

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: Oct. 31 – Nov. 8

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
	11:00 AM	Alma Verrigni	Peggy Slavin
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Susan Barry	Her Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	LiMarzi Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Causland	Ruppel Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Kevin B. Gallagher, Jr.	Barbara & Charles Whalen
	11:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Scaglione Family

Next Weekend Celebrants 11/7 - 11/8

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

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, and Roberto Uribe.

LIVE STREAM MASS: Our new "LIVE STREAM" provider is available and ready to go live this weekend. Below is the new link:

<https://events.locallive.tv/worship/churchofthemagdalene>

This link will be available on our webpage.

TARRYTOWN/SLEEPY HOLLOW FOOD PANTRY:

GIVING TREES: We will have the giving trees again during this holiday season: one prior to Thanksgiving and one prior to Christmas. Dot Meehan is working with the Life Center to determine the specific needs which we can help fulfill. More information will follow.

OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE: The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

LOSS AND GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS: Feeling blue? Is your heart melting as others are merry & bright? Need tips on coping with loss and grief during the holidays? On Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. there will be a virtual workshop via zoom. Speakers: Linnie Pickering, LMSW & Gae Savino, LCSW, CT, both clinical social workers and experienced bereavement counselors, will share tips on coping with loss and grief during the holiday season. Registration is required. Email Caroline at ghsavino@aol.com. No fee. Sponsored by the St. Augustine Parish Bereavement Support Groups.

INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN: Dear Parishioners: As you know, the diocese has asked us to conduct an Increased Offertory Campaign. Some have already increased their Sunday offering since the pandemic began in March. If you have, please contact the rectory and let us know so that we can give the diocese an accurate number of parishioners who have responded. If you have not, please consider doing so. The attached schedule is offered as a guide to help you. We have envelopes to assist you in making your commitment.

SAINTS AND SINNERS: The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. —Oscar Wilde

October 27, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

As Thanksgiving approaches we want to turn our attention to the needs of those around us. We will collect food for the local Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow food pantry up to Nov 20th. Please leave your food donation in the usual space, the hallway between the church and school. Two of our parishioners have volunteered to transport the donations to a new collection site due to the virus. Canned goods, pasta, rice, cereals, etc. are always welcomed.

- (1) We will have the Giving Trees again during this holiday season: one prior to Thanksgiving, and one prior to Christmas. They will be located in the back of the church. Dot Meehan is working with the Life Center, sponsored by the Marymount Sisters, to determine the specific needs which we can help fulfill. More information will be available shortly as certain details are worked out. Our parish has been very fortunate during this pandemic, financially and health-wise. While we continue to monitor our own safety and well-being, we have this unique opportunity to assist others. We will be making a gift, as a parish, to the Life Center as the holidays approach.
- (2) Thank you for your response to the Increased Offertory Campaign (IOC). Your generosity to the parish has exceeded all reasonable expectations, especially during this pandemic with reduced mass attendance and limited services. Your dedication and loyalty to the Magdalene comes as no surprise. Thank you. If you have not responded, there is plenty of time left. If you have any questions, please call the rectory.
- (3) The Pope created headlines last week. Allegedly, he either countenanced or explicitly endorsed civil unions for those not in heterosexual relationships. In the documentary, “Francesco,” the Pope is quoted as saying: “Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God....What we have to have is a civil law; that way they are legally covered.” Unfortunately, we do not know if these were his full,

unedited remarks. I do recall seeing “Francesco” in its pre-released edition over a year ago, but do not recall these remarks as part of the film. I simply don’t remember. From what I am led to believe, they were edited out of the initial version of the film and included in the version presented last week at the Rome Film Festival. Several years ago I was invited to give a talk (on liturgy) in one of our diocesan parishes. After the talk, I was approached by a parishioner, asking what I thought of the idea of legally recognizing civil unions for members of the same gender, a question prompted by the national trend to recognize civil unions for same gender couples. In 2015 the Supreme Court acknowledged the legal right for same sex unions, based on equal protection under the law. Since the term “marriage” has a long, hallowed, and distinct history, the pope speaks of “unions,” not “marriage.” How did my discussion with that parishioner end? In next week’s FlockNote, the denouement! Stay tuned.

- (4) Last weekend’s attendance: 5pm, 62; 9am, 62; 11am, 43. This is roughly 48% of our normal attendance. Last weekend it was great to see parishioners at mass who have isolated themselves for the last eight months. Of course, the final decision about attending or not attending mass in person remains with each parishioner.
- (5) Remember to turn your clocks back next weekend.
- (6) The Mass Book for 2021 is open to book masses for deceased love ones. Also, the Book of Remembrance is displayed on a podium in the back of the church to remember your loved ones during the month of November.
- (7) It has been a concern that our parishioners remain connected to the parish. Our weekly FlockNote communication on Tuesdays (reprinted on our following weekend’s website), remains our primary means of communication. We are still adding parishioner email addresses to our list. Just call the rectory.
- (8) We are still working on some technical issues regarding our permanent live streaming installation.