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Part Nine: On the Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead; He Asended into Heaven, and is Seated at the Right Hand of God, the Father Almighty



Dear Friends in Christ,

This is a quick reminder about the exciting opportunity to join me on a pilgrimage to the holy sites and many cultural excursions of Sicily from October 15 to 25. We are working with a small tour company that will take us to many out-of-the-way locations, but that means that the maximum number of people is 28. Therefore, please sign up if you would like to come! Please see the bulletin for more details and to register. We will schedule a wine and cheese gathering soon for those interested in attending!

Thanks to so many who have committed to an hour of adoration in our chapel each week. Thanks to you, we will be able to keep the chapel open to those who desire to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in the monstrance, from Monday at 7 am until Friday at 1 pm. We will close each week with Benediction at 12:45 pm. Beginning in December, we will also begin First Friday devotions with Mass at 6:30 pm in the chapel, followed by a social and concluding with a holy hour—more details to follow.

Finally, here is a note about the general election this Tuesday. My most important message is this: Please pray before you vote. Pray for our country and our leaders. Pray for healing amid the deep divides that exist among us as citizens. Pray that all citizens of our country—including our leaders will put into practice those two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers that "the success of our republic is entirely dependent upon the virtue of its citizens." That is just as true today as it was in 1787.

May God be Blessed!

—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 Apostles' Creed continues, "on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty." Saint Augustine called the Resurrection of Jesus Christ "God's supreme and wholly marvelous work." Indeed, it is the center point of the Christian faith. Without it, the Church's message is simply incomprehensible. Yet what exactly does it mean?

Saint Augustine noted that there is no rational person who denies that Jesus was a man—the historical evidence of his existence is overwhelming. Neither can anyone deny that Jesus died—everyone dies, and Jesus' death has more historical documentation than anyone who has ever lived. But the man is also God, which is the extraordinary testament of the Christian faith. And that the one who died has risen from the dead—this, too, is the unique element, one not subject to the typical modes of analysis by scientists and historians. It is only by divine faith—the assent to the truth revealed to us by God—that we come to know this. Of course, it is not that Christianity is irrational, but that the mysteries of the Trinity, the Incarnation, and Paschal Mystery are infinitely knowable, unlike the quotidian facts that mark our normal human experience.

The faith of the Church, proclaimed by the Apostles, is that after Jesus died during the feast of Passover around 28 AD, he was buried very quickly in a new tomb hewn out of stone and that when the women went to continue the burial preparations after the sabbath had ended, they did not find his body. Instead, they experienced a vision of angels telling them that he was alive. One of them, our parish patron, encountered him in the garden outside the tomb—she encountered Jesus alive. Now, it was a bit strange, in that she didn't recognize him at first. This man that she knew so well, whose brutal death she had just witnessed—the one she was coming to the tomb to look for—yes, she did not recognize him! But once he called her by name, she knew him.

At her word and that of the other women, the leaders of the apostles ran and found the tomb empty as well. Thus begins a series of appearances to them: on the Road to Emmaus, in the upper room in Jerusalem, by the sea of Galilee, on the Mount of Olives. These stories are similar to the appearance to Mary Magdalen: they don't recognize him at first (Thomas famously demands proof); they rejoice when they realize it is him; they see that he is alive, but in a new kind of way. He manifests himself to whomever,

whenever he wants. He is no longer bound by the ordinary physics of our lives. He can eat but does not have to. He can walk through locked doors. He still bears the marks of his crucifixion, yet is completely free from the effects of suffering and death.

Dear friends, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's definitive acknowledgment that Jesus is who he says he is. We can trust his word completely. Christ's death in Jerusalem is the perfect act of reconciliation between God and humanity because Jesus himself is both divine and human. Because of this, he can offer the sacrifice that we on our own could not. The Resurrection shows that God's plan of salvation has thus been accomplished. We have only to say yes to it, to be baptized, to persevere in God's love until death. May our lives reflect our gratitude for this great gift, and may we keep our eyes fixed on that blessed vision of peace in which all those who have died will be risen with Christ in glory.



NEW! 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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October 30, 2024

STATEMENT OF MOST REVEREND NELSON J. PÉREZ ON THE APPROACH OF THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

As American citizens we hold a precious right to elect the persons who will govern and serve our communities. It comes with a personal responsibility to cast our votes with fully formed consciences.

The teachings of the Catholic Church offer all citizens a path for living daily life with dignity and a guide for Catholics to live out the values of our faith through civic engagement.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has updated its extensive teaching document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. In a clear and useful way, it addresses a broad range of societal issues. I encourage Catholics to consider it thoughtfully.

Our great nation and its people have faced daunting challenges in recent years. It's imperative that we make our voices heard on Election Day. Approaching the polls with informed minds and formed consciences allows us to remain true to our principles while working to build up a just society.

Please join me in praying for all those seeking elected office at the local, state, and federal levels. May God grant them the wisdom necessary to govern with charity and grace in a manner that promotes liberty and justice for all.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

It is important to note that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, including its related entities, neither endorses nor opposes any candidate for political office. Rather, it seeks to assist Catholics preparing to vote with well-formed consciences.

See our website for quick links to USCCB and Archdiocesan resources, including *Civiltize It: A Better Kind of Politics* and *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* that may be of assistance to you before you vote.

**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! STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION DONATE YOUR HALLOWEEN CANDY SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

St. Mary Magdalen Stewardship will collect leftover Halloween candy. The candy will be given to different organizations that provide food, services, and shelter to those in need in our community, including the West Chester Food Cupboard, CityTeam, Women and Children Shelters, and the Life Center Shelters in Delaware County. Donations can be placed in the marked bins in the Narthex until November 10th.

We thank you for your support!



REGISTER! 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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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



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.

Karthik & Erin Sundaram and family, Shane & Hailey Hickey,
& Thomas & Antoinette Torrence

CALLED HOME TO GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of 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 Tionson, 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



The baptism of Jack Thomas Lake and Francis William Sommerville.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30 AM – Anthony Skubish
4:30 PM – Michael Ciavardini

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 AM – John P. Kemmey
9:30 AM – Deceased Members
of the Legion of Mary
11:30 AM – Michael Ciavardini
7 PM – The Carlino Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 AM – Ints. of Fr. Eric Banecker
8:30 PM – Patrick Hennessy

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 AM – Walter Whayland
8:30 AM – C. Alan Rowe

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:30 AM – The People of the Parish
8:30 AM – Jenny Brown

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:30 AM – Ints. of Fr. Reuban Nuxoll
8:30 AM – The Souls of Purgatory

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 AM – Giovanni &
Clotilde Liberatore
8:30 AM – Joseph Donnelly

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

FLOWERS

In memory of deceased parishioners

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 crow@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!



SOON! CARDINAL O'HARA REUNION

Members of Cardinal O'Hara's Class of 1984: Our 40th Class Reunion is on **Saturday, November 9**, at the Towne House Restaurant, Media, PA. For information, call 610-544-3800 or email us at coclassof1984@gmail.com.



"Ok, who brought the woodpeckers?!"

SACRED HEART CHURCH'S ANNUAL 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!

SIGN UP! ADORATION HOUR SIX MONTH COMMITMENT FORM

Adorors, 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 740 IN THE CHORAL PRAISE HYMNAL

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September 2024	\$103,817
Collection:	\$38,373
Mail-in:	\$19,485
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September 2023	\$93,946
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Mail-in:	\$23,601
EFT:	\$37,448



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WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS



On Saturday, November 2, our parish community remembered those members who have returned home to the Lord and who were buried from St. Mary Magdalen between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024, during our annual **'We Remember' All Souls' Ceremony and Mass**. In our Candle Lighting Ceremony held on Saturday, November 2, each loved one's name was read and their family member placed a lit candle on the altar in their memory.

We remember these souls dearly departed from us during the ceremony:

Lynne B. Armstrong
 Ruth Vanderlagg Bledsoe
 Frances Theresa Bradley
 William Joseph Bricker
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 Anna Theresa DeFidelto
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PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

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