

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. 23 – Jan. 31

REQUESTED BY:

Day	Time	Requester	Requested By
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
Monday	8:00 AM	Anthony Riggiero	Kevin & Jennifer McInerney
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Bob Saldis	His Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Nugent	Ryan Doherty
Saturday	5:00 PM	Josephine Reynolds	Tedesco Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sean Tierney	Ita Yager
	11:00 AM	Irene Vigilanti	Scott Family

*The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Peter LiMarzi, Sr.
 From His Family*

Next Weekend Celebrants Jan. 30-31

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.

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

RESPECT LIFE: MARCH FOR LIFE: The in-person March for Life has been officially cancelled.

You can still participate virtually in this important event and unite yourself in prayer. Visit the Respect Life Office [website](#) for details on these events. You may also choose to organize a day of peaceful, prayerful witness outside of an abortion clinic near you. As we know a larger number of abortions occur on Saturday, we encourage you to make Saturday, January 30th a day of local witness.

Please contact Sr. Virginia Joy of the Respect Life Office with any questions (sr.virginia.joy@archny.org; 646-689-2613).

Prayer to Saint Joseph

O our beloved Saint Joseph, adopt us as your children and take charge of our salvation. Watch over us day and night and preserve us from all occasions of sin. Obtain for us purity of body and soul, and the spirit of prayer, through your intercession with Jesus. Grant us a spirit of sacrifice, humility, and self-denial. Obtain for us a burning love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and a tender love for Mary, our Mother. Saint Joseph, be with us in life, be with us in death, and obtain for us a favorable judgement from Jesus, our merciful Savior. Amen.

FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.

—St. Angela Merici

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.

—St. Francis de Sales

January 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

This past week the diocese sent out the protocols for the distribution of ashes. Honestly, I am not happy with them. It brings me into closer contact with parishioners, requiring me to physically impose ashes on the forehead, followed by sanitizing my hand with alcohol swipes AFTER EACH IMPOSITION OF ASHES! This is cumbersome. What happens to social distancing? Placing communion in the hand is not the same as reaching over a person's mouth and face to impose ashes. Is the physical imposition of ashes that important? Is not the spirit of Lent the real focus. With the botched roll out of the vaccine, the majority of parishioners will not have been vaccinated by Ash Wednesday. In addition, if people are not coming to Sunday mass, are we to think that the imposition of ashes should receive such attention? Frankly, I do not feel comfortable imposing ashes on each individual. We can have the regular Ash Wednesday service, (scripture readings, homily, and prayers) to begin the Lenten Season, but no ashes, or have packets of ashes that you may take with you. Your thoughts? While we are on the subject, Palm Sunday presents another issue. If you remember, we simply left palm on a table in the parking lot in order to avoid person to person contact. We will most probably do the same this year. In addition, we will cut our usual order of palm. As Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz observed: "We are not in Kansas anymore toto."

1. During the past month we have found the side doors of the church wide open twice. Since both doors require that an individual close them after use, we will now explore installing the proper mechanisms that ensure the doors close automatically after use. I am surprised that a member of the animal kingdom hasn't decided to take advantage of the situation.
2. Last week I received a call from a location scout looking for a place to feed cast and crew on a movie shoot in Sleepy Hollow for Netflix. While we have done this in the past, and despite assurances that the parish hall would be sanitized after use, I declined the request. We have been

fortunate here to be spared a serious and deadly outbreak of the virus. I would like to keep it that way by keeping our “bubble” tightknit.

3. Last weekend’s attendance: 5pm, 53; 9am, 41; 11am, 54. This is 42% of our normal weekend attendance and 23.8% of registered households. Live stream: 101 households watched live, 60 households watched later.
4. Update: Fr. Reynolds is holding his own in a lockdown at the retirement home in Riverdale. Fr. Tolve is holding back until our nation gets a better handle on this virus, keeping his personal bubble small, since he visits his father who is over 90. I normally say mass at Marymount Convent on Friday morning but have been informed that they also have adopted a strict lockdown: no one in, no one out.
5. This week we celebrate a week of Prayer for Christian Unity, concluding with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on the 25th. As we inaugurate a new president, it is a reminder that the unity of our nation requires all citizens to work together to meet the many challenges that lie ahead. The time for partisan allegiance must give way to inspired and productive collaboration.