

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 **NEXT 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.**

| SMM CALENDAR | | |
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| 31 October – 6 November, 2011 | | |
| 31 Monday | 10.00 am Mass | Saints of the Reformation Era |
| 1 Tuesday | 7.15 am Mass 6.00pm Procession and Solemn Mass <i>(followed by pot luck supper)</i> | All Saints' Day |
| 2 Wednesday | 7.15 am Requiem Mass 10.00 am Requiem Mass 6.00 pm Solemn Requiem Mass | All Souls' Day |
| 3 Thursday | 7.15 am Mass 10.00 am La Messa | Richard Hooker, P. and T., 1600 |
| 4 Friday | 6.00 pm Mass | Saints of the Old Testament |
| 5 Saturday | 10.00 am Mass | Jan Hus, Ref., 1415 |
| 6 Sunday | 8.00 am Said Mass 9.30 am Sung Mass 11.00 am Solemn Mass | Pentecost XXI |
| Pentecost XXI Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13 | | |

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 XX

30 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.**

- Please remember to **turn your clocks back on hour next Saturday night** as we return to standard time.
- **Safely delivered:** Former parishioners **Alison Goodwin and Alex Ostrop** welcomed twins into their lives last Tuesday -- a boy and a girl, as yet unnamed, weighing in at 6lb 10oz each. The family now resides in Alberta. They are missed here, and they miss SMM. David+
- **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 \$223,800.**
- **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.
- **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.

SMM EVENTS:

- **All Saints' Day (THIS Tuesday, 1 November):** Said mass at **7.15 am, Procession & Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm**, followed by a **Pot Luck supper.** Our guest preacher will be the **Reverend Joan Waters-Garner**, onetime member of the Gallery Choir. **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 (THIS 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. **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.** 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)

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.
- **Advent Study -- Wednesdays nights during Advent:** We will be using a new resource produced within the Diocese of Toronto -- *Advent: From Chaos to Love.* This resource creates the opportunity for participants to examine both their individual and community lives in light of the extravagant incarnation of God into our world. The study incorporates video material, printed resources and roundtable conversations. **Wednesdays November 30th, December 7th, 14th & 21st, from 7.30 to 9.00.** For more information, visit the website at www.chaostolove.com or speak with Fr. David.
- **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

- **Archbishop Thabo Makgoba will give the 2011 Snell Sermon at St. James Cathedral on TODAY 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, or www.stjamescathedral.on.ca.**

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- ***Hands Across the Sands:* SMM parishioners have contributed and pledged \$28,000 to date to the refugee project** to sponsor an Iraqi family, and they're still 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