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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:30 & 10:30am
<u> </u>	8:30am & 4:30pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>
Tuesday	8:30am
Wednesday	8:30am
Thursday	8:30am
1st Friday	8:30am

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WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to SMM Parish. We encourage new parishioners to register by visiting www.smmchurch.org/welcome and filling out the Parish Registration Form online. We will follow up with you to confirm registration.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9AM - 3PM Thursday 9AM - 3PM **7 Sharpley Road, Wilmington, DE 19803**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Visit www.smmchurch.org/baptism **CONFESSION:** 1st Saturday following 8:30AM daily Mass **MARRIAGE:** Visit www.smmchurch.org/marriage

Additional information on sacraments & other rites can be found on our website and app.

FUNERAL MASSES: Visit www.smmchurch.org/funerals for more info. After death, the first contact is with the Funeral Director of your choice who contacts us.

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Saturday, January 21

8:30 AM Mary & Herb Grofcsik 4:30 PM Jesse Allen Moffett

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM The People of St. Mary Magdalen

10:30 AM Gerber & Downs Families

Tuesday, January 24

8:30 AM Brian Higgins and Family

Wednesday, January 25

8:30 AM Richard Sullivan

Thursday, January 26

8:30 AM Blanche & Eddie Michaels

Saturday, January 28

8:30 AM Madeline Baroni & James Jay

4:30 PM Francis Temple

Sunday, January 29 CSW School Week Begins

8:30 AM Thomas Kirchner

10:30 AM The People of St. Mary Magdalen

Monday, January 30 CSW School Mass

10:00 AM George C. Anderson & Susan Baumler

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 AM Emily Sestack

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 AM Jack & Evelyn Lynch and

Jim & Margaret Montgomery

Thursday, February 2

8:30 AM Laura Gilmore

1st Friday, February 3rd

8:30 AM Deacon Joseph Romans

1st Saturday, February 4 Confessions after daily Mass

8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

4:30 PM The People of St. Mary Magdalen

Sunday, February 5

8:30 AM Charles Beane

10:30 AM Francis & Joseph Houghton



The Diocese of Wilmington has discontinued all previous COVID-19 guidance except for the following:

- Distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be prohibited.
- ➤ Hand sanitizer is still available at the entrance, and we support a welcoming environment for those members of your parishes who wish to wear masks.
- ➤ We continue to have sanitization readily available if an individual distributing communion believes they made contact with the person's mouth or saliva.

For those who still prefer socially distanced seating, we have devoted a section of pews at Mass on the right side of church, in front of the piano, that has every other pew roped off.

Readings for this Week – January 22, 2023

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk

3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,

2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-

8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk

4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor

1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

What's Happening THIS WEEKEND

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be joining us during Masses next weekend, Jan. 21 & 22; with the 2nd collection going towards them. The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan who serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world. *Please be generous with your donations*.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Bishop Curtis Council, Knights

of Columbus, is holding a membership drive on the weekend of January 21 & 22. Members will be available to answer questions after each of the weekend masses. Our activities are focused primarily on Church, Family, Youth, and Community programs. If you have any questions, please stop by and talk to one of our members. For additional info contact Jerry Poore 302-478-3845 or jrp1940@yahoo.com

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please continue to pray for all those who may be hospitalized, sick, or recovering, especially:

Marietta Abello, Karen Batt, Joan Bianco, Alan Brown, Maureen Byrne, Christine Cavaliere, Bob Crowley, Ann Davis, Connor Davis, Jake Delloso, Anne Marie Donovan, Thomasina Finnegan, Linda Finney, Noah Fogg, Helen Hahn, Ed Hunt, Ellie & Levi Jernigan, Mary & Tom Kology, Ed Kusner, Greg Long, Betty Matuszewski, Adelene McDaniel, Peggy McGill, Betty Jo McHenry, Gloria Meyers, Joanne Miller, Flora Monck, Joe Moussalli, James Mulvena, Marie O'Connor, Annemarie Pavco, Rochelle Ransom, Devon Reed, Debbie Rice, Marie Sacchetti, Brandon Shain, Ann Shields, Beau Smith, Vincent Smith, Vivian Spratt, Bill Spratt, , Ruth Van Blerkom, Becky Yu, Dolores Welty & Leighton Wilson.

Contact the parish office if you would like to add a name or would like a name removed.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jan. 22 – Little Sisters of the Poor **Jan. 29** – *No Second Collection*

Offertory is collected at each weekend Mass and can be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office.



View other ways to give using the "Donation" button on our website or scan our QR code using the camera on your smartphone.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is at the 8:30am Sunday Mass this weekend.

Children will be invited to come down to the church hall for singing, prayer, & hearing God's Word. They will rejoin their families in church before Holy Communion. We will gather again on 2/5, 2/12 and 2/26. Visit our CLW page at https://smmchurch.org/childrens-liturgy to learn more and sign up to help.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

CPT Michael Aleixo (Army), 1LT Helena Aleixo (Army), ENS David Bondi (Navy), CPT David Paul Cline Jr. (Army), CPT Matthew Cline (Army), CPT Kevin Coletta (Army), CPT Foster Day (Army), 2LT Patrick Devine & 1LT Sean Devine (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Jason Erickson (US Coast Guard), Corporal Michael Gallo (Marines), CPT Madeline Guerra (Army Reserve), PFC Kyle Isakoff (Marines), Sgt Meghan Miller, Griffin Santana (Army), 1LT Michael Sanzone (Army), 1LT Graham Seuffert (Marines), SGT Elena Shields (National Guard), Corporal Cody Turner (Marines), & Seaman Michael A. Zullo (Navy). Call the parish office to add an Armed Forces member or update their information.

We are thankful for their courage and dedication to duty in difficult circumstances

TAX DONATION LETTERS

2022 tax donation letters were emailed on Jan. 12th to parishioners that previously requested for annual statements be sent. If you would like a 2022 tax donation letter sent via email or mailed, contact <u>receptionist@smmchurch.org</u> or call the parish office at 652-6800.



WE ARE BRINGING BINGO BACK!

Once we have worked out all the details, we will let you know. Our goal is to start in February. We look forward to offering this ministry again!

Prior to COVID, we had a group of seniors from SMM and the surrounding area that gathered for Bingo, cards, and light refreshments. They met Thursday from 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. Dues were \$5 from Sept. to May. The contacts for Bingo were Kathy Carver and Jeanne Dorivich.

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All new parishioners are invited to register by visiting www.smmchurch.org/welcome
to fill out the Parish Registration form online. We will follow up with you to confirm your registration here at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Again welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

In celebration of Catholic School's Week, we will have students representing various ministries Jan. 28th/29th.



Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29-February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW23

CANDLEMAS: FEB. 2ND

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Presentation of Our Lord
Jesus Christ in the Temple
And the Purification of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

We will celebrate here at SMM February 4th & 5th.

More Info to come.





FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: FEB. 3RD

Friday, Feb. 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat illnesses. The Catholic rite of Blessing of Throats will take place at the 8:30AM daily mass.

Father will be blessing throats at the weekend masses as well.



KEY CHAIN SUNDAY FEB. 11TH & 12TH

- Blessing teens that have received their license in
 - the past year



The Bridge between Christmas and Holy Week Monday, Feb. 13th - 6:30 pm

Ladies' Night is back! Come celebrate with us, starting with evening prayer and Benediction in SMM Church (upstairs in the church) followed by The Luminous Mysteries with Deacon Howard Eck in the church hall (downstairs, where we usually meet). Our evenings help women to strengthen their spiritual walk and provide a fun social atmosphere in which to do so.

Bring food and/or wine or a beverage for our sharing table. (You can bring your goodies into church with you and then take them downstairs after our brief service.) No charge for the evening BUT a free will offering, as always, is appreciated to cover the expenses for the evening.

Sign up individually OR gather a group of friends to share a table.

RSVP by Wed., Feb 8th - reservations are a MUST! Momeline9@aol.com

Include your name, email, phone number, if you're attending with a friend and what you're going to bring!

Ouestions? Call Monica Hill at 302.563.5637

Feel free to share this with all your lady friends!



WELCOME STEPHEN MCKINLEY as our new Business & Finance Manager. Stephen is an active parishioner, along with his wife Katie (an SMM School teacher) and children Natalie and

Stephen. He holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance.

THANK YOU, MARC MINNICK for your years of service as our Business & Finance Manager! We appreciate your dedication and guidance and staying on to help transition your role. Best wishes as the Dean of Business & Applied Technology at Harford Community College.

Looking for a volunteer activity for yourself or your family?

What a better way to share your faith than to bring communion to our parishioners unable to come to Mass. Volunteers that have done this ministry in the past say they make new friends and that it is truly a wonderful way to get to know your community better.



With your visit, you ARE the face of Jesus to those whom you bring communion.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023 OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH 9AM-12PM

Come see our school! Prospective, current, alumni, and parish families are encouraged to walk our halls to see Catholic education in action. Guided tours available from current school students. We hope to see you there!

We need Ministers of Holy Communion for the homebound & nursing homes. These volunteers are a group of parishioners who are certified through a parish program so that they may pray, read scripture, and distribute Eucharist to the homebound & those in nursing homes. If interested, email Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org or call the parish office.

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

St. Mary Magdalen Church will offer a special class on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans taught by Patrick Tiernan on Sunday January 29th from 1-3p in the school library (Barbara Wanner Learning Commons). Refreshments and study materials will be provided at no cost to interested participants. It is recommended but not required that you read the epistle beforehand.

The class will offer an overview of St. Paul's most comprehensive letter including a discussion of faith, sin, and salvation, among other themes. We will also consider the interpretation of key passages against the backdrop of the Pauline canon, including the challenges behind translations and historical context. Participants will develop a deeper appreciation for Scripture and its role in their faith journey. Please RSVP by January 27th by emailing ptiernan@smmschoolde.com or calling (302) 656-2745 to confirm your seat.



ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12.

The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are_required.** Please make your **reservations by January 30th.** This year, you can register by clicking on https://cdow.coursestorm.com/category/family-life-events or by calling the office at 302-295-0657. For more info, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or OMFL@cdow.org

Vision for the Future – Tuition Assistance Fund



Reminder, if interested in applying for tuition assistance in our Diocesan Catholic schools, the deadline to apply for the 2023 - 2024 school year through FACTS is **January 31, 2023**.

FACTS must receive the application and required documentation by January 31. The diocese cannot consider late or incomplete applications.

Tuition assistance will only be granted to those families whose children (K-12) are officially registered in a diocesan inter-parochial or parish school. Those not registered will not be awarded tuition assistance.



Rediscover the love in your marriage.

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 10 - 12, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2023 CALENDARS are available in church & also in the parish office. We thank Chandler Funeral Homes & Crematory, for providing them.

CELIAC DISEASE - LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you have gluten intolerance and would like to receive the low gluten host, go to the gift table as you enter church & follow the procedure listed. For more info visit www.smmchurch.org/low-gluten-hosts

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Normally submissions for the bulletin must be in **10** days prior to the publication date. Email submissions to Stephanie.casey@smmchurch.org



PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED

St. Helena's Church seeks a Parish Secretary who will support its pastoral and spiritual mission. Requires strong people skills, detail oriented, and substantial recent experience with computers (Word, Excel, and Outlook). In addition to day-to-day secretarial duties, this person maintains Parish calendars, prepares weekly Bulletins, and manages Hall rentals. Approx. 30 hours per week. Contact rrebmann@SaintHelenas.org or 302-764-0325 x-102 (Rick).

FULL TIME COOK NEEDED

The Benedictine Sisters of St. Gertrude Monastery, Newark, DE 25 Gender Road are in need of a full-time cook for 12 Sisters. This would involve preparing lunch and dinner for the Sisters. The approximate hours would be from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30p.m. The schedule would vary from week to week. If you are interested, please contact Heidi Christopher at 410-829-8873 or 302-414-8076 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS ALMOST FULL, LIMITED MASSES AVAILABLE

Mass card intentions can be completed online on our website or by visiting the parish office during our office hours of M & Th from 9am-3pm.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

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