

October 2021

COURIER

St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women



OUR SMMCCW MEETING PRAYER

Gracious Father, thank you for making this meeting successful. As we depart, Lord, we ask that you be with us. May your angels go before us and clear the way so that we can reach home safely. Thank you for the lives that you have prepared beforehand for us to touch as we embark on a wonderful year with the women of this parish. May all glory and honor come back to you in everything that we do and may you allow your mother, Mary, to continue being an example to us as we pray... Hail Mary...

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What is our WHY?

Saturday morning, August 14, we held our first Liturgy of the Hours and Coffee event. The Liturgy was held in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. About 7 of us gathered. Carrie Clemens had made 6 copies of the Liturgy (it's different for each day and is not available until one week before). I secured the copies on Thursday afternoon and went through the booklets, one by one, writing the participant directions. When to stand, sit, which side to chant on which verse, etc. We sat together but apart, everyone having their own space.

The coffee events are meant to welcome new members, but that day it seemed that we had no brand new members to join us, at least until we had made it through the first page. Then, a lady entered the church who we did not know. She saw us and came right in and sat with us. Monica shared her booklet and she joined right in. As we sang the Our Father and completed the Liturgy. Then, we went around the group and introduced ourselves.

We went around the group: Kathy, Suzette, Margaret, Dee, Amy, Fil, Monica, and then it was her turn. "Hi, I'm Maria." She went on to say that she had just moved from Seattle, WA, and that she had gone to St. George that morning for mass, as was indicated on the website, but that when she arrived, there was nobody there. So she quickly checked the other nearby parishes for masses. She saw that St. Mary Magdalene had a mass at 9:30. It was a happy mistake that she was reading our mass schedule for Friday! She came to SMM thinking there would be a mass, and yet the SMM Women were there praying together, ready to greet and welcome her. We had a really nice visit afterward with coffee in the Parish Hall.

Welcome coffees are scheduled every other month. The next "coffee" coincides with our shopping event on October 28 at the Funky Shack in Tyrone, 6-8pm. Our next Liturgy of the Hours and Coffee will be on December 11 at 9am. Please join us!

Our WHY is that we offer a variety of opportunities for social, education and service so that the Lord might work through us to touch other women and gather them to Himself.



WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON RECAP

We enjoyed glorious weather for the September 12 Luncheon. The noon Mass was offered for the intentions of our Woman of the Year, Laura Rodgers. The flower offering was pushed to September 19 (due to 9/11), but they were vibrant pinks and purples and beautifully arranged by the Arts and Environment Committee. Father Terry offered a moving and meaningful blessing of all the women of the parish, and announced Laura's selection which garnered a lovely round of applause.

The luncheon was well attended for the Covid circumstances. We had 51 RSVP's, and only 4 of those did not make it. We had seating on the patio outside for some, and the doors were open to the room to allow for fresh air flow. All enjoyed their choice of salads from Chicken Salad Chick at assigned seats which were amply spaced apart.

Monique and I shared the emcee responsibilities. We offered prayer, introduced the Board, recognized new faces, invited participation and recognized our speaker.

Annie Singh-Quern, author and marketing consultant hailing originally from Guyana, shared her WHY for writing with us. She encouraged us to create quiet worship space in our homes and offered an exercise from her book, Journey into Simple Living, so that we could give thought to how we prioritize the connection time with God. Our example is emulated by our children and friends, spouses and workmates. It behooves us to give God primary placement, not only for our personal relationship with Him, but for those around us who look to us for the HOW. Annie shared her personal story so as to inspire us to simplify our lives and focus on connection with one another rather than collection of earthly things. Make memories! She represented all of us as she released a box of two dozen painted lady butterflies, sending up our hopes for new beginnings.

Our two young guests, Cassie Heegan and Hadley Smith (new family to the parish) assisted with picking the door prize winners. Great big thanks and hugs to the Holy Spirit, for His Inspiration; Jude Rasmuson for tracking your RSVP's and salad choices, creating a spreadsheet master right up until the Friday morning before; Cheri Hooper for creating the beautiful butterfly magnet favor, for helping with Saturday setup, managing the Cookbook sales and helping with clean up; Monica Tschantz for assisting with welcoming and registration and for making sure I received legible notes on requests made that day; Linda Dryer for helping with setup and IRONING tablecloths, and for picking up the entire catering order so that I could be at mass; Carrie Clemens for creating our online order forms and helping us keep our parish website presence up to date; Monique Haskins for organizing the beverages, sound system, program and calendar magnet and for securing the Summergrove Town Hall, for gathering and beautifully wrapping door prizes, setting up and cleaning up, and for the idea of the butterfly release, creating thoughtful prayers as well as much more; Hallee Haskins for technical support and help at the Hall, and with clean up; Katie Hoffman for help on the day of and with clean up; and Kathy Hoffman for making our name tags and finding our speaker, providing door prizes and general help for the day; and to anyone inadvertently omitted.

Of course, this event could not take place without many hands. Plans are always in the works for the "next one". We would ideally have a committee which would make these plans, rather than all things fall on the leaders all the time. This is a recipe for quick burnout. Maybe you attended the luncheon and enjoyed some aspect you would like to see repeated or something you could have done better. We would welcome your input and energy! Everyone is encouraged to participate in some way. Many hands make light work. Don't worry about a lack of experience. Bring your unique charisms to the task and we will hold your hand!

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON MEMORIES



FUNKY SHACK SOCIAL AND SHOPPING

Funky Shack Social and Shopping, 843 Senoia Road, Tyrone GA 30290

Thursday, October 28 6-8pm

You are invited to a social shopping event at the Funky Shack Mercantile and Flower Market. What do I love about the Funky Shack? The store is full of inspiration. Local artists are the source of much of the merchandise at this store, with locations in both Tyrone and soon near Trilith Studios in Fayetteville. The inventory is constantly changing. My once a month or more trip to the store is always rewarded with a new find for gifting or a handmade card to send a friend, an avant guard fresh flower arrangement to enjoy at home or something for my garden. My best find there yet is a Marian statue for my garden. Hand fashioned jewelry, women's clothing and baby gifts, furniture and paint. This store has a little something for everyone. They even have hand-painted gift bags!



Join us for a fun-filled, hang out together evening. Wine, tea, lemonade, and light refreshments will be provided as we find unique gifts for our friends and loved ones that are sure to bring smiles.

Please make sure to RSVP to Monique Haskins at texmominga@bellsouth.net by October 26th. 10% of the evening's sales come back to us to share, so this is a win/win event!

ANNUNCIATION HALL DEDICATION MASS AND PARISH PICNIC

St. Mary Magdalene
Sunday, October 10, Noon

Bishop Joel Konzen, SM will be joining us to celebrate the dedication of our new parish building by presiding at the noon mass. This mass will be held outdoors. An altar will be stationed under the breezeway just outside of the building, and tents will be set up on the grass for the laity to sit under. There will be about 150 chairs set up, but anyone is welcome to bring their own chairs. Tickets are NOT required for the mass.

The Parish Picnic will immediately follow the mass in the same space. Volunteers will "flip" the space by setting up tables under the tents. Food trucks, stationed near the recycling trailer at the far end of Annunciation Hall, will provide one supper and one dessert per person. Tickets will be required to receive the food and are available through the link below or at the registration table on the day of. It is strongly recommended that you purchase tickets ahead of the day so that waiting in line is minimized. Sponsorship opportunities are also offered on the form, found at www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-1/forms/2021-st-mary-magdalene-parish-picnic. Write to smmvolunteer@smmcatholic.org, if you have any questions.

Many games and activities will be on hand, including: a Bubble Wagon, Bouncy House, Balloon Animal Artist, Rock Painting, Sand Art, Corn Hole, Lawn Jenga, Hoola Hoop, Playground; Hayrides and Cupcake Walk. No tickets are required for the attractions. We would hope for the Picnic festivities to begin just after mass, around 1:15pm.

Plan to come and bring the family, make new friends, visit with old friends, and have some fun!

FAMILY GAME AFTERNOON, FEATURING BINGO!

St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday, November 6, 2:00-4:30 PM

Thursday, October 28 6-8pm

We invite everyone to join us for this "fun-raiser". Play for prizes, and you will be able purchase additional cards. All ages are welcome. Plan to stay for 5pm Vigil mass. Why go all the way to Biloxi?!! Please reach out to Jan Kowalski at 772.631.3538 if you can help. We are in need of someone to assist the caller, a food hostess, and greeters. Tickets to the event are \$5.00 and will be available on line in October and also will be sold in the Narthex in October.



CALLED TO SERVE

We have some amazing upcoming service opportunities to share with you:

October 20, 2021

Location: Midwest Food Bank, 220 Parkade Court, PTC

Time: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Who: This opportunity is open to all parishioners & families.

Join us in fellowship to serve one of our local community food banks. This is a fun and very hands on way to provide service to our community.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a722a02-midwest8>

October 23, 2021

Location: Midwest Food Bank, 220 Parkade Court, PTC

Time: 6-8:30 PM

Midwest Food Bank - Georgia Division Presents Harvest of Blessings

<https://midwestfoodbank.org/locations/peachtree-city-ga/calendar-peachtree-city/eventdetail/1345/27/harvest-of-blessings-dinner>

This event is not a typical sit-down banquet. Guests should be prepared for a lighter meal as they learn about food insecurity in our communities. You'll find out how your donation has helped to fill the truly empty bowls of people less fortunate. Tickets are \$100 per person.

November 13, 2021

Location: The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, St. Francis Table, 48 Martin Luther King Jr Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Time: 7 AM - noon

We will assist in preparing and serving a meal to the needy. All parishioners 13 years and older can participate. All children ages

13 - 18 years must be supervised by their own guardian.

Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a722a02-soup2>

December 4, 2021

Location: Krogers, Thomas Crossroads

Time: 8 AM - 2 PM

Put your arm muscles to work and become a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army. This opportunity is open to any parishioner.

Children will need to be supervised by their guardian. Don't worry, we will break up the time into shifts. You can work as much or as little as your time permits.

Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a722a02-salvation2>

If you have questions, please contact Liz Lotter at lizlotter@comcast.net.

SERVE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Thursday, October 7, 7 -8 PM

Board Meeting

In Person at SMM and Virtually

The meeting will be preceded at 6:40 PM by visiting and saying the rosary together. The October meeting will be hybrid with some members meeting in person at the church and others joining on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please send notice to Kathy Hoffman (kathyhoffman9@gmail.com) or Monique Haskins (texmominga@bellsouth.net) by email to request a zoom link or for more information.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

May God bless you with peace and happiness on this unique day that you celebrate. And may that divine peace and happiness follow you the rest of your life. Have a blessed and fun birthday.

Toni Lewis	1
Margaret Hennum	1
Mary Prost	3
Grace Caldwell	6
Carolyn Schenk	9
Linda Barry	14
Chris Homansky	14
Thalia Eden	17
Marilyn Kemeza	19
Gina DeGennaro	24
Diane Knettel	25
Shirley Towle	28
Nancy Schwoebel	30
Angie Melton	31
Meredith Schnelle	31



Editor Note

If you have any news or information to add in future newsletters, please contact Julie Keller (dkeller@numail.org), 770.296-1997.



10% of the nights sales will be donated back to your Women's Group

St. Mary Magdalene CCW

Join us for a private shopping
party at The Funky Shack
on October 28, 2021
6-8pm

The Funky Shack Mercantile
843 Senoia Rd
Tyrone, GA 30290

Please rsvp by October 26th
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The Funky Shack Mercantile
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