

CHURCH OF THE MAGDALENE



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Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM Confessions: Saturdays 4:30PM
 Sunday Masses 9:00AM & 11:00AM Monday - Friday 8:00AM Mass

ANNOUNCED MASSES: August 22 – August 30

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Vincent Cameli	Pete & Debbie Love
Sunday	9:00 AM	Mary Tierney	Duignan Family
	11:00 AM	Jean Kurtz	Duignan Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Douglas Urban	Scott Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Herminia Colina	Duignan Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Joseph Duignan	Duignan Family
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Janet Atkinson	Doddy Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Ruth Perrigino	Family
	11:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	Family

Next Weekend Celebrants 8/29 & 8/30

5:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. Vigilanti
 9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti
 11:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti

Pray for the sick: Liam Wolfe, Paul Wallace, Nancy Letizia, Jasmine Meyer, Anthony Tobacco, Elias Samarasto, Joyce Carroll, Lorraine Savagno, Joseph & Madeline Carbone, Howard Phillips, Rita Sena, John Ryan, Joseph & Laurel Tyson, Michael Kessman, Liam Ahern, Giavanna McVeigh, George Rose, Betsy Zeino, Moriah Jordan, Kevin Doherty, Carol Many, Senny Josephs, Bob & Wanda Praisner, Tom Loemker, Ann & Tom Cahill, Marcella Thorne, Bernadette Harris, Matthew March, Nijole Raskys, Lorraine & Peter Simone, Jim Defemia, Humberto Gonzalez, Bill Monroe, Joseph Robert Carbone, Kathryn Feakins, Linda Klimaszenki, John Masteller, Paul & Donna Sabatos, Christopher Bellantoni, and Roberto Uribe.

THE TRUE MEASURE: When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was.
 God will measure my heart to see how loving I was. *-Anonymous*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER & ASSISTANT NEEDED: Presently, we are seeking a teacher and assistant for the 2nd grade in our CCD program. Please contact Dottie Meehan directly at 914-552-7628 or at dotmeehan@aol.com.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE: The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: *Beyond Trauma*: As you know many of our people in the archdiocese have suffered a loss of family members, friends, employment, and loss of hope. This is a time for healing, and our Lord is here to help us through it. In collaboration with the American Bible Society and the Trauma Healing Institute, the Office of Adult Faith Formation will be hosting a workshop titled *Beyond Trauma*. This workshop, focused on the healing process, will be open to anyone. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m. in English and at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. You may reach our office via email at adultfaithformation@archny.org

TRUST: Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible driver. The readings today focus on this kind of trust – the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the early church that Jesus established.

MASS OFFERINGS:

The 2021 mass book is now open. A number of our parishioners have used the opportunity to book masses for deceased relatives and friends. Please call the rectory first to ensure that someone will be available to assist you. There are also masses available for 2020. Mass offering is \$15.00.

2020 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: Thank you to all who helped us reach our Cardinal's Appeal goal. All money over our goal is returned to our parish at 60%. If you have not participated, there is still time. **To make your gift online, visit cardinalsappeal.org. As of 8/14/20:**

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>Donor Goal</u>
\$48,000	\$51,666	99	130

August 18, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

Yesterday I received the following note from Fr. Reynolds:

“Dear John, The long lockdown has convinced me that it is time for me to retire from the Magdalene. My balance in walking is deteriorating and I am facing an eye operation sometime in the near future to correct macular degeneration in my left eye. I have enjoyed my almost 9 years of service and am especially grateful to Joe Dietz and you for making this work so enjoyable. Please remember me to all in the parish. My prayers will be with you always. With best wishes, Joe.”

On behalf of the parish I wish Fr. Reynolds well and thank him for his service to our parish. For those who wish to contact him directly, his address is: 5655 Arlington Ave, Bronx, NY 10471. The absence of Fr. Reynolds will require us to look at our weekend mass schedule sooner than expected, keeping in mind that as long as social distancing remains in effect, there will be no change to the present schedule.

1. The cracks in the parking areas have been pre-treated prior to the actual sealing of the parking lot. As soon as we have a target date for the actual sealing please keep in mind that all parking on church property will be suspended for 2 days.
2. Last Wednesday, August 12th, the rectory lost cell service, landline service, internet, and TV. If you tried to contact the church and received no response, now you know why. The service was intermittent through Sunday the 16th. Considering the fact that the area was without power for 5 days the week before, this tropical storm did as much damage as Super Storm Sandy.
3. Thank you for your comments and observations on the FlockNotes relating to our Sunday mass schedule and live-streaming. Since we are

still restricted by social distancing, combining the 9 and 11 on Sundays to one 10am mass is not feasible at this time. In doing so we would be placing too many people in close proximity in a closed space while the virus remains a threat to all of us. If, by January, social distancing restrictions have been lifted, and the mass attendance has not increased appreciably, implementing one 10am mass would be the way to go. There is now added urgency with the absence of Fr. Reynolds.

4. As for live streaming, Pete LiMarzi and I met with another vendor on the 12th. The proposal seemed to be the most reasonable and doable, with remote control from a studio of an installed camera in the back of the church. This would allow a wider view of the church and close-up of the sanctuary. Details of the contract will be provided once we complete the additional wiring in the church necessary for a direct audio input to our sound system. We are aware that our present live streaming, at times, does not provide the best audio. There is not much we can do about that, although we have tried. With few people in attendance at the 9am mass, there is an echo factor we cannot minimize. Also, our present live streaming is not directly connected to our PA system. The audio, at present, is coming through a secondary source (cell phone) and not directly through our PA system. They didn't teach any of us this in the seminary! Who knew? I would love to have all this in place, if possible, by October, when we will have First Communion and Confirmation.
5. It appears that the household items left at our church were intended for the Union Church. Items were also left there, even though the Union Church was not prepared to receive them. One would think that people would call first to ensure they are following the right directions before burdening others. It brings to mind the old expression: "Hell is paved with good intentions."
6. I had a funeral last week in Fishkill. Since the parish has a major retirement community, it is not allowing, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and servers to participate in any masses while the pandemic holds sway.

No family members were allowed to do the readings or give a eulogy. One parish here in Westchester (which will remain nameless) has chosen to eliminate eucharistic ministers permanently. Here at the Magdalene we have adopted a cautious, but measured approach, which seems to be working. As I mentioned previously, I am hesitant to bring back altar servers at this time until I see if our local schools can protect our children from the virus in a classroom setting. Thank you to everyone who is attending mass and following all the proper protocols.

7. If you saw the present edition of Catholic New York (August 13), there was a great photo of our 125th anniversary mass. It was used to highlight an article on the eucharist.
8. I have received from the diocese the official notice that every pastor/administrator will be required to conduct one of three options for fundraising: Continue with the Cardinal's Appeal (not an option for us); Renew and Rebuild (not relevant to us): Increased Offertory Collection. By the process of elimination, we have but one choice. The diocese will inform me of the mechanics of this option. I can hardly wait.
9. Last Sunday's mass attendance: 5pm, 45; 9am, 34; 11am, 38. I want to thank Thomas for filling in for Sarah Haase in setting up the live streaming of the 9am mass.
10. Seven hand sanitizers for the church and other venues have arrived. I will consult with members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee before installing them.
11. Remember, the 9:00am mass on September 13 will be offered for all the requested mass intentions that could not be fulfilled while masses were suspended because of the pandemic. You should also know that since the start of the pandemic we have lost 12 priests from various causes, as well as a number of deacons.