

coming in. There have also been pledges of goods and expertise to aid the settlement. **Thank you very much for this generous response!** It is most encouraging for the committee to see the level of commitment. We will notify the parish about redeeming pledges very soon. The committee members will be attending a training workshop this Tuesday. Meanwhile, Diocesan approval will be sought and as soon as we have that we can start looking at family profiles. We are looking to submit our case by mid-November. 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.

- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **Tuesday, 8 November at 2.30 pm.** Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **For more information, speak with Fr David or Fr William.**



## THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

PENTECOST XIX

23 October 2011

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.**

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- **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. **Good news! Our total pledged to date is \$205,250.00.**
  - **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

24 - 30 October, 2011

24 Monday	10.00 am	Mass	James of Jerusalem
25 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Feria
26 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Alfred the Great, K., 899
27 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
28 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	<b>SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles</b>
29 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	James Hannington, Bp., and M., 1885
30 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	<b>Pentecost XX</b>

Pentecost XIX

Joshua 3: 7-17, I Thessalonians 2: 9-13, Matthew 23: 1-12

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.

## SMM EVENTS:

- **Notice of Special Vestry Meeting:** A Special Vestry meeting will be held **TODAY 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.
- **All Saints' Day (NEXT Tuesday, 1 November):** Said mass at **7.15 am**, **Procession & Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm**, followed by a **Pot Luck supper**. **Donations of appetizers, salads, main dishes and dessert will be welcome**. **Help is needed** for both **set up** (at 4.00pm) and **clean up after**.
- **All Souls' Day (NEXT Wednesday, 2 November):** All Souls' Day will be observed with said **requiem masses at 7.15 & 10.00 am**, and a **Solemn Requiem Mass at 6.00 pm**. If you wish to have names of the departed read at one of the masses, **please fill out a form on mauve paper, available at the back of the church**.

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- **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. **THIS 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**.
- **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.

## 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.** All children ages 2 – 6 are welcome. Children aged 7 and up are invited to a Sunday School group for older children, beginning after the gospel. Please let us know if you would like to join the program. (Contact e-mail: [s.maclean@utoronto.ca](mailto: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.
- **Lenten Retreat:** 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**. Our leader will be **Sister Constance Joanna**, and the topic will be **how our image of God affects the way we pray – and vice versa**. Space is limited to ten people. To reserve a space, **please speak with Fr. David**.

## WIDER COMMUNITY

- **Holy Cross celebration: THIS Saturday, October 29 at 5 pm** the brothers at Holy Cross Priory, Toronto invite you to join us for a **Eucharist and reception in honour of our Superior, Br. Robert Sevensky, OHC**, who is visitating. Holy Cross Priory is a monastery of the *Order of the Holy Cross*, an Anglican Benedictine community. The Priory is located two blocks north of the High Park subway station, at 204 High Park Avenue, Toronto. All are welcome. If you'd like to attend, please let us know by calling 416-767-9081 or emailing us at [davidbohcc@ohc-canada.org](mailto:davidbohcc@ohc-canada.org)
- **Archbishop Thabo Makgoba will give the 2011 Snell Sermon at St. James Cathedral on Sunday, October 30 at 4:30pm.** Anglicans across the Diocese are warmly invited to attend. The Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba is Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of Southern Africa. He is known to many in our diocese from his time as Bishop of Grahamstown, which has been twinned with Toronto for some years. More information is available at **416-364-7865**, [info@stjamescathedral.on.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.on.ca), or [www.stjamescathedral.on.ca](http://www.stjamescathedral.on.ca).

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- ***Hands Across the Sands:*** SMM parishioners have contributed and pledged **\$27,155 to date to the refugee project** to sponsor an Iraqi family, and they're still