

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. 7 – Nov.15

REQUESTED BY:

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
Monday	8:00 AM	Paschal Venditti	DeCandido Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Veteran's Day – NO MASS	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Frank Earley	Carol & Al Olivieri
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Diane Stevens	Ruppel Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Vincent Iaconis	Iaconis & Shields Family
	11:00 AM	Maureen Sullivan	Anne Daly

*The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Joanne Coza
 From Her Family*

*The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of Paschal Vanditti
 From the DeCandido Family*

Next Weekend Celebrants 11/14 - 11/15

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.

OUR NEW INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT STREAMING IS READY TO GO ONLINE.
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EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED: If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, but he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it

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 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.

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.**

INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN: 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. We have envelopes to assist you in making your commitment.

GOD'S WILL: Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

November 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

I hope everyone had the opportunity to vote. I tried early voting but was not able and willing to wait at least two hours. After another failed attempt at early voting, I voted today. It amazes me that we can land a space probe on an asteroid after a journey of 3 years, but we cannot accommodate, in a timely manner, those who choose to vote in person. Waiting 2-4 hours, and more, is not acceptable. If voting is the bedrock of a democracy, we need to do a much better job. Of course, my experience in voting today was not without incident. As I left my car to vote, a car pulling out of a parking space hit me. As if that were not enough, as I was pulling out after voting, the driver next to me started pulling out, turning his car toward mine, totally oblivious of what was going on around him. You can understand why the defensive driving course recommends backing into a space, so you can see what you are doing on the way out! Now, we wait for the results of exercising our civic responsibility. Regardless of the outcome, may our nation be unified in meeting the many challenges that lie ahead.

1. To continue my story on my encounter with a member of another parish a number of years ago on the issue of civil unions: I expressed my support for legal recognition, to protect pension, health, inheritance, insurance, etc. benefits of those of the same gender who choose to form a life-long partnership. The parishioner did not like that answer and reported it to the pastor. Since I was scheduled to give another lecture at the parish, the pastor asked me to retract my opinion. I was unwilling to do so. As a consequence, I was disinvented. It should not have surprised me that two adults can no longer discuss a serious topic without one resorting to intimidation by authority. Serious topics addressing the pastoral needs of others cannot be avoided. You cannot wave a magic wand and think they will disappear or simply issue an edict demanding assent. As a survey of Jesus' ministry in the Gospels makes clear, those finding themselves on the margins, attract his gaze. Next week: Some further thoughts drawn

from my 25 years working on the marriage tribunal, trying to understand the complex dynamics of human relationships.

2. I had been invited to be the guest speaker for Veteran's Day next week at the 7th Regiment Armory on Park Ave. However, I learned that the lead level at the armory exceeded acceptable levels. Who knew? I spent many years at the armory as chaplain for the regiment and its subsequent incarnations. To all who served in uniform: Thank you!

3. **OUR NEW INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT STREAMING IS READY TO GO ONLINE. THE LINK IS:**

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4. Mass attendance last weekend: 5pm, 44; 9am, 50; 11am, 82. This is roughly 50% of our normal pre-pandemic attendance, and our highest attendance to date.

5. Our parish accountant expressed amazement that we are doing so well in our collections and donations. This should come as no surprise. Magdalene parishioners are loyally invested in our parish. This was made evident recently by the very positive response to our Increased Offertory Campaign (IOC) and in exceeding our goal in the Cardinal's Appeal. As I

have written, increasing your weekly donation by even \$1, conveys a message to the diocese. A reminder: If you increased your weekly donation during 2020, let us know. It helps us convey to the diocese how successful the IOC campaign has been at the Magdalene.

6. And speaking of weekly collections, in the future, on weekends, we will be taking up only one collection. Any envelopes you might be holding can be put in that one collection.
7. All the intentions submitted for All Souls will be remembered during the entire month and remain on the altar.