

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: Feb. 13 – Feb. 21

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Bishop Nowotnik	Pete & Debbie Love
Sunday	9:00 AM	Frances Bartlett	Paul & Valerie Wallace
	11:00 AM	Don & Joan Wildermann	Scott Family
Monday	8:00 AM	NO 8:00 A.M. MASS	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	LiMarzi Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sean Tierney	Duignan Family
	11:00 AM	Barbara Woltmann	Scaglione Family

Next Weekend Celebrants Feb. 20-21

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 Louis Rodriguez.

ASH WEDNESDAY begins this Wednesday, February 17. Please consider:

- Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. on weekdays
- Deny yourself something and/or make a decision to help those who are in need

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE: During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day. There is no eating between meals. Fasting obliges to all those 18-59.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges to all those 14 and continues throughout their lives.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.
FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.**

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021 has begun. This year's theme is "**All things are Possible.**" Some of you have already received a letter from the Cardinal asking for your support. In the past three years we have exceeded the goal set by the Archdiocese. Please be as generous as your financial means will allow. **As of February 5, we have 23 participants who have pledged \$10,375.** To donate online click: [Donate](#)

JESUS' WAY: Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION supports the good works of the Holy Father. It is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with victims of war, natural disaster and oppression in their time of need. Please consider a donation to this distinctive offering which will be collected Sunday, February 14.

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

—George Washington

February 9, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Last week all priests received a copy of a letter from the conference of bishops concerning the ending of prayers at mass. The usual ending: “Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ONE God, for ever and ever.” Since the word ONE is not in the original official Latin text, it is to be eliminated. I must admit that, when I read something like this, arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic seems like a stroke of genius. With so many issues confronting our families and communities, one would think that our church would have a laser focus on matters of substance.

1. Thank you to those who called the rectory to note your donation to the Cardinal’s Appeal for 2021. We are keeping our own record here at the parish, since there seems to be a slight disconnect at the moment with the diocesan ledger of parish donations. We did receive our first list of parish donors from the diocese. Thank you to those who have already contributed so generously. According to the diocese, \$10,375 has been pledged toward our goal. We are monitoring this closely at the parish level to ensure that the parish is credited for your donations.
2. Our Ash Wednesday services on February 17th are the following: Mass at 8am, and prayer services at 12noon and 7pm. Ashes will be provided in small cellophane bags which you may take home. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast (only one full meal if between the ages of 18-59, with no snacking between meals) and Abstinence (no meat from age 14). The Fridays of Lent remain days of abstinence.
3. There will be no 8am mass on Monday, February 15th, President’s Day.
4. We are waiting for another bid for the side door of the church. The preliminary proposal seems reasonable for the work needed.
5. Last weekend’s attendance: 5pm, 64; 9am, 34; 11am, canceled at the last minute due to the snow. Live stream: 104 households watched live, 62 households watched later. The funeral of Francesca Gerlanc had 46 households watching live and 40 households watching later. Live

streaming has become an important tool, not a substitute, assisting us in connecting with our parish families. With inclement weather and the virus disrupting normal activities, live streaming gives us the flexibility to extend the gospel message through a digital medium. Thank you to our parishioners who made this possible.

6. During the past week we lost 2 priests suddenly, one 51 years of age (heart attack) and another 68 years of age (Covid), both active in their ministries. A number of others are in quarantine due to the virus. It is a stark reminder that our archdiocese will be forced to make organizational decisions in the near future if it is to meet the needs of the Catholic community.
7. A note about tax statements for your 2020 charitable contributions: A number of parishioners have used both envelopes and We Share. The envelop company provides only the donations made by envelop, not We Share. Please let us know if you use both envelopes and We Share, so that we can provide an accurate accounting of your donations, which, by the way, were most generous!
8. With the intermittent snow this week and with the melting mountains of snow, our parking lot freezes over at night. And since it gets no sun during the day, it can easily become slip hazard. It is salted in the morning, but that does not eliminate small patches of black ice. Please be careful. Staying safe at home might be the best option if you are afraid of falling.
9. This past week I sent a letter to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese seeking information concerning any plans the diocese may be developing regarding the future of the parish. I do not like being blind-sided by sudden decisions. When I hear something I will let you know.