

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: June 20 – June 28

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	George Morrow	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	James O'Kelly	Family
	11:00 AM	Gregory Arceri, Sr. & Edmund Hornby	Hornby, Hulst, & Wood Families
Monday	8:00 AM	Robert Stanley Ryczak	Marlene Calman
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Carla Mortelliti	LiMarzi Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
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	Michael Olivieri	His Family
	11:00 AM	Mario & Alex Miranda	Maria Miranda

Next Weekend's Celebrants –6/27-6/28

5:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. Vigilanti
 9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti
 11:00 a.m. Sun Fr. Vigilanti

Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Lee Hulst & Ed Wood by Jim & Linda Hornby

Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of James Ford by His Family

Pray for the sick: Liam Wolfe, Paul Wallace, Nancy Letizia, Jasmine Meyer, Anthony Tobacco, Elias Samarasto, Joyce Carroll, Amy Augustus, Lorraine Savagno, Joseph & Madeline Carbone, Howard Phillips, Rita Sena, John Ryan, Joseph & Laurel Tyson, Wesley Wright, 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, Jane Hart, Myron Gordon, Matthew March, Nijole Raskys, Lorraine & Peter Simone, Jim Defemia, Humberto Gonzalez, Bill Monroe, Joan Curry, Joan Oltman, Joseph Robert Carbone, Marcia Arcate, Cathryn Feakins, Linda Klimaszenki, John Mastelle Paul & Donna Sabatos, Christopher Bellantoni, and Nancy Frangiacono.

MAGDALENE YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE: Thank you to all of our parishioners and neighbors who contributed to our Drive-Thru Food Drop on Saturday! It was a huge success and the Community Food Pantry was blown away by your generosity. The CFP is currently providing food for over 400 families in our community during this time. You can continue to donate to the hallway in the back of the church at any time. For more information, donation and volunteer opportunities to the CFP please go to www.communityfoodpantryshtt.org. Our sincere thanks goes to Stephanie Fuller and Cathy Chulla for spear heading this effort. A special thank you to Marcie Hille, Jennifer Kelly, Beth Loffredo, Margarita Meyer, Laura Richardson and all of the Youth Group kids that worked so hard receiving, organizing and delivering the food to the pantry. Also, thank you to Fr. John for all the support you have offered our Youth Group! If you have any other ideas of community service projects you would like to suggest for the kids to organize, please reach out. Keep Jimmy's Soft Serve in mind the next time you are planning an event as his generosity should be paid forward for donating all of the volunteer's ice cream! Thank you Jimmy!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Religious Education Forms are in the mail. 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.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020: As of 6/12//2020

Goal	Pledged	# of Donors	Donor Goal
\$48,000	\$39,416	90	130

To make your gift online, visit cardinalsappeal.org.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM HOPE: "We are writing this letter to express our deepest thanks for your recent contribution to HOPE in the amount of \$500.00. This donation is very important to us. It enables us to continue in our mission... Walter J. Ritz, Executive Director

NOTE FROM FR. JOHN:

6/16/2020

Dear Parishioners: **Next Saturday and Sunday we will resume our regular mass schedule: 5pm on Saturday; 9 and 11 on Sunday. Please keep in mind that you must wear a mask and maintain social distancing in church. Since sanitizing dispensers are on backorder, please carry your own small bottle of sanitizer. The pews have been marked off for social distancing.**

WELCOME BACK!

1. Lectors will not be in the procession before mass. The use of altar servers will be temporarily suspended, so as to prevent their interaction with adult ministers. For the time being there will be no offertory procession. In receiving communion please maintain a 6 foot distance from your neighbor as you approach the altar. Only communion in the hand. In receiving communion, if you are wearing a glove, I would suggest not taking it off, even though the diocese is requiring that you do. My reasoning: Manipulating a glove on the communion line has the potential of spreading a virus. (Doctors and nurses working in hospitals know how properly to remove gloves after treating a patient). There will be no communion from the cup. At the kiss of peace a simple nod will do, but no handshaking. Try to restrain from singing. Singing projects droplets. I will try and take care of the singing with Anne Holland. At the present time mass attendance is limited to 25% capacity. For us that means roughly 50 people at each mass. We will see how this works. **We will not be issuing tickets or monitoring how many people are at each mass, as some parishes are doing. If you feel unsafe, the best policy is to refrain from attending in person, watch the live stream, or attend a weekday mass. We will not be adding on any masses.** It was imperative that our parishioners understand the safety procedures before we resume our regular Sunday schedule. To have opened up Sunday mass without understanding these precautions would have been irresponsible, especially during a life-threatening pandemic. A number of parishes here in Westchester chose to follow our path and will resume their Sunday schedule next weekend. Remember, if you feel sick, do not attend mass in person.
2. The church law obligating Sunday attendance is suspended for the present time. I have a suggestion: While the obligation to attend Sunday mass is suspended, think of coming to mass any day, Monday through Friday at 8:00am. **WE HAVE RESUMED DAILY MASS.**

3. Because of the limitations on attendance and the suspension of the obligation to attend, decisions are required concerning live streaming: what mass will be live streamed; where to place the equipment so as not to interfere with the congregation's participation but, at the same time, provide a panorama of what is taking place in the sanctuary to those watching the live broadcast; will all the priests who celebrate with us be open to it; will the voices of priests and lectors be heard using only the cell phone to broadcast to those not physically present at mass, etc.

Despite these unresolved issues: **STARTING NEXT WEEKEND LIVE STREAMING WILL CONTINUE AT THE 9:00AM MASS ONLY.**

Tune in at 9:00am, not 10am. We will continue doing so each week. If you do not have Facebook, simply click "Follow Us On Facebook" on our website to access our live streaming. It is my hope that we can

implement permanent live streaming in September using a permanent, in-house set-up, not a cell phone. Choosing the right platform to use (Facebook, YouTube, etc.) will be the most immediate and important decision. This past week we conducted a funeral (not a parishioner) that was broadcast live to Ireland for members of the family who could not attend. The platform used by the funeral home was TWITCH. I never heard of it. If any parishioner is familiar with it let me know. I will also make inquiries.

4. Bulletins are no longer available. Our website, FlockNotes, and email will be our standard ways of communicating. If we do not have your email, please submit it to the office. The information previously found in our printed bulletin will now be found on our website under "Bulletin." This will include announced masses, community and diocesan news, parish activities, etc.
5. The missalettes are yours. Take them home. We will reserve a few for visitors and guests.
6. As we resume our regular schedule, I see no need to institute a second collection each month to make up for the lost donations during the height

of the pandemic, although some parishes have decided to do so, commencing this month. We are doing fine due to your sustained support. In terms of the Cardinal's Appeal, it seems that we, like many parishes, have reached a plateau. Our pledged figure has barely moved in three weeks. Understandable. This leaves us roughly \$9000 short of our goal. As they say in the movies: "It is what it is."

7. Our teens conducted a food drive this past Sunday for the Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Community Food Pantry. It was a wonderful success for a worthy cause. My sincere thanks to Stephanie Fuller and Cathy Chulla for spear-heading this effort with other parishioners. The day also gave our teens an opportunity to socialize after three months of isolation. Catholic New York is preparing a brief story on our food drive, with photos. I would also like to give a shout out to Jimmy's Soft Serve who donated his services. By the way, I was able to get a vanilla malted. I have not had a malted in years, reminding me of my days growing up in the Bronx visiting the local soda fountain.
8. Our neighboring parishes in Hawthorne and Valhalla are seeking new pastors, since both temporary administrators are leaving for new assignments. The diocese hopes to fill both parishes by July 1, not an easy task to accomplish.
9. If you need a notary, I am still available. I have had seven requests since the pandemic lockdown.
10. Next Sunday is Father's Day. As if parents did not have enough responsibility, the pandemic has added to the burden: proving food for the table, meeting financial obligations, "home schooling" children, possible job insecurity, health concerns, etc. On Father's Day we pray for all those who assume the role of father, that, with a steady hand, they will guide their families with wisdom and grace.