retreat in St. Francis Hall from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. **To register, or learn more, please visit MilkandHoneyTOB.com.**



NEW! 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 or call 484-459-1564.



SEE MORE EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE



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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.

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.

E. Yvonne Olson, William & Lauren Denchak and family,
Jack & Caitlin O'Neill



CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Julia Harkins, Antonette La Rocca, Mark Colgan, 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.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

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

Summer Hope Rumford, Ava Rose Krauss,
Winston Neal Pelesh, Nonnie Faye Pelesh



Our first graders embodied the Saints on October 31.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 AM - Sylvia Doherty
4:30 PM - Marguerite Eagan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 AM - Morrow & Stiles Families
9:30 AM - Philip J. Cavalcanto
11:30 AM - Edward Joseph Helmig
7 PM - Frank Santoro

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:30 AM - Donald D'Angelo
8:30 PM - Vincent Zeller

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 AM - Nunzio, Pasqua,
and John Spitaleri
8:30 AM - Marcella Quirk

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 AM - Matthew Mullin
8:30 AM - Joanne Bozzi

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 AM - Edward Janoski
8:30 AM - Walter Whyland

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 AM - Ann Codevilla
8:30 AM - Anna & Salvatore Roberto

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

FLOWERS

In memory of Julia Harkins

BREAD & WINE

In memory of Antonette La Rocca

CANDLE

In memory of Mark Colgan

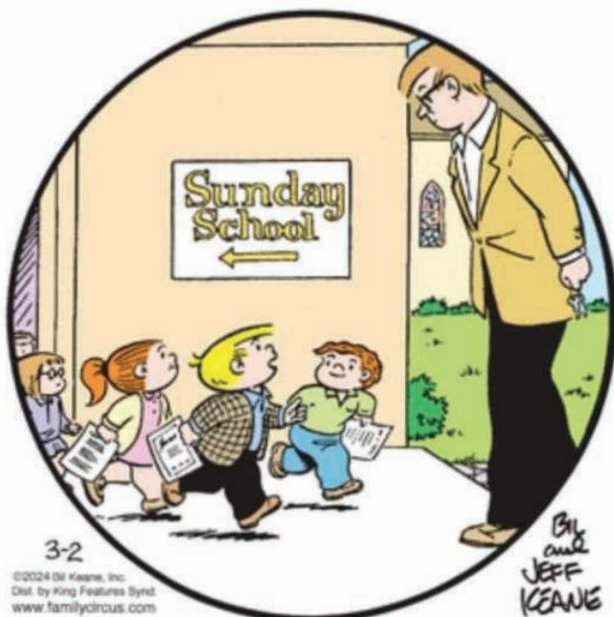
CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) hopes you will consider volunteering to lead children from 1st through 3rd grade to the chapel during the 9:30 AM Mass from September to June. The readings are provided with ideas and suggestions for discussing the Gospel. Please, consider volunteering—the time commitment is minimal, and the reward is infinite! Please email clow@stmarymagdalen.net



JOIN US! THAT MAN IS YOU! THURSDAYS AT 6:25 AM

This year, our theme is 'Apostles of the New Springtime.' TMIY is a men's program focused on developing leadership in the modern world. We will witness the lives of the Apostles as evidence of the Resurrection and proof of Pentecost. We will encounter how the faith spread from Jesus Christ to the Apostles, the Apostolic Fathers, and the Early Church Fathers down to a modern Saint. This fall will prepare our hearts for how the same Lord is sending the same Holy Spirit to stir within our hearts and send us forth today. **Doors open at 6 AM, and sessions run from 6:25 to 7:30 AM.** New members are always welcome!



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SACRED HEART CHURCH'S ANNUAL PIEROGI SALE NOVEMBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 22

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SIGN UP! ADORATION HOUR SIX MONTH COMMITMENT FORM

Adorers, Fr. Eric asks each of us to commit or recommit ourselves to ensure ample chapel coverage. Scan the QR Code with your phone camera for a link to our Adoration Hour form.



TODAY'S READINGS BEGIN ON 743 IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL

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