

- **A booklet of readings and reflections for Lent:** Our booklet for Lent this year, *The Bread of Life*, was well received in the deanery and beyond. Our hope is provide Christians from all walks of life and a wide range of religious traditions with a booklet that will assist them in their spiritual journey through Lent.
- **Social Outreach:** Further details to come.



THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

PENTECOST X

21 August 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMM CALENDAR

22 - 28 August, 2011

22 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
23 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Feria
24 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	S. Bartholomew, Ap.
25 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
26 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
27 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Monnica, 387
28 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	Pentecost XI
Pentecost XI Readings Exodus3: 1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28			

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.

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.

- **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 on Sunday, 18 September** 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.**
- **SMM Trip to Stratford:** This year our trip to Stratford will take place on **Saturday, 24 September** to see *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. We leave SMM by bus at 9.30 am and arrive back at the church at 7.00 pm. 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 **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?

- **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:

- **I will be away on holiday until this Friday, 25 August. Fr. Whittall will be in charge of the parish during my absence.** As always, in the event of a pastoral emergency please call the church office and listen for the name and phone number of the priest on call. *David+*
- Please pick up your copy of the new *Angelus*, our parish newsletter, from the back of the church. It is also available on line at www.stmarymagdalene.ca.
- **Pastoral Care:** I'm grateful for many people at SMM who share in pastoral care, both formally and informally. Indeed, a good deal of pastoral care in a parish community happens informally, through the care and concern we offer one another. I'm grateful for my clergy colleagues who assist, and **I'm delighted that Pat Maltby**, who recently retired from work as a hospital chaplain, **will also be joining me in pastoral visiting.** *David+*
- **Yard Sale:** The Advisory Board has taken the decision that, once again, there **will not** be a yard sale this fall. Kindly please **do not bring in contributions**
- **SMM Email Communications:** If you 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.
- **Common Praise is here!** We have acquired the Anglican hymnbook *Common Praise* as an **additional musical resource for the parish.** Our SMM supplement and New English Hymnal **will not be replaced**, but our weekly hymnody, particularly at the 9:30 Mass, will be greatly enriched with this Canadian resource. **Over fifty copies have already been donated by generous SMM parishioners.** If you would like to donate a copy, simply write "*Common Praise*" on your envelope or cheque. If you would like a memorial dedication in the front cover of the book, please contact Stephanie at smartin@yorku.ca or call the office during the week. The cost of one book, including tax, is only \$30.
- **SMM Name Pins:** Anyone wishing to have SMM name pin, please **PRINT** your name on the **WHITE** sign up sheet at the back of the church.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN:

- **Sunday School during the 9:30 mass** starts again on **September 11.** 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:

- **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 **Tuesday, 13 September 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

- **Parkdale Ministry Development Council:** The Parkdale Ministry Development Council (PMDC) has undertaken **a number of initiatives to enrich the religious life of our parishes in this area of the city and to enhance our ministry here.** These initiatives have been well supported and many of you have participated in them. We plan to launch three initiatives over the summer, and **we are in the process of forming working groups to develop these projects.** We invite and encourage **participation from all members of the deanery parishes.** If you are interesting in joining in please contact **Brian Clarke** at **416-585-4547** or b.clarke@utoronto.ca.

The three initiatives we are working on are:

- **A five week Lenten series for all parishes in Parkdale Deanery:** For the past two years we have offered sessions that provide opportunities for people from across the deanery to reflect upon their faith, to enrich their prayer life, and deepen their connection with God. As Anglicans we are challenged when it comes to "passionate spirituality." We hope this series will continue to help us to just how central that is for the Christian life.