

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. 19 – Dec. 27

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Mary Tierney	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Ron Reid	Marilyn Reid
	11:00 AM	Msgr. Bob Trainor	Scott Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald J. Pryor	Parishioners
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Msgr. Stephen Fitzgerald	Parishioners
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Fr. Thomas O'Keefe	Parishioners
Thursday	2:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
	4:00 PM	Marie Pagliaro	Mike Pagliaro
	10:30 PM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Kringas Family
Friday	9:00 AM	Carlotta Olivieri	LiMarzi Family
	11:00 AM	Margaret Waters	Kringas Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Capello	Lois & Sheri Porcello
Sunday	9:00 AM	Bruce Gentile	Fr. John
	11:00 AM	William Griffin	Pat Griffin

Next Weekend Celebrants 12/26 -12/27

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, Roberto Uribe, Alice Pacella and Kenneth Boyle.

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.

FEAST OF FAITH: When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart. The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name,” he told his disciples, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus’ invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

CHRISTMAS DONATION: You may make your Christmas donation online this year by going to our website for “Online Giving.” Click “Christmas.” We keep separate records (as does the diocese) for regular collections, Christmas, and Easter. Since some parishioners are donating generously, it is difficult for us to know if these donations are to make up for missed Sundays or are meant for Christmas. If Christmas, please use the We Share “Christmas” tab. If writing a check, please note “Christmas.” If cash, please use the Christmas envelope. Regardless, we are grateful for your generous support!

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart. —Washington Irving

***TO ALL THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE MAGDALENE,
FR JOHN AND STAFF
WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A YEAR FILLED WITH
PEACE, HEALTH, AND JOY!!***

December 15, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

Christmas protocols to keep in mind: **TICKETS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE RECTORY. CALL FIRST AT 631.0529; ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH WILL BE ONLY THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS: MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE ARE AT 2, 4, 1030; CHRISTMAS DAY at 9 (live streamed) and 11; MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE MAINTAINED.** Tickets are the only way to maintain social distancing at 50% occupancy allowed under present state guidelines. If you are uncomfortable being in an enclosed space with other parishioners at Christmas, staying home is the best option. If the state reduces occupancy numbers by Christmas, we will explore adding a live streamed mass on Christmas Eve, in addition to the 9am on Christmas day. If worse comes to worse, we will send out a FlockNote about any major changes in occupancy numbers.

- (1) We have obtained 50 Luminaria sets. They can be found in the back of the church. Please place your donation (\$10 suggested) in the “poor box” in the back of the church. 125th anniversary ornaments can also be found in the back of the church. The church is open each day (except Sunday) until 4pm.
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- (3) As I wrote last week, we have been given our 2021 goal for the Cardinal's Appeal: \$54,000. The 2020 goal was \$48,000. We will do the best we can. I have no doubt that the pandemic will impact the efforts of our parishes to reach their goals.
- (4) Thank you to all who took tags from our Christmas Giving Tree. Gifts should be returned by the 17th. They may be placed in the classroom on the second floor of the CCD building while the church is open between 8-4.
- (5) Please be careful when using the rear parking lot. At some point the blue stone capping on the wall along the back of the church was hit, breaking off a piece. Fortunately, the piece was retrieved. The contractor replacing the walkway will use epoxy to re-attach it. I do not know what damage was done to a car, but I do know how expensive the blue stone is!
- (6) Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 52; 9am, 49; 11am, 61. This is 46% of our pre-pandemic attendance and 26% of our registered households. What is interesting about this last number is that, in recent studies of the number of Catholics who attend mass on a weekly basis, the average is 25-28%. For some reason the number of households watching the live stream was not posted by Locallive. The number of those who watched later was 44.
- (7) Odds and Ends: (a) My notary work has been steady. If you need a notary public, just call the rectory. (b) The 2021 Mass Book is open to book memorial masses for deceased loved ones and friends. (c) We are now getting requests for 2022 weddings. I am not quite sure how to respond to these requests for 2 reasons: I will be retiring at the end of May 2022 and I have no idea, at this time, what the diocesan plans are for the Magdalene. I hope to hear something from the diocese before Easter 2021.
- (8) Reminder: For New Year's Day there will be only one mass at 11am. In the past this mass has been sparsely attended. Therefore, no tickets will be needed.