

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. 21 – Nov.29

REQUESTED BY:

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
Monday	8:00 AM	Marco Carnivale	Guy & Marisa Rotondo
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Joan Wildermann	Scott Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Frank Earley	Luisa & Joe Mortelliti
Thursday	9:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Marilyn Reid
Friday	8:00 AM	<u>No 8:00 a.m. mass</u>	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Amy Porcello Moran	Porcello Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Intentions of Susan & Walter Barry	Barry Family
	11:00 AM	Amy Porcello Moran	Porcello Family

Next Weekend Celebrants 11/28 - 11/29

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: One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations. - *St. John of Avila*

WESHARE SUNDAY: *WeShare* has played a big role in sustaining our parishes during the spread of COVID-19 by providing an easy and secure way for the faithful to make regular contributions, even while not physically present at Mass. It's Safe. It's Simple. It's Convenient. Simply visit our church website, www.ChurchofTheMagdalene.org, and click **Give Online**. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. Or you may contact our Customer Support Team at weshare@4ipi.com. Thank you to all who are participating! There are flyers in the back of the church for your convenience.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK will be celebrated **November 22-28, 2020**. The USCCB Marriage and Family Life Ministries endorses National Family Week because it honors and celebrates the important role that family plays in our society and advocates for the protection of families in our nation. Families shape our values, develop our character, and teach us to love, forgive, and become productive citizens and responsible members of society. During this week, we vow always to cherish, honor, protect, and respect the incredible gift of family, and renew our commitment to strengthening and celebrating all of our nation's families.

THE SHEPHERD KING:

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society; kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE: The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couple will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 14, 2021. For further information, or to submit an entry, contact Kathleen Crayne at the Family Life Office at Kathleen.crayne@archny.org or 646-794-3182.

LiveOnNY has designated the month of November as National Donor Sabbath. LiveOnNY is the federally designated organ procurement organization for New York City, and is dedicated to elevating the power of faith-based communities to bring hope to those waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. Here in New York there are nearly 10,000 children and adults on the organ transplant waiting list. As Pope Francis recently said, "Organ donation is not only an act of social responsibility, but also an expression of the universal fraternity which binds all men and women together."

November 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

This may seem a little early to bring up the subject of Christmas masses. However, the diocese has given a one-time allowance to start Christmas Eve masses at 2pm on Christmas Eve. I have no objection to add a mass at 2pm on Christmas Eve, in addition to our 4pm and 1030pm masses. My fear is that those who would choose to attend mass in person at Christmas may make the 2pm mass the mass the one they choose to attend, violating the social distancing protocols. The Christmas day masses will remain at 9 and 11am. The most we can accommodate at any mass, due to the pandemic, would be 110, as things stand now. There is always the possibility the state may impose further restrictions, limiting the number even more, depending on the progression of the virus. We will live stream, as usual, the 9am. To avoid total confusion I am thinking of having 110(?) tickets for each mass that parishioners may request. While I am not crazy about the idea of tickets, it may be the best way to go in this year of uncertainty. Other parishes have been utilizing this procedure for their regular Sunday masses. Up to now, our numbers have not justified implementing such restrictions. Christmas presents a unique challenge to all parishes. Of course, there is always the possibility that our numbers will remain low even for Christmas, or we may be in a complete lockdown and no public gatherings may be allowed. However, I rather be prepared. It will also mean that ushers be at the doors of the church to collect the tickets. Let me know what you think. By the way, expect a cold church and dress accordingly. The church will have minimum heat because of the virus. We have also placed yellow caution tape on the pews that must remain empty for social distancing. This brings up another issue. If you choose to sit at the end of a pew, please understand that others will need to climb over you to enter the pew. Some, not parishioners, have asked if we take a person's temperature at the entrance to the church. The answer is no. Supermarkets do not take temperatures, nor do other establishments. A reminder: if you are sick, do not even think of attending! At the present time there is no obligation to attend mass in person. I will continue to be tested for Covid every two weeks until there is a vaccine, and I had my flu

shot a month ago. With family gatherings during the holiday season, please do not let your guard down.

1. Speaking of Christmas, localive.tv has requested that, if possible, they use only a static shot for live streaming the 9am mass on Christmas day. It will be a fixed camera on the sanctuary. There will be no zooming in and out. The reason: lack of operatives employed on Christmas day. I agreed.
2. We now seem to have the audio and video live stream coordinated perfectly. The observations of parishioners have been very positive. Within the next 30 days we will be live streaming 2 memorial services for deceased relatives of parishioners.
3. We are joining the RSHM Life Center Thanksgiving Clothes Drive. Those who have taken a tag from the tree, please leave your gift by **NOVEMBER 22** in the classroom between the church and school. You can gain entry through the corridor between church and school between 7am-4pm Monday thru Friday.
4. Our Increased Offertory Collection (IOC) continues to be a success. Thank you to all who have responded. As I have stated, the increased donations remain parish money, not diocesan.
5. The McCarrick Report released by the Vatican last week leaves many unanswered questions. How many members of our present American hierarchy heard rumors about McCarrick's behavior over the years and chose to ignore them, rather than request a thorough investigation? Careerism in the church remains an impediment to complete transparency. I am sure we have not heard the end of this. During the Watergate Hearings fifty years ago how often did we hear the question posed to witnesses: "What did you know and when did you know it?"
6. Attendance last weekend: 5pm, 63; 9am, 46; 11am, 42. This is 43% of our normal attendance. It is 25% of our registered households.
7. After Thanksgiving we will begin to set up our parish crèche sets, even though we will liturgically be in the Advent season. Considering the

difficult year we have had, I would like to anticipate and extend the joy of the Christmas season as much as possible. Thank you to the volunteers who will be working on this project

8. The past nine months have been challenging for everyone, and the immediate future remains uncertain. As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to thank all our parishioners and families for their cooperation under extraordinary circumstances. The parish is doing well. Please enjoy your family gatherings, as minimal as they may be.