

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: Nov. 14 – Nov.22

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Diane Stevens	Her Daughters
Sunday	9:00 AM	Vincent Iaconis	Iaconis & Shields Family
	11:00 AM	Maureen Sullivan	Anne Daly
Monday	8:00 AM	Henry & Arline Ruppel	Ruppel Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Margaret Mullin	Tara & Mitch Birrittella
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Jane O'Hara	Denise Perrigino
Thursday	8:00 AM	Frank Earley	Jeanne & Peter LiMarzi
Friday	8:00 AM	Arthur DeAngelis	Luisa & Joe Mortelliti
Saturday	5:00 PM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Cathy & Richard Chulla
Sunday	9:00 AM	George Roy	Gail Brown
	11:00 AM	Angelo Chiapparino	His Family

***The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Vincent Iaconis
 Requested by Iaconis & Shields Family
 The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of Vincent Iaconis
 From the Iaconis & Shields Family***

Next Weekend Celebrants 11/21 - 11/22

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, and Roberto Uribe.

THANKSGIVING WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE for the RSHM Life Center. The Life Center provides advocacy, information, referrals and other basic service to low income families in the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown area. Please take a gift tag from our Giving Tree in the back of the church and purchase the item listed (**new gifts only**). **Return the gift to church with the gift tag attached by Sunday, November 22.**

TARRYTOWN/SLEEPY HOLLOW FOOD PANTRY: 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 **Friday, November 20**. 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.

OUR NEW INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT STREAMING IS NOW LIVE AND OPERATIONAL: THE LINK IS: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/churchofthemagdalene>.

This link will be permanently posted on our website. Simply click on it to be brought to our 9am mass on Sundays. The audio is a major improvement over the cell phone audio we had been using. There seems to be an issue with the new portable (lavalier) mic I wear. It is not coming across as clearly as the fixed mics at the altar and lecterns. We are working on it. We will continue to look for ways to improve your liturgical experience. Your observations are welcome. A good number of parishioners have included very supportive notes with their envelopes and on FlockNotes. You may also contact Locallive.tv directly at support@locallive.tv. Now that live streaming is available, it will be offered for all weddings and funerals for an additional fee of \$100 to cover our cost beyond our contractual agreement with locallive.tv.

INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN: My sincere thanks to all who have responded. Just give us your name and we will fill out the necessary paperwork for the diocese. Many of you, who have the ability, have increased your weekly donation substantially. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for your generosity and loyalty to the Magdalene. I have been asked by several parishioners if the increased donations will go to the diocese. Let me be clear: the increased donations remain in the parish for parish use. Period.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN FOR CHARITY & JUSTICE: Next weekend there will be a collection for Catholic Charities. It provides an important opportunity to reinforce the

engaging act of charity and justice being done in our own parishes. The Archdiocese is able to give grants to parishes to serve our neediest neighbors.

USE YOUR TALENT: Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang! *-Anonymous*

November 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

A review of our first attempt at live streaming on our new platform, Locallive.tv, surfaced a number of observations. To have a view of the whole church is a major plus. The audio is a major improvement over the cell phone audio we had been using. There seems to be an issue with the new portable (lavalier) mic I wear. It is not coming across as clearly as the fixed mics at the altar and lecterns. We are working on it. We have asked those controlling the camera to provide tighter shots when I am at the altar and giving the homily. The same for the lector reading the scriptures. Caution: since the camera goes live roughly 10-15 minutes before mass, conversions among parishioners in church are picked up by the audio feed. The same is true at the end of the mass. Private conversations should be taken outside. We will continue to look for ways to improve your liturgical experience. Your observations are welcome. A good number of parishioners have included very supportive notes with their envelopes and on FlockNotes. You may also contact Locallive.tv directly at support@locallive.tv. Now that live streaming is available, it will be offered for all weddings and funerals for an additional fee of \$100 to cover our cost beyond our contractual agreement with locallive.tv.

- (1) Some final thoughts on the pope's reflection concerning legal protection for same sex unions. It is impossible to simplify such a contested issue, but I will try. The church defines marriage, traditionally understood, as a

“partnership of life and love,” between a man and woman, directed toward the mutual expression of love and the procreation of children. This was a change from the pre-Vatican II thinking about marriage, where the Church taught that the procreation of children was the primary purpose of marriage. Now, the Church acknowledges that the mutual expression of love and the procreation of children are equally constitutive of the marital partnership. (For baptized Christians, this partnership is called a sacrament). Partnerships have many dimensions: intellectual, spiritual, affective, physical, communal, legal, etc. Two individuals of the same gender can bond on all or some of these levels. However, the Church resorts to **natural law**, with reason, in maintaining that, anatomically and biologically, the procreative function is embedded in the distinct biology of male and female, not in a partnership between members of the same gender. While not abandoning the Church’s adherence to this acceptance of natural law (in regard to procreative activity), the pope chose to focus on the multi-dimensional nature of human partnerships in need of societal acceptance and legal protection (health insurance, inheritance, ownership, etc.). He did not reject, in my understanding, the Church’s consistent understanding of the natural law’s implications for the procreative function in a partnership that has been traditionally labelled “marriage.” In sum, the Church’s teaching, and the pope’s, is that civil unions and partnerships are not “marriages,” as traditionally understood. But those of the same gender, who have chosen to form a life-long partnership dedicated to the enrichment (emotionally, spiritually, intellectually) of each partner, should be afforded some level of legal recognition and protection. Stable partnerships between two adults, whether marriages or civil unions, can only benefit society as a whole.

- (2) Parishioners are still voluntarily increasing their weekly contribution in response to the diocesan mandated Increased Offertory Campaign (IOC). My sincere thanks to all who have responded. Just give us your name and we will fill out the necessary paperwork for the diocese. Many of you, who have the ability, have increased your weekly donation substantially. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for your generosity and loyalty to the Magdalene. I have been asked by several parishioners if the increased donations will go to the diocese. Let me be clear: the increased donations remain in the parish for parish use. Period. While we are on this subject, you should know that this past Thursday the diocese announced the merger of parishes in Rockland and Kingston and gave permission for the sale of three parish church buildings in Manhattan and upstate. As a small but vibrant parish, securing our place in the diocesan constellation is a top priority!
- (3) Our virtual religious education program is humming along. We thank our families and our students for their cooperation. The curriculum is posted on our website. Our parish congratulates Madison Lupi who made her First Communion on November 1st at the 11am.
- (4) The new missalettes for 2021 have arrived and will be ready for distribution for the first Sunday of Advent on November 29th. You are free to take them home.
- (5) Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 51; 9am, 61; 11am, 33. This was 41% of our normal weekend attendance.
- (6) As you know, I am tested every two weeks for the Covid virus and will continue to do so until a vaccine is developed. Since Europe and our nation are experiencing a major spike in the virus, please do not let your

guard down, especially as the holidays approach. Follow all the established protocols.

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