



THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

PENTECOST XV

25 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:** The Diocese of Toronto, of which we are part, is **in the midst of a major fundraising campaign to support parish and diocesan priorities.** Last Sunday we 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. If you were not here last week to see **the 8-minute campaign video**, it will be shown in the lounge immediately following the 9.30 and 11.00 masses.

- **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**

- **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.

SMM CALENDAR

26 September – 2 October, 2011

26 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Lancelot Andrews, Bp., 1626
27 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Sergius, Ab., and T., 1392
28 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Feria.
29 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Mass La Messa Procession and Solemn Mass <i>(followed by pot luck supper)</i>	S. Michael and All Angels
30 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Jerome, T., 420
1 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	BVM
2 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm	Said Mass Folk Mass Solemn Mass Blessing of Animals	Pentecost XVI
Pentecost XVI Readings Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46			

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 stand at the back of the church. The list is renewed at the beginning of every month.

EVENTS:

- **The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)** will be celebrated **THIS Thursday, 29 September at 6.00 pm**, followed by a pot-luck supper.
- **Folk Mass:** A Folk Mass will be celebrated **NEXT Sunday, 2 October at 9.30 am**.
- **Blessing of Animals:** Something new -- a short liturgy for the **Blessing of Animals NEXT 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 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.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- **Dillys Dix**, a former parishioner, died at the end of July. There will be a memorial service for her here at **SMM NEXT 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 TODAY**. 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:

- **Hands Across the Sands:** By last week, **SMM parishioners had 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 **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.**

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+*