

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: Jan. 16 – Jan. 24

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Intentions of Walter Barry	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Pete & Jeanne LiMarzi
	11:00 AM	Rosemary A. Medure-Collins	Her Children:Deanna & Henry
Monday	8:00 AM	No 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Patty Gallagher	Her Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Carol Mennona	Carol & Albert Olivieri
Thursday	8:00 AM	Jim Donovan	Marianne Scott
Friday	8:00 AM	Fr. Josphet Dietz	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Saturday	5:00 PM	James S. O'Kelly	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Francis S. Serina	Pat & Jim Piereson
	11:00 AM	Sean Tierney	Ken Tierney

Next Weekend Celebrants Jan. 23-24

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, and Alice Pacella.

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING: In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: National Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, will take place **Jan. 31 to Feb. 6**. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service**. There is a special pullout section in Catholic News which features stories about Catholic elementary and high schools in the archdiocese. Topics include virtual open houses and an IBM Family Science Saturday program. Since early December, prospective students and their families have been able to participate in the archdiocesan Virtual Visiting Program for school open houses, a solid plan stemming from limitations on in-person visits due to the pandemic.

The Archdiocese of New York has 108 elementary schools, plus 12 Early Childhood and eight Special Education programs, covering the New York City boroughs of Staten Island, Manhattan and the Bronx and upper counties.

SISTERS OF THE DIVINE COMPASSION present: ***What Would Jesus See? Engaging Racism.*** This is a live Zoom presentation by Karen Teel, Professor of Theology at the University of San Diego. January 23 at 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To register click on: <http://dcspiritualitycenter.org/contemporary-contexts-of-compassion-2>.

VIRTUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS is on Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Register by January 28. Email to register: zelide.ceccagno@archny.org.

JOY: The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
—*St. Julian*

WORRIES: The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.
—*Anonymous*

January 12, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

During the past two months the Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow area has been the target of hate propaganda posted at various locations. The culprits have not been identified. It reminds us that our nation has been in a constant battle against prejudice, hate, and bias. When the Magi made their way to Bethlehem in Matthew's gospel, it signaled the universal significance of Christ's birth: God loves the whole world, no exceptions!

1. Now that the Christmas Season has officially ended, some may be interested in salvaging the poinsettias in the sanctuary. They are available for the taking. However, like the admonition to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, you have access to all plants, EXCEPT THE TWO LARGE WHITE POINSETTIAS in the sanctuary. They stay. Remember, Adam and Eve payed a heavy price for eating the forbidden fruit!
2. In a meeting last week about the Cardinal's Appeal I was informed that the diocese has not yet appointed the campaign manager for our parish. As you can imagine, recruiting employees to raise money is never easy, but during this pandemic and high unemployment, it has become

extremely difficult. We should know sometime in February who our Appeal representative is. Our goal remains \$54,000. Doable but challenging.

3. My sincere thanks to the men who dismantled the Christmas decorations last Saturday, both inside and outside the church, on a cold and windy January day. Next year, we hope more of our parishioners will be able to see the decorations safely in person, once the pandemic is under control.
4. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 45; 9am, 40; 11am, 56. This is 40% of our normal weekend attendance and 22.7% of our registered households. Unfortunately, Locallive.tv could not provide us with the number of households who watched live due to some technical issue. 71 households watched later.
5. A reminder: It is not too early to set a date for a memorial mass for a relative who could not have a funeral mass due to restrictions required by the pandemic. I foresee conflicts in requesting dates and times for these masses as spring approaches, since two communions and two confirmations have already been scheduled, locking out those dates. Planning weddings require the same consideration. Presently, we have three weddings booked for 2022. We have yet to confirm all the 2020 leftover weddings for 2021, to say nothing of the 2021 weddings already scheduled. Both weddings and memorial masses can be live streamed, if families so desire.
6. We were off to a good start with our new liturgical musicians, Kinny and Nancy. The transition has been smooth and seamless. For that I thank Anne and Jim.