

to “passionate spirituality.” We hope this series will continue to help us to just how central that is for the Christian life.

- **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.

SMM CALENDAR		
5 – 11 September, 2011		
5 Monday	10.00 am Mass	First Anglican Eucharist in Canada, 1578 SMM OFFICE CLOSED
6 Tuesday	7.15 am Mass	Feria
7 Wednesday	10.00 am Mass	Feria
8 Thursday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am La Messa	Nativity of the Blessèd Virgin Mary
9 Friday	6.00 pm Mass	Feria
10 Saturday	10.00 am Mass	Edmund Peck, P. and M., 1924
11 Sunday	8.00 am Said Mass 9.30 am Sung Mass 11.00 am Solemn Mass	Pentecost XIII
Pentecost XIII Readings Exodus 14: 19-31; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35		

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 XII

4 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.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** the SMM Parish Office will be closed **Monday, 5 September** for the Labour Day Holiday.
- **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.**
- **Solemn Evensong and Benediction: Sunday, 18 September at 4.30 pm.**
- **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?
- **The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)** will be celebrated on **Thursday, 29 September at 6.00 pm**, followed by a pot-luck supper.
- **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:

- **Dillys Dix**, a former parishioner, died at the end of July. There will be a memorial service for her here at SMM on **Tuesday, 4 October at 11.00 am**.
- **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 on Sunday, 25 September**. 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.

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:

- **Wednesday Bible Study:** The Wednesday morning Bible study will resume this week. 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:

- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **THIS 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

- **St. Stephen-in-the-Fields (103 Bellevue Avenue) is celebrating its 153rd anniversary Saturday, 10 September** with **Evening Prayer and a Service of Thanksgiving at 4.00 pm** followed by a **neighbourhood BBQ**. All are welcome.
- **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 interested 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