

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: Dec. 12 – Dec. 20

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Charlotte Babich	Susan & Kirk Baker & Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Florence Holland	Denise Perrigino
	11:00 AM	Catherine Arceri	Hornby, Hulst & Wood Families
Monday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	Mary & Lenny DiMarino
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Michael Carrington	Calman Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Ralph Lapadula	Fr. John
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Aquilino	Fr. John
Friday	8:00 AM	William Toomey	Kringas Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Mary Tierney	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Ron Reid	Marilyn Reid
	11:00 AM	Msgr. Bob Trainor	Scott Family

*The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Estrella Pujadas
 From her husband Juan Pujadas*

Next Weekend Celebrants 12/12 -12/13

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, 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, Geraldine Forster, and Roberto Uribe.

OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is in the back of the church. There are 100 tags on the tree. Please take a tag. Purchase the gift. Leave the gift **UNWRAPPED** in the first classroom on the second floor of the school building. You may access the classroom through the hallway between the rear of the church and the school. The church is open from 7am-4pm daily, except Sunday, when it is closes at noon. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY DECEMBER 17TH**.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: There will be **five masses:**
Christmas Eve (Thursday) 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day (Friday) 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. **(The 9:00 a.m. mass will be live streamed)**

TICKETS ARE NEEDED TO ATTEND MASSES. WE WILL BEGIN DISTRIBUTION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT THE RECTORY. THERE WILL BE ONLY 100 TICKETS FOR EACH OF THE MASSES.

LUMINARIA KITS: To welcome the Light of the World on Christmas Eve outside our homes, we maintain the ancient custom of lighting our luminaria candles on December 24 after 5:30 p.m. **Kits will be available Thursday, 12/17 in the back of the Church.** Please leave your donation of \$10.00 per kit in the box provided.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team." With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad." It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles. John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen. John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

TREE HOUSE (Bereavement Center of Westchester) offer grief support for children ages 4-18 whose parent or sibling has died, along with a spouse group for their surviving parents. They offer free group support for both English and Spanish speaking families. If you or you know of a family that would benefit from our services, please contact them at bereavementwestchester@gmail.com or 914-414-9985.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE (The Wishing Wall): Members of the Neighborhood House Intergenerational Project, lead by Art Teach, Erin Carney, shared their dreams for the future on the Riverwalk Community Mural (see picture on bulletin board). Adults and children, representing every culture and background in our Villages, took part in this creative community experience. The Wishing Wall is located along the River Walk, between the Lighthouse and Kingsland Point Park.

December 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

TICKETS, TICKETS, TICKETS!! A reminder: Assuming there is no other lockdown for Christmas, you will need tickets, obtained at the rectory, **FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES: CHRISTMAS EVE 2pm, 4pm, 1030pm, and CHRISTMAS DAY 9am and 11am.** There will be only 100 tickets available for each mass, following the present guidelines of 50% occupancy. The 9am mass will be live streamed. **REMEMBER: THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN COLD AS A BARRIER AGAINST THE VIRUS. DRESS ACCORDINGLY.** *One other rubric: For all Christmas masses there will be only ONE entrance into the church: the main doors. It will make it easier to collect tickets and control entrance into the church. You will not be able to enter the church from the school side of the property. Your cooperation is appreciated.* **WE WILL NEED USHERS FOR EACH MASS TO COLLECT TICKETS AND TAKE UP THE COLLECTION. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. JUST PHONE THE RECTORY AND LEAVE YOUR NAME SO THAT WE KNOW THAT ALL 5 CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE COVERED.**

1. Instead of the Reconciliation Monday for confession before Christmas, you may choose to make an appointment at the rectory at your convenience. We will maintain masks and social distancing. Of course, you are free to seek the Sacrament of Penance at one of our neighboring parishes on Reconciliation Monday, December 16th. Please check for the right times.
2. When being seated at mass, please move into the pew in order to avoid forcing a parishioner to climb over you. With this virus we need to exercise caution in social distancing.
3. The 2021 missalettes/hymnals may be found in the back of the church. If we determine that more will be needed, we will order them.

4. Our Christmas Giving Tree is in the back of the church. There are 100 tags on the tree. Please take a tag. Purchase the gift. Leave the gift **UNWRAPPED** in the first classroom on the second floor of the school building. You may access the classroom through the hallway between the rear of the church and the school. The church is open from 7am-4pm daily, except Sunday, when it is closes at noon. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY DECEMBER 17TH**.
5. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 50; 9am, 50; 11am, 70. This is 48.5% of our normal weekend attendance, and 24.7% of our registered households. The live streaming this past weekend was not up to the standards we expect and the company was so informed. 104 households watched live last weekend, and 56 households watched later (this number usually increases later in the week). Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 30 in attendance.
6. The replacement of the walkway between the rectory and rear entrance of the school is complete. It was a bit more involved than anticipated, due to drainage issues. From old photos we discovered, chronicling the construction of the school building, it seems a tree was planted over the drain pipe altering its pitch over the past 30+ years. An expanded gutter was put in place in addition to a catch basin near the school rear entrance. Part of the drainage pipe underground was replaced (since it was clogged by roots and debris), and an overflow valve was inserted in the lawn where a dry well was constructed. As Gomer Pyle would say: Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!
7. Even though we are still in the Advent Season, the consensus was to start early decorating the church for Christmas. We might as well get as much mileage as we can from a season of joy and celebration. My sincere thanks to the men who helped put up the Christmas decorations and the crèche.
8. The Cardinal sent me a letter thanking the parish for its generous response to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal this past year. As you recall, we

exceeded the goal set for us by the diocese. Your generosity made this possible. Almost simultaneously, a letter arrived from the Vicar General stating the parish goal for 2021 (\$54,000). We don't even get a moment to catch our breath!