ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

AN INVITATION Are you troubled by the lack of civility and respect in social media and normal daily living? Concerned that this offensive way of communicating is making its way into your daily discourse and into your family life? Want to respond more directly to Pope Francis’ prayer on World Peace Day: “may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds…” “Come and explore an approach to communication (based on the work of Marshall B. Rosenberg and the Center for Nonviolent Communication, www.cnvc.org), which helps us to be attentive to a compassionate understanding of our own and other’s needs. This practice of non-violent communication has direct application to living the Gospel message and unites us with the Holy Father’s message of peace for 2017.

Speaking Peacefully: Reflecting the Heart of Christ is a workshop by Mary Carol Conroy who will be with us on Sunday, February 19, from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Mary Carol explains the concept, allows time for discussion and time to “practice” a few of the things we have learned. We will end with Evening Prayer.

A CHRISTIAN PARKING LOT (I have been asked to make this request again!)

When we were planning our first building project, over 225 people met to share our thoughts on our project. Many suggestions were made, but one that seemed to resonate with the group was the request for a Christian parking lot.

The hope was that we would design a parking lot that would make it easier for those who use it to be respectful and courteous to each other.

When we enlarged and renovated our facilities, our second Construction Task Group spent hours trying to improve traffic flow, while including the islands required by the township. But quite frankly, only the users can make our parking area Christian. So here are my suggestions:

1. If you would like to be headed out from your parking space, arrive early and back in or pull all the way through an open space. (If you arrive close to the start of Liturgy or late, please don’t hold up traffic by backing in!!!)
2. Be thoughtful of pedestrians trying to get into or out of church. Give them the brake!
3. Be courteous to others, give others a chance too; and be careful when exiting.

These are requests...or perhaps they are a test: when we come for Liturgy, can we live what we celebrate during Mass?!?!

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

January 16, Monday
Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
9:00 am +Shirley Chandler

January 17, Tuesday, Saint Anthony, Abbot
Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
9:00 am Communion Service

January 18, Wednesday
Heb 7:1, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
7:00 pm +Mass of Remembering

January 19, Thursday
Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
9:00 am +Ann Gillette

January 20, Friday
Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
9:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Catechists

January 21, Saturday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21

January 22, Sunday
Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
4:30 pm Vigil +Fr. David Doepker
9:00 am +Ronald Agius
11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Isaiah 8: 23—9:3
Zebulun and Naphtali were two Jewish tribes who had settled in the northern area of the Holy Land. Eight centuries before Christ, this area experienced a bitter defeat at the hands of Assyria. The prophet Isaiah offers these northern people hope by looking ahead to a day when they would be especially blessed. This northern area of Israel was later known as Galilee and Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.

1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17
In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul deals with issues the Church faces in every age. After Paul founded this community and moved on, he heard of polarizations in the Corinthian Church. In today’s passage, he speaks bluntly to them about these divisions.

Matthew 4 12-23
This reading from Matthew has three parts; first, Jesus is in Israel, quoting from Isaiah who names these same places, second, Jesus is calling his disciples, and third, is a summary of Jesus’ mission in Galilee.

Reflect: How do you follow Jesus today?
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, January 16**
- 9:00 am: No Preschool
- 9:45 am: Yoga
- 6:00 pm: Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm: Catholicism
- 7:30 pm: K of C Planning Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17**
- 9:00 am: Preschool
- 10:00 am: Bible Study
- 1:00 pm: 50+ Seniors
- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts
- 7:30 pm: Financial Peace University
  - Generation Change

**Wednesday, January 18**
- Pet Food Drive
- 9:00 am: Preschool
- 9:45 am: MOMS Group
- 4:30 & 6:30: Religious Formation
- 7:00 pm: School for Discipleship
- 7:30 pm: Music Ministry

**Thursday, January 19**
- Pet Food Drive
- 9:00 am: Preschool
- 5:30 pm: Bible Study
- 5:30 pm: Religious Formation
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**Friday, January 20**
- 9:45 am: Yoga
- 6:00 pm: 8 Great Dates

**Saturday, January 21**

**Sunday, January 22**
- 9:00 am: Family Program
- 11:00 am: Kindergarten Formation
- 11:00 am: Baptism Presentation
- 11:00 am: RCLA
- 12:45 pm: Baptism
- 5:30 pm: 9th Grade Religious Formation
- 7:00 pm: Youth Group

*After All Masses: Blood Pressure Screenings*

**MASS OF REMEMBERING**

A monthly Mass of Remembering will take place this Wed., January 18, 2017, at 7 pm. Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Patricia Edoff, Pat Copland, Sr. Virgianne Wantuch, Janet Sundberg, Jean Galazyn.
Rite of Enrollment
This weekend at the Saturday Liturgy, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment with the 4th graders and any others preparing for Solemn Penance. Sunday at the 9 am Liturgy, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment with all preparing to receive First Eucharist. If you did not take a prayer slip after weekend Liturgies and would like to pray for one of our children as they prepare for the above sacraments, please take a slip from the basket under the Religious Formation bulletin board.

Home Study Religious Formation
All students participating in the Home Study trek of Religious Formation must attend with a parent the Home Study meeting on January 29, at 10:15 am. This meeting will be held in rooms 1 & 2.

Monthly Devotion
January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. The history of this devotion is very rich and many of the prayers are very orthodox, therefore I have chosen a few more practical prayers to share. I encourage you to pray (talk to) Jesus daily. The Act of Spiritual Communion is not to take the place of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, but between Liturgies.

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A prayer of St. Theresa of Calcutta
Jesus, you are in my heart,
I believe in your love for me,
and I love you.
Amen

This Sunday evening I hope you are able to make it to the preview of what will be a great series from Dave Ramsey about money! Gather in the community room at 7pm for the preview of Generation Change, the 9 week course about how to handle your money. This course was created by Mr. Ramsey specifically for high school teens. I truly hope you will think about participating.

Generation Change starts this week, Tuesday January 17th, at 7:30 in the youth room. The youth class is open to all high school students. It’s still NOT too late to Sign-up now by contacting Margaret Callaghan at yminster1@gmail.com.

January 27-29th is our annual Winter Weekend Getaway. The cost is $100 for the weekend which includes lodging and all meals. Space is limited so contact me at the above mentioned email address if you are interested in participating. Your lift ticket and rentals for skiing at Caberfae in Cadillac are extra.

I know we literally just finished up the season of Advent but….think about spending the 2017 season of Lent participating in the Passion reenactment for the Good Friday service. Practices for this reenactment will begin Sunday, March 5th.

Our high school Youth Group gathers high school students weekly Sunday evenings from 7-9pm in our youth room. Our meetings are an opportunity for teens to come together to talk about God in their life, reflect on their faith and to recharge for the week ahead. I hope you can make us a regular part of your week!

EDGE: A youth group for 6, 7 and 8th graders. Last week we celebrated Christmas EDGE style as our party date in December, was cancelled because of weather. It was a nice way to start the New Year and to catch up on what has gone on. Our next meeting in January will be Monday, January 23, 7-8:30 pm. Plan to join us again or for the first time! We hope to see you and that you plan to make EDGE a part of your New Year plans. Contact Margaret Callaghan at yminster1@gmail.com if you’d like more information about EDGE.
Of Faith and Service
Sr. Joyce at pastmin1@saintmarymagdalen.org

The Catholicism Series
A Treat for every Catholic
Mondays, 7 pm, beginning January 16. Mark your calendars for a 10 week spectacular review of the Catholic faith. Father Robert Barron (now Bishop) takes us to places of origin and gives us a fresh view of our official beliefs. It will create opportunity to share what you have learned with family and friends.

Please pray for the return of Catholics, to be open to return and take a fresh look and commitment to our faith. Consider inviting them to a Parish activity.

Winter Family Fun Night
For everyone in the Parish.
Saturday, January 28, after 4:30pm Liturgy—8:30pm
Bring a roll of toilet paper as an entrance fee and it will be donated to a charity.
Let us know if you are coming!
Tacos will be served beginning at 5:45 pm. A donation basket will be available. Many games in gym, table games, crafts, face painting, winter themed games, Bingo, movie and snacks will be available. The movie “Finding Do-ry” starts at 7 pm in the East Room.
You might want to consider bringing an elderly person who doesn’t drive at night. Come and play and enjoy each other’s company!

Charity & Justice

Refuge from the Cold!!! – Livingston County provides overnight sleeping accommodations for the homeless during the winter. This program is coordinated by Love, INC and is called the Severe Weather Network.

Please mark your calendars for the week of March 20th through March 26th. That is the week that parishioners from St. Mary Magdalen & St. Paul’s churches will join up to provide volunteers to host the homeless at a Brighton area Church. We will need individuals willing to provide meals, transportation, and overnight guest management during that week. Watch the Bulletin and the Charity & Justice table for information on how you can help.

WELLNESS QUOTE
Why WORRY when you can PRAY.

Christ Renews His Parish — CRHP
A spiritual renewal weekend experience for personal reflection and sharing God’s Word. Team members will share their faith journey and their relationship with God, along with Scripture, discussions and personal prayer.

St. Mary Magdalen is offering our first CRHP weekends in March. The Women’s weekend will be March 18—19 and the Men’s weekend will be March 25—26. This is a 32 hour weekend which means you will be staying overnight. It begins Saturday 8 am and ends 4 pm on Sunday. The weekends are open to any adult, 18 or older and out of high school. There is no charge for the weekend.

In addition, we would like to reach out to anyone who can give of their time to help on these weekends:

- Set-up, Friday, March 17 and tear down, Sunday, March 19,
- Set-up, Friday, March 24 and tear down Sunday, March 25 and
- Kitchen help - to prepare, serve, cleanup for meals and snacks on both weekends.

If you have attended a CRHP weekend elsewhere and would like to participate in one of these, please contact Jody Kirkpatrick at 248-697-1074 or hawkize89@gmail.com. Please call Jody with any questions.

LIVINGSTON YAM:
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
MONTHLY MASS & DINNER
Sunday, January 29
5pm Mass @ St. Joseph, Howell
6:30pm Dinner @ Block Brewing Company
Questions? Contact Shannon
810-588-7665 or livingstonyam@mail.com

Welcome Newly Baptized
Brooks Michael Detter, parents are Jessica & Justin;
Mairead Lynn and Nadine Evelyn Houghten, parents are Erin & Mike;
Owen Alexander Morris, parents are Brittany & Shane;
Jameson Elana Molitor, parents are Christine & Brandon;
Claire Louise and Natalie Renee Nanasi, parents are Autumn & Paul;
Sophia Grace Beaubien, parents are Christina & Tim;
and Levi Michael Trapp, parents are Lauren & Spencer.
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Financial Peace/Generation Change

St. Mary Magdalen has purchased materials for Financial Peace University that can be pre-purchased for a slight discount through the church. Contact Chris Topely at 248-210-3138 to be one of the first ten to receive the discounted materials. Please let us know if you need childcare, as it can be provided if we know in advance.

Join us for a free preview of the FPU and the Dave Ramsey youth class, Generation Change, Sunday evening, January 15, in the community room at 7pm. Chris and I will answer questions and show a short video from each class about what the sessions will be about.

Both classes start Tuesday, January 17, 7:30-9 and will run for 9 weeks.

**Save The Date**

February 4, 2017
7th Annual Marriage Enrichment Conference

“Everybody’s Got Something”
Love Changes Everything* Intimate Graces in Your Marriage

Featured Speakers:
Teresa Tomeo (Pastore) and Dcn. Dominick Pastore
St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton

To register and for more information, visit: idoforlife.org

**Diabetes Prevention Center**

At St. Joseph Mercy Brighton

1 in 3 American adults has prediabetes and most don’t know it. If you could be the “1”, attend the diabetes Prevention Program information session on Thursday, January 26 from 6-7 pm at St. Joseph Mercy Brighton above the Cancer center. This workshop is supported by St. Joseph Mercy Brighton and will be provided at no cost to qualified participants. To learn more about this workshop or to register, visit the Diabetes Prevention Center at www.nkfm.org/dpp or call 616.458.9520.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

I would like to thank our Maintenance Team: Dan Tuthill, Kathleen Gehring and Mark Wolf for all of their hard work on our Christmas environment this year. They are an amazing trio and I am very grateful! I would also like to especially thank Lori Aranguren and Harold Allen for their countless hours assembling and disassembling the Christmas trees! Also Mary Lanigan and our Confirmation candidates and those form St. Pats for assembling the trees and putting on all the lights! You are all appreciated!

Diane Kubus

**SPEAKING PEACEFULLY TO REFLECT THE HEART OF CHRIST**

Are you troubled by the lack of civility and respect we have seen so often? Are you concerned that this offensive way of communicating is making its way into your daily discourse and family life? Is there a way we, as Catholics, can converse peacefully and non-violently and yet still voice our opinions and stand up for what we believe?

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Tours Available
Be Our Guest Adult Day Service (BOGADS) is offering tours from 10:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Monday – Friday throughout the month of January.

Be Our Guest Adult Day Service is a valuable resource for individuals and families dealing with dementia and forms of dementia such as Alzheimer’s as well as other chronic health concerns. BOGADS provides a person centered day that consists of therapeutic recreation, social activities and helps participants find purpose and meaning in their day. For information or to sign up for a tour, contact Suzi or Katie at 517-546-9910. Call to reserve your spot!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at St. Mary Magdalen Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation—irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/advantageclub and receive your “Advantage” club discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Mark your Calendar!
March 5, 6 & 7
LIVINGSTON VICARIATE
LENTEN MISSION 2017
with Fr. Ron Richards, J.C.L.

More Details to follow