

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

6 November 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMM CALENDAR

7 - 13 November, 2011

7 Monday	10.00 am	Mass	Willibrord, Abp., and Miss., 739
8 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Feria
9 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Feria
10 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Leo the Great, Bp. and T., 461
11 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Martin, Bp., 397
12 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Charles Simeon, P., 1836
13 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	Pentecost XXII
Pentecost XXII Judges 4: 1-7; I Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30			

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.**

- **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 \$242,800.**
- **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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The Feast of Christ the King: Sunday, 20 November:** 8.00 Said Mass, 9.30 Procession & Sung Mass, 11.00 Procession & Solemn Mass, 4.30 Solemn Evensong & Benediction
- **The First Sunday of Advent.: Sunday, 27 November:** 8.00 Said mass, 9.30 Folk Mass, 11.00 Litany in Procession & Solemn Mass
- ***In Dulci Jubilo:* Friday Dec. 9th 8pm York Baroque Ensemble presents *In Dulci Jubilo*, a pre- Christmas concert at SMM. Come as you are: pay what you can.**
- ***The Children's Messiah: Saturday, 10 December from 4 pm - 5.00 pm. Pax Christi Chorale, under the direction of Stephanie Martin, presents *The Children's' Messiah* at SMM. Designed especially for youngsters, this is a condensed version of *Messiah* in all its glory in a casual, child-friendly setting and will be narrated by Father David. Admission is free for children and youth and pay-what-you-can at the door for adults.***
- **Solemn Evensong, Benediction & Advent Carols. Sunday, 11 December at 4.30.** A wonderful liturgy to invite a friend, colleague or neighbour to join us.

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 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.maclea@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 and there are **only three spots** remaining. To reserve a space, **please speak with Fr. David**.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- ***Hands Across the Sands:* SMM parishioners and friends in the wider community have contributed or pledged nearly \$28,000 to date** to the project to sponsor an Iraqi refugee family, and donations are still coming in. There have also been pledges of goods and expertise to aid the settlement. We will notify the parish about redeeming pledges shortly. The committee has begun work on a resettlement plan. **Thank you very much for this generous response!** It is most encouraging for the committee to see the level of commitment. 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.