

WIDER COMMUNITY

- Kensington Hospice:** A new ten-bed hospice has opened in our community. Interestingly, it is located in what was the original chapel of the (Anglican) Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD) **on Major Street**. I had the opportunity to tour the hospice recently; **it is an important and much-needed addition to our community**. The hospice is currently **looking for volunteers in two areas: Reception and Nutrition**. (Nutrition volunteers support the physical comfort and emotional well-being of residents and their families through the delivery of food service. I know from personal experience what a vital part of hospice care this is!) **If you are interested in knowing more about these opportunities, please speak with me.** *David+*

SMM CALENDAR 19 – 25 September, 2011		
19 Monday	6.00 pm Mass	Theodore of Tarsus, Abp., 690
20 Tuesday	7.15 am Mass	John Patterson, Bp. and M., 1871
21 Wednesday	10.00 am Mass	S. Matthew, Ap. and Ev.
22 Thursday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am La Messa	Founders, Benefactors and Miss. of the Church in Canada
23 Friday	6.00 pm Mass	Ember Day
24 Saturday	10.00 am Mass	Ember Day
25 Sunday	8.00 am Said Mass 9.30 am Sung Mass 11.00 am Solemn Mass	Pentecost XV BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
Pentecost XV Readings Exodus7: 1-7; Phillipians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32		

Confessions are heard by appointment.

Submissions for Sunday Announcements should be sent to the church office by email (office@stmarymagdalene.ca). The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday morning**.



THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

PENTECOST XIV

18 September 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

We invite you to stay following the 9.30 and 11.00 masses for refreshments in **Hiscocks Hall**, which is located in the basement. It can be reached by the door next to the baptismal font. There is a wheelchair accessible lift and washroom in the office area on the main floor, which can be reached by the door in the north-east corner. **Please speak to a sidesperson for assistance.**

- Our Faith -- Our Hope:** Many of you will be aware that the Diocese of Toronto, of which we are part, is in the midst of a **major fundraising campaign to support parish and diocesan priorities**. Over the next three months we will be engaged in this campaign, as part of the third and final 'block' of parishes. A seven-person **steering committee** has been formed at SMM, chaired by Heather McGregor. The other members of the committee are Norah Bolton, Rob Castle, Elizabeth Cowling, Fr William Cruse, Phyllis McCurdy, David Widenmaier and Fr David. **We launch our campaign TODAY**. As part of this launch, the diocese has asked that each parish show an **8-minute introductory video about the campaign**. This will be **shown in the St. Joseph's Chapel at the end of each of the Sunday masses**, and we encourage you to take the opportunity to watch the video and learn about the worthwhile goals of the campaign.
- Prayers of the People. Specific requests for prayers** to be incorporated into the Prayers of the People at mass can be offered by writing them in the **black book on the stand at the back of the church**. The list is renewed at the beginning of every month.

EVENTS:

- A conversation about the Folk Mass:** There be an **open meeting following the 9.30 mass TODAY**, to gain the community's input and feedback on our Folk Mass celebrations over the past year and plans for the coming year. Folk Masses are

scheduled for **October 2nd, Advent Sunday, Christmas Day, Lent I, Palm Sunday, Easter Day and Pentecost. For more information, please speak with Fr. Paul or Fr. David.**

- **Solemn Evensong and Benediction: TODAY at 4.30 pm.**
- **Advisory Board:** The next Advisory Board meeting will be held **tomorrow, Monday, 19 September at 7.30 pm.**
- **SMM Trip to Stratford:** This year our trip to Stratford will take place on **Saturday, 24 September** to see *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. After a brief talk on the play by Prof. William Blissett, we leave SMM by bus at 9.30 am and arrive back at the church by 6.30 pm, in plenty of time for the Schola Magdalena CD launch at 7.30. The cost of travel and show ticket is \$100.00. If you are interested in this outing, please speak to **Ted Parkins (647-523-6185)** or email: edparkins@sympatico.ca.
- **Back to Church Sunday** will be marked across the Diocese of Toronto **NEXT Sunday, 25 September**. The idea is markedly simple -- **invite someone to come to church with you that day**. Why not begin thinking now about who that might be?
- **The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)** will be celebrated on **Thursday, 29 September at 6.00 pm**, followed by a pot-luck supper.
- **Blessing of Animals:** Something new -- **a short liturgy for the Blessing of Animals Sunday, 2 October at 2 pm** (the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, considered the patron saint of animals and ecology). **Pets and their owners will be invited to gather on our lawn to be blessed.** We hope that this will be an **opportunity to connect with our neighbours and surrounding community. If you have interest or energy for this initiative, please speak with Fr. David.**

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- **Dillys Dix**, a former parishioner, died at the end of July. There will be a memorial service for he here at **SMM on Tuesday, 4 October at 11.00 am.**
- **Sidespersons' Dinner:** The sidespersons' meeting with Fr David and pot luck supper will be held on **Sunday, 16 October after Evensong**. Please feel free to bring a friend to the service and dinner afterward. Sign up sheet downstairs.
- **Same-gender relationships:** Over the past several months, the Advisory Board has had a number of conversations on the topic of same-gender relationships. The impetus for these conversations was the **release last fall by Archbishop Johnson of "Pastoral Guidelines for the Blessing of Same Gender Commitments"**. The

Advisory Board has identified a strong desire to create an opportunity for the SMM parish community to engage in a conversation on this question, with opportunities for listening, learning and sharing. To this end, **I have been working with Susan Graham Walker, an experienced facilitator within the diocese, to develop a way for us to begin this conversation.** We are planning **two Wednesday night sessions. More details will be forthcoming, but I ask you to hold these dates: Wednesday, October 26th and Wednesday, November 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.**
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- **Common Praise Hymnbook:** Our new copies of the *Common Praise* hymn book will be blessed at the **9.30 am mass NEXT Sunday, 25 September**. If you would like a memorial dedication in the front cover of the book, **please contact Stephanie** at stmartin@yorku.ca or call the office during the week. The cost of one book, including tax, is only \$30.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN:

- **Sunday School during the 9:30 mass has begun.** We will be following **the adventures of Moses** through story-telling, songs, drama, ceramics, and the creation of a frieze. We also hope to have a visit from Jewish friends to explain the Passover. **The sessions will continue to November 20**, with the exception of October 2 (Folk Mass) and October 9 (Thanksgiving). All children are welcome. Please let us know if you would like to join the program. (Contact e-mail: s.maclean@utoronto.ca)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH for ADULTS:

- **Wednesday Bible Study:** The Wednesday morning Bible study has resumed. We **meet from 11.00 pm to noon**, following the 10.00 mass. We are continuing our study of St. John's gospel.
- **Lenten Retreat -- Save the date:** We have booked a **return visit to St. John's Convent for the SMM Lenten retreat**. The dates for **Friday, 2 March until Sunday, 4 March, 2012**. Long-range planners -- please take note!

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues on **Tuesday, 11 October at 2.30 pm**. Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **For more information, speak with Fr David or Fr William.**