

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ August 20, 2023

*Know Christ.
Be Christ for Others.*



7 Sharpley Road
Wilmington, DE 19803



PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. James T. Kirk, Jr. VF
Pastor
Dean of Brandywine Hundred Deanery
Deacon Howard Eck
Deacon Justin Pollio

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30am
Saturday..... 8:30am & 4:30pm *Vigil Mass*
Tuesday 8:30am
Wednesday..... 8:30am
Thursday..... 8:30am
1st Friday..... 8:30am

PARISH STAFF

(302) 652-6800

Business & Finance Manager.....x113
Director of CommunicationsCynthia Sanders x145
Director of MusicDavid Ifkovits x125
Director of Religious Education.....Karen Yasik x136
Maintenance & Facilities Manager Harry Hurst
Parish Coordinator.....Kylie Lavelle x110
Technology & Ministry Melissa Pollio x139

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SCHOOL

(302) 656-2745, www.smmschoolde.com
School Principal **Patrick Tiernan**

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-Thursday 8:30AM - 3PM
Friday 8:30AM - 12:30PM
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.

www.smmchurch.org

www.youtube.com/c/stmarymagdalenparish
www.facebook.com/stmarymagdalenparish
Download App on Apple & Android platforms.

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

8:30 AM Living members of the Emptage Family

10:30 AM People of St. Mary Magdalen

Sunday, August 20

8:30 AM Jack and Mary Trudnak

10:30 AM Richard and Robert Calvanico

Tuesday, August 22

8:30 AM Ed Michaels Jr.

Wednesday, August 23

8:30 AM Joan & Jack McVey

Thursday, August 24

8:30 AM Karen Reilly Nardi

Saturday, August 26

8:30 AM Christohper Monck

4:30 AM Richard and Patricia Mallon

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM People of St. Mary Magdalen

10:30 AM Martha Jane Murray

Tuesday, August 29

8:30 AM Robert Quinn

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM Richard Hickman

Thursday, August 31

8:30 AM Louis DiMascio

1st Friday, September 1

8:30 AM Students of St. Mary Magdalen School

1st Saturday, September 2 *Confessions after Daily Mass*

8:30 AM Patrick Kearney

4:30 AM Blessington and Trimboli Family

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM Catherine Wissman

10:30 AM People of St. Mary Magdalen



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, near the piano, that has pews roped off.

Readings for this Week – August 20, 2023

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

~An Update from Father Kirk~

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to let you know that Wednesday August 9th, I was discharged from the hospital.

Now I get back to the business of recuperation and rehab, especially PT. Hopefully, I will soon return to "work."

Thank you for being patient. Thank you for your prayers. Please keep them coming.

God bless you,

Father Kirk

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, Anne Marie Donovan, Anne Donovan, Thomasina Finnegan, Linda Finney, Noah Fogg, Helen Hahn, Ed Hunt, Ellie & Levi Jernigan, Mary & Tom Kology, Art Kreider, Greg Long, Betty Matuszewski, Adelene McDaniel, Peggy McGill, Betty Jo McHenry, Joanne Miller, Flora Monck, Joe Moussalli, James Mulvena, Marie O'Connor, Annemarie Pavco, Rochelle Ransom, Johanna Ray, 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.

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

CPT Michael Aleixo (Army), CPT 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 & 1LT Michael 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), CPT Graham Seuffert (Marines), SGT Elena Shields (National Guard), Corporal Cody Turner (Marines), Seaman Michael A. Zullo (Navy), & Joseph Laliberte (Army).

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 20 – Assumption

August 27 – 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.



PREP CLASS REGISTRATION 2023/2024

www.smmchurch.org/prep-registration

If you have a child entering first grade in a public or non-Catholic private school, they need to attend PREP classes this year to be ready for the sacraments in 2nd grade.

Email Karen Yasik at karen.yasik@smmchurch.org



Married Couples Date Night

Learn about Love Languages

Saturday September 30th at 7pm
St. Mary Magdalen Church Hall

Please bring a snack to share.

Invite friends!
Wine and water will be provided!

RSVP to gae.piotti@gmail.com



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions for the bulletin must be in

10 days prior to the publication date.

Email submissions to csanders@smmchurch.org



Monday September 4th 2023

The parish office will be closed for the holiday.



Bring your family for fun and baseball!

The Wilmington Blue Rocks and the Diocese of Wilmington Office for Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) present:

Family Fun Day on **Sunday, August 27, 2023** at 1:05 p.m. at Frawley Stadium, 801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

Come and enjoy a baseball game, good times and **pregame on-field catch 12-12:15 and kids get to run the bases postgame!** For more information and to purchase your discounted tickets, visit cdow.org/CYMFam



Middle School Youth Group

SMM Students and Parishioners in grades
6th-8th!!

Keep an eye out for our fall youth group meeting!!

Date, time and location will be announced soon!!

We look forward to seeing you there!!



We Walk By Faith
October 7, 2023

Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington

Pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

A bus will leave from IHM at 8 am for this event.
The cost for the bus is \$45/pp.

Please contact Kathy Dunworth to make a reservation no later than September 30, 2023.
302-383-6452



Bishop's 5K

Will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023
from 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Location: St. Mark's High School
2501 Pike Creek Rd
Wilmington, DE 19808

Win money when you register and join the existing team for your school! Team with most participants can win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place!

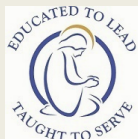
Confirmation Coordinator- Job Opening

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Wilmington, Delaware is seeking a part-time Coordinator for Confirmation. The position will be ten hours per week. The primary role would be to prepare youth for the sacrament of Confirmation through four catechetical gatherings on Tuesday nights.

A qualified candidate would have past proven ability to work with youth in Middle and High School ages in some capacity. Ideal candidates would have a passion for the Catholic faith and understanding of Christian principles. An ability to engage in public speaking and experience in group activities to educate and engage are a must.

As gatherings for Confirmation preparation are weeknight events, candidates should be available to facilitate and plan these sessions. Remote work is available outside of these parameters.

Please submit resume and questions to Rita McDowell at rmcdowell@ihm.org.



SMM Senior Volleyball Program

Open to all high school girls who did not want to play high school volleyball or who were on a school freshman or junior varsity teams but were not selected for the next higher level.

Time commitment is 2 practices during the week with matches on the weekends. Practice times are Monday and Wednesday nights from 9-10:30 pm at the SMM Gym. There are 10 matches during the season with playoffs, leading to finals and a championship at the end of the season.

The team lead by 2 coaches who have many years of experience in our program.

Practices start on Monday, August 14 and Wednesday, August 16, 2023 and continue throughout the season at the SMM Gym. Matches normally start the weekend after Labor Day.

Register at SMMBulldogs.com. Registrations will be kept open through the summer. It is recommended that all players, new and returning, register as soon as possible.

Contact Don Hadley:
donhadley13@yahoo.com
(302)388-1550



REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. 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. Upcoming programs will be held **August 18 - 20** and again **October 6 - 8, 2023** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Paul & Marci Norat
August 27, 1988

Joseph & Mulvena Szczerba
September 7, 1968

Pete & Gae Piotti
October 3, 1987



Senior bingo is BACK! We will meet in the church hall on Thursdays from 1-3 pm starting on September 27th.



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
Celebrating Over 65 Years of Catholic Presence in the New Castle Area



You are invited to celebrate with us!

Please join us for our Closing Mass of Thanksgiving on
September 10, 2023 at 3 PM with Bishop William
Koenig presiding.

Make a reservation to attend our 75th anniversary
dinner banquet.

Questions? Olfatima75@gmail.com or 302-328-3431

Special Olympics
Delaware



Young Athlete Program is looking for volunteers.

The YAP program is an innovative inclusive play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities ages 2-7. The focus is on fun activities that are important to mental and physical growth. In the Young Athletes program, children enjoy games and activities that develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination. They learn new things, play and have lots of fun!

Practices will be on Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 6:30-7:15 pm. September 13th through the end of October. Link on website.

For more information or questions, please contact Louise Doe louise.doe@sode.org or call 302-831-3479



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In growing a marriage, the little things are the big things. It's not only marrying the right person. It's BEING the right partner. How are you doing in the little things of your marriage? *S. Vogt*



PARENTING POINTERS

You don't have to be perfect. Lighten up on yourself. Parenting is a tough job. *S. Vogt*



Again, thank you again to all who have pledged to participate in this year's **Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**.

We currently have \$134,342.85 pledged and have collected \$121,809.40. This represents 85.03% of our parish goal of \$158,000. Please consider helping us meet our goal by donating today. Any monies received over our target go straight back to SMM for our own parish and ministry needs.

Please do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection. If you have yet to contribute, please consider doing so by using the envelopes located at the church exits or by visiting our website at:
<https://smmchurch.org/catholic-appeal>.

Students are encouraged to bring their backpack to Mass on August 26th (4:30 PM) or August 27th (both masses) for the Blessing of Backpacks. Students will receive a thoughtfully created ID tag for their backpack! Please join us for coffee and donuts following the 8:30 Mass!



FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN (FSGC) CLEARANCE:

Anyone volunteering for activities that involve the youth of our parish/school must have a completed FSGC Clearance on file.

Visit www.smmchurch.org/fsgc-program for info.

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