

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: July 18 – July 26

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Sr. Lucy Mary Blyskal	Church Staff
Sunday	9:00 AM	Marcia Arcate	Scott Family
	11:00 AM	Joan Wildermann	Scott Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Teresa Bergamasco	Anne Caramanica
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Katherine Trainor	Scott Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Arthur Fredston	The Ruppel Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Carlotta Olivieri	LiMarzi Family
	11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

Next Weekend Celebrants 7/25-7/26

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, Bernadette Harris, 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, Nancy Frangiacono, and Roberto Oribe.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED: We are in need of the following in the fall:

3rd grade, teacher and assistant teacher, Tuesday, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

6th grade, teacher and assistant teacher, Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

7th grade, teacher and assistant teacher, Tuesday, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Dottie Meehan at dotmeehan@aol.com or 914-552-7628.

Religious Education Forms have been mailed. Please fill them out and return them ASAP. Forms for new students to our program can be found on-line on our website or in the back of the church. For information call Dotty Meehan at 914-552-7628 or dotmeehan@aol.com.

Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE: JULY 29, PLEASANTVILLE FIRE HOUSE: The Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be hosting a Summer Blood Drive. Since it is difficult to organize community drives during the summer, blood donors from all towns are encouraged to come to lend their help. **Wednesday, July 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Appointments are required: to assure adequate physical distancing of donors and to meet additional sanitation requirements, Walk-ins for this drive are not allowed. Donors will be given a health pre-screening prior to entering the facility and will be required to wear a face covering. **PLEASE HELP: Make an appointment online at www.nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/ or call (800) 933-2566.**

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020: As of 7/17/2020

YEAH!! WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED AND HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

Goal	Pledged	# of Donors	Donor Goal
\$48,000	\$51,316	98	130

To make your gift online, visit cardinalsappeal.org.

July 21, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Cardinal's Appeal during this most difficult time for our church and nation. Our goal was \$48,000. As of this date we now have pledges totaling \$51,316. This is an extraordinary accomplishment, especially considering the economic shadow under which we are living. How did we do this? Several of our parishioners, who were able to do so, stepped up most generously. Thank you!!

1. Please observe the recommended precautions regarding the pandemic. A few individuals are arriving for mass without masks. We do have extra masks in the back of the church. Consideration for others is a hallmark of Christianity. Otherwise, we are doing well here at the Magdalene.
2. Some have asked how we are doing financially? With "We Share," mailed-in and dropped-off envelopes, and the in-person Sunday collection, we are doing just fine. In fact, we are in very good shape, even though our Easter collection was nowhere near our usual intake. And remember, we eliminated our once-a-month second parish collection this past January. My sincere thanks for your vote of confidence in sustaining the stability of our parish. My concern is that, if the diocese goes forward with its plan to initiate an "Increased Offertory" campaign in our parish this fall, as intended, what justification do I use in asking you for more money? I have none! It is abhorrent to me to see any extra money we may collect from such a campaign be used to sustain other parishes that were allowed to use hundreds of thousands of dollars from their "Renew and Rebuild" campaign to make cosmetic and peripheral changes to their churches, rectories, and parish buildings, based on the

theological, liturgical, and personal preferences of individual pastors. Once I hear more about this campaign, I will share it with you. Presently, the diocese is asking us to update our parish mailing list (which we do periodically). As I look toward the future, I can envision one possible solution: increasing our generosity to local charities. We will cross that bridge when we come to it. In any event, I will be seeking input from the parish council, finance council, and others.

3. Last Sunday's attendance was: 5pm: 50; 9am: 28; 11am: 30. The 5pm was our highest attendance since pandemic shut down, March 15th. My real concern is that we, and other parishes, will never return to the ante-pandemic numbers in weekly attendance. Time will tell. We are still seeking proposals for a permanent live streaming installation. Each Sunday roughly 65 households tune in to our 9:00 mass live. We do not know how many view a recording of the mass later in the day. Calculating the number of people in attendance at mass and those households watching mass live on our Facebook account, we are reaching roughly 45% of our parishioners. The number may be higher, depending on those viewing our mass later in the day.
4. The next major decision in our nation will involve our school children and their education. This week the diocese announced its plans for in-school instruction. We have yet to be informed of what local school districts will be doing. We would like to be prepared here at the Magdalene. At the present time we are in need of teachers and assistants for our religious education program: the 3rd, 6th, and 7th grades. If interested, please call Dottie Meehan at 914.631.0529, x106.
5. A reminder: the 2021 mass book is open. Also, with the postponements of 2020 weddings to 2021, it is important that parishioners contemplating a 2021 wedding check in with the rectory to confirm available dates.

6. Once again, I would like to thank Anne, Jim, and Sarah for making our live streaming technically possible and musically enjoyable.
7. Some minor notes. Last week a pipe gave way under the rectory kitchen sink. It simply corroded. It was a bit of a mess, but taken care of. It seems that we might be in the market for a new refrigerator for the rectory very shortly. This week we are replacing some of the side aisle lights in the church. Also, on the agenda: sealing the parking lot this summer.