



**ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH**  
7 SHARPLEY ROAD  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19803

---

May 26, 2022

Dear School Parents and Parishioners,

Once again as a nation we are stunned and saddened following yet another mass shooting. In just the past week, African Americans were targeted while grocery shopping, Asian Americans were targeted during their worship services, and just days ago young students and teachers were gunned down while at their school.

A school is supposed to be a safe place where children are cherished and protected and educated in a peaceful environment. At Saint Mary Magdalen we strive to achieve that goal and more every day. We teach and espouse Catholic principles and Christian virtues. There is no place in our school for hatred, racial discrimination, intimidation, bullying, bias, or any type of violent behavior. We teach our students to uphold and respect the dignity of every human being and we teach them to settle differences (to the extent that they exist) in a peaceful, honorable manner.

I want to assure you all, most especially our school parents, that we are doing everything we can to make sure that our school and property is as safe and secure as possible. In the very near future, the principal and I will be meeting with security professionals to determine what we need to do to protect our children from even the slightest possibility of danger. It is my hope that we will have this evaluation and consultation completed by mid-summer.

There is nothing more important than the safety of the precious ones who have been entrusted to our care as well as our dedicated faculty and staff. The safety and protection of our children is a sacred duty and our highest priority.

Going forward, let us walk together and be vigilant. Let us storm the Gates of Heaven with our prayers and let us ask Saint Francis of Assisi to guide our feet in the ways of peace.

God bless you,

*Father Kirk*

---

*Know Christ. Be Christ for Others.*