

not.) We hope to move quickly on the next steps. If you have any questions, please speak with one of the members of the committee: Fr. Paul MacLean, Wendy Telfer, Catherine Riddell, Sally-Beth MacLean or Richard Woolrich.

- **The Cathedral Children's Choir:** Beginning on Thursday, October 6, St. James Cathedral is offering a choir for children ages 8-16 who love to sing. All voice types are welcome and there is no cost to join, although regular attendance at Thursday evening rehearsals is mandatory. For more information or to register, please contact Vicki St. Pierre (vstpierre@stjamescathedral.on.ca; 416-364-7865, ext. 234).
- **Outreach conference!** Our diocesan Outreach Conference on **Saturday, October 15**, is a fantastic event for learning about current issues at workshops, gaining new ideas for parish outreach, and going home with new energy and hope. **Our keynote speaker, Bishop Mark MacDonald, will also lead workshops on spirituality and social justice.** Why not plan to attend? **All Anglicans are welcome.** A special program is planned for young Anglicans, 14-30. Child care is provided. Find out more, and register, at www.toronto.anglican.ca/outreachconference.



THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

PENTECOST XVI

2 October 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.**

- The SMM office will be closed from 3.30 pm Thursday, 6 October until 11.00 am, Wednesday 12 October for Thanksgiving.
- **Our Faith -- Our Hope:** The Diocese of Toronto, of which we are part, is **in the midst of a major fundraising campaign to support parish and diocesan priorities.** We have launched our campaign here at SMM. Our campaign is being led by our steering committee (Heather McGregor (chair), Norah Bolton, Rob Castle, Elizabeth Cowling, Fr. William Cruse, Phyllis McCurdy, Allan Risk, David Widenmaier and Fr. David). **Our parish goal is to raise \$328,000 over a five-year pledge period.** Each member of the steering committee has made a pledge and **we have already raised \$72,250!** Over the next several weeks every person on the parish list will be invited to consider making a gift to this campaign
- **SMM Parish List & Communications:** You are invited to add your name to our Parish List, which is the database of all of those who consider themselves members of the parish. **Please send your names, address, phone number and email address to office@stmarymagdalene.ca, or fill in one of the pew envelopes and put it on the collection plate.** If you are already on the Parish List but would like to be added to the **SMM Email list**, in order to receive periodic news updates, **please email David Widenmaier at singbass@hotmail.com.**
- **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.

SMM CALENDAR

3 – 9 October, 2011

3 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Guardian Angels
4 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
5 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Feria
6 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
7 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
8 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	BVM
9 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	Pentecost XVII

Pentecost XVII Readings
Exodus 32: 1-14, 7-9; Philippians 4: 9; Matthew 22: 1-14

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.

EVENTS:

- **TODAY at 2.00 pm - Blessing of Animals:** Something new -- a short liturgy for the Blessing of Animals. Pets and their owners are 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.
- **Solemnity of the Feast of Dedication, Sunday 16 October:** Said mass at 8.00 am, Sung mass at 9.30 am, Procession and Solemn Mass at 11.00am, Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 4.30 pm.
- **Organ Recital: Tuesday, 18 October at 8.00 pm, Simon Walker** will present an organ recital at SMM with works by Willan, J. S. Bach and Widor.
- **Sidespersons' Meeting and 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.
- **Notice of Special Vestry Meeting:** A Special Vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23rd following the 11.00 mass**. The purpose of this meeting is to seek Vestry approval for the design and funding of the west gallery windows. All members of the parish who are at least 16 years of age, have been a member for at least three months and have attended worship at least three times in the previous year, are eligible to vote at this meeting.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- **2011 SMM Envelopes:** Please check at the back of the church in the envelope boxes to ensure your name is not on any weekly or monthly envelopes still remaining. In the case of duplication or if you do not wish to have envelopes, please pull out the envelopes and give them to a sidesperson. We have people who have requested envelopes recently, and we are running short of numbers to assign.
- **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. This will take place over two Wednesday nights. On **Wednesday, 26 October from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, Chris Ambidge and Archdeacon Paul Feheley will be our guests. Chris and Paul reflect differing points of view on this issue, and have for many years acted as resources for parishes and others wishing to engage in a respectful conversation. And then, on **Wednesday, 9 November from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, facilitator Susan Graham Walker will lead us through a conversation using the indaba method of respectful listening. In preparation for the evening, we are being asked to take a copy of the pamphlet *Emerging Common Ground* (available

at the back of the church), read it and prayerfully reflect on our own responses to its eight points.

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 continues. We meet from **11.00 pm to noon**, following the 10.00 mass. We are studying St. John's gospel.
- **Bishop's Committee on Prayer: Saturday, 22 October** you are invited to a Quiet Day to reflect on *Praying in the Storm* at **St. John the Baptist, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm**. Cost is \$10.00 Please bring a bible and your own lunch - drinks are provided. To register, contact **Monica John (905-897-7177) or email: myjohn50@hotmail.com**.
- **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:

- **Hands Across the Sands:** SMM parishioners have contributed and pledged just under \$18,500 to the refugee project to sponsor an Iraqi Christian family. There have also been pledges of goods and expertise to aid the settlement. **Thank you very much for this generous response!** We'll keep you posted.
- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **NEXT 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.**

WIDER COMMUNITY

- **Hands Across the Sands Refugee Sponsorship Initiative:** On the advice of the refugee team and the Advisory Board the corporation has approved the parish's participation in the sponsorship project. We will now seek permission of the Diocese to sponsor a refugee family and we will work through the Diocese's agency, the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA). The Diocese has a policy of sponsoring refugees regardless of their religion. This means that the family we ultimately sponsor may or may not be Christian. (While many Iraqi refugees are Christian, there are also many who are