

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. 5 – Dec. 13

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Reilly	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Pat Torpie
	11:00 AM	Regina McCormack	Kevin & Mary Anne McCormack
Monday	8:00 AM	Roberta Caldropoli	Guy & Marisa Rotondo
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Marie Barry	Her Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Karin Venditti	Guy & Marisa Rotondo
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Reilly	Ken Tierney
Friday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Charlotte Babich	Susan & Kirk Baker
Sunday	9:00 AM	Florence Hollan	Denise Perrigino
	11:00 AM	Catherine Arceri	Hornby, Hulst & Wood Families

***The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Fr. Joseph Dietz
 From the Parishioners***

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. Tolve

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is on Tuesday, December 8. Because of the virus, Sundays and Holy Days are NOT days of obligation. We will have our regular 8:00 a.m. mass on the 8th.

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.

WATCHING FOR CHRIST'S COMING:

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

THANK YOU'S:

Neighborhood House: "We are once more in receipt of our generosity. It is most appreciated in these challenging times. Our thanks go to you and your parishioners who are so community minded." Sincerely, Francesca Spinner, Board Member.

Community Food Pantry: "Thank you so much for your generous contribution."

-Stephanie Fuller, Board Member.

Propagation of the Faith: "Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday!"

-Msgr. Marc J. Filacchione

PURE HEARTS: Those whose hearts are pure are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

-St. Lucy

December 1, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving, despite the precautions and restrictions that have become necessary. The next two weeks will give us a clearer picture of where our nation is in regard to Covid, and whether our plans for Christmas can move forward. I continue to be tested on a regular basis for the Covid virus. If you feel uncomfortable being in church, or you do not feel well, the best place is home.

1. ***We will begin distributing tickets for Christmas Eve and Christmas on Monday, December 7 at the rectory. There will be 5 masses: 2pm, 4pm, 10:30pm on Christmas Eve. 9am and 11am on Christmas Day. There will be only 100 tickets available for each mass due to the 50% restrictions imposed by the state and Cardinal Dolan due to the virus. This can change if our area becomes an Orange or Red Zone. Each household will be limited to 5 tickets. The 9:00am mass will be live streamed.*** A reminder: live streaming picks up all conversations in the church both before and after the mass.
2. We have received some substantial donations from parishioners in the last two weeks to assist in our parish outreach to local charities and organizations. These gifts are earmarked and restricted for specific purposes. In the future, in order that our parish ledger properly record these gifts as restricted funds, please provide a short note that this was your intention. Otherwise, they will be included with general parish donations and collections and be taxed by the diocese accordingly. Thank you to those who have been so generous and thoughtful.

3. Homeowners know from experience that once you start a project, expect the unexpected. Our replacement of the concrete walkway leading to the rear entrance of the school building uncovered that the drainage pipe under the walkway was pitched toward the religious education center, rather than away from it, possibly explaining the water seepage into the stairway between the parish hall and Dottie's office. It is possible the roots of the tree are responsible for the change in pitch and the uplift of a large slab of concrete. The drainage pipes lead underground to the lawn behind the garage. A dry well?? Since we cannot find plans for the school construction, there is no way of knowing. We will ensure, before concrete is laid, that water flows freely in the **RIGHT** direction. Some might be tempted to say that we should have "left well enough alone." Unfortunately, I do not think our insurer would agree.
4. Next Tuesday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Because of the virus, Sundays and Holy Days are NOT days of obligation. We will have our regular 8:00am mass on the 8th. You may place your envelop for Dec 8th in the collection next Sunday, December 6th. Remember, we now take up only ONE collection every weekend. Any envelopes you have may be placed in that one collection. Calendars for the 2021 year are available in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one. Also, our 125th anniversary ornaments are available for your Christmas tree or gifts. They can be found in the back of the church for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost of the ornament.
5. The Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction against Gov. Cuomo's occupancy restriction for houses of worship in specific virus zones. The reason: these restrictions are not applied equally to other establishments in red zones. At present, there are no red zones in the Archdiocese of New York. As a consequence, the Cardinal has chosen to maintain a 50%

occupancy rate for all parishes. However, it is possible that this can change at any moment, depending on the severity of the virus in the next several weeks.

Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 44; 9am, 51; 11am, 44. This is 38.6% of our normal attendance, and 22.4% of our registered households. As for live streaming: 99 households watched the mass live; 63 watched later. If you go to locallive.tv you can find a calendar of live streamed events at the Magdalene. At the moment, we are live streaming our 9am mass each Sunday and, if requested, memorial/funeral masses for deceased loved ones. The feedback has been very positive. Thank y