

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec. 30 (Sat.)		Men's AA – Parish Hall – 7:45-8:30 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Jan. 1 (Mon.)		No 8:00 a.m. Mass
Jan. 2 (Tues.)		Religious Education Classes Resume
Jan. 7 (Sun.)	12:00N	"Sunday Brunch" at the Magdalene
Jan. 8 (Mon.)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Jan. 14 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	Family Mass hosted by the 6th grade
Jan. 15 (Mon.)		Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 27/28		"Souper Sunday"

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners for your extremely generous contribution to our Christmas collection which, as of today is **\$43,583**

NOTES FROM FR. JOHN: I would like to thank everyone who participated in making our Christmas celebration so special: our choir, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, and ushers. A nod to those who decorated the church, both inside and out, providing a beautiful environment in which to celebrate Christ's birth.

I would like to also thank Fr. Reynolds and the Capuchin priests for stepping in to hold down the fort while I was away in Asia.

A special thank you to all our parishioners who have been so generous to the Magdalene over the past year. It has allowed us to tackle a number of needs: new roofs on all the buildings, masonry repair, woodworking, new tables and new toilets for the parish hall, and removal of hedges along Bedford Road. Right now, we are working on proposals for LED lighting for the Church and security cameras. Our parish council, finance council, and building and grounds organizations are critical in identifying and addressing our parish needs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SUNDAY BRUNCH – JANUARY 7, 2018: Next Sunday, 1/7/18, is "Sunday Brunch." After the 11:00 a.m. Mass we will have French quiches, bagels, smoked salmon and more! All are invited: bring your family, friends and neighbors to our church! Since there will be a few new faces joining us for Mass and brunch, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring an "Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools" on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and Lunch will be served. It will take place at Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers at 55 Ryder Rd., Ossining. See bulletin board for forms to sign up. For more info: Call 914-965-0490 or Zelide.ceccagno@archny.org.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAGDALENE will be in 2019!! We are looking for volunteers to serve on an Anniversary Committee to develop and implement a program of activities. **PLEASE CONSIDER BEING PART OF THIS IMPORTANT COMMITTEE.** If interested, please contact Fr. John.

ROE VS. WADE: The Archdiocese of NY is hosting a prayer vigil in New York for all parishes of the archdiocese to come together to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. St. Pope John Paul II has said that "prayer is the most powerful force in human history!" The prayer vigil will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, January 21, 2018, beginning with Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life. The event is open to all parishioners, families, parish groups, the young and the young at heart.