

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 8 – August 16

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Domenico Pirrotta	Pete & Debbie Love
Sunday	9:00 AM	Frank Parker Bartlett	Paul & Valerie Wallace
	11:00 AM	Alex & Mario Miranda	Maria Miranda
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Carol Zilliox	Duignan Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	Josephine Grzeszkiewicz	Teresa Bergamasco
Friday	8:00 AM	Concetta Carrea	Peggy Breen
Saturday	5:00 PM	Annunziato Cameli	Pete & Debbie Love
Sunday	9:00 AM	Richard Marino	Doddy Family
	11:00 AM	Sr. Lucy Mary Blyskal, CSJ	Pat & Ted Sohn

Next Weekend Celebrants 8/15 & 8/16

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, Nancy Frangiacono, and Roberto Uribe.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION is on Saturday, August 15. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, **it is not a holy day of obligation.** The Assumption of the Blessed Mother commemorates Mary's death and her assumption into heaven.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD: After a miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find, And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession. "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED: Presently, we are seeking teachers for the following grades in our CCD program: 2, 6, 7. We are also looking for teaching assistants for grades 2 and 6. Please contact Dottie Meehan directly at 914.552.7628 or at dotmeehan@aol.com.

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 7/30/20:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>Donor Goal</u>
\$48,000	\$51,516	99	130

GOD'S IMAGE: Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image. – *Blaise Pascal*

August 4, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

Our parish offers its condolences to Fr. Bob Verrigni, our former pastor, on the death of his mother Alma on July 28th. Mrs. Verrigni was 95 years old. Donations in her memory may be made to Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne. Please remember her in your prayers.

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2. Last weekend's mass attendance: 5pm: 40; 9am: 29; 11am: 41. That is roughly 31% of our normal attendance. About 74 households watched mass live from the Magdalene. More households watched a recording of the mass later in the day.
3. The latest proposal we have received for a permanent live streaming installation is \$6900, which is 50% less than the last proposal we received. As you can tell, there is a wide divergence among the three proposals we have received (\$14,000+, \$10,000+, \$6,900+). Comparing the various specs of each proposal is time consuming but critically important if we are to meet the future needs of our parish. The one thing in our favor is that we are tax exempt! We have just come across another option yesterday and will be evaluating it.
4. We had 2 baptisms this past weekend. As some of you know, there is part of the ceremony where the parents and godparents hold a small lighted candle and keep it in memory of the baptism. After the ceremony both godfathers tried to blow out the candle. Just imagine trying to blow out a candle with a mask on. Quite memorable! The thought occurred to me that, to test the effectiveness of your face mask, try to blow out a candle

wearing your mask. If you can blow the candle out, you need a better face mask.

5. During the past week the diocese appointed a permanent administrator for Holy Rosary in Hawthorne and a temporary administrator for Valhalla. To my knowledge, there has been no formal or informal discussion of the future of any parish, as we wrestle with the pandemic and the lack of priests. Today was the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. With the number of parish priests quickly dwindling, the Church needs to entertain more creative responses to the shortage. With the present low turnout of parishioners at mass and the financial pressures the diocese (not us) is facing, I have to believe that sometime in the next year the future of parishes will be on the diocesan agenda, just as the future of parochial schools has been the recent focus. I will keep you posted.
6. Tomorrow I will be tested again for the Covid virus. Please stay safe and follow all the recommended protocols.