

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. 24 – Nov. 1

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Fran & Ted Bartlett	Val Wallace
	11:00 AM	Teresa Doherty	Ryan Doherty
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service – <i>No 8:00 a.m.mass</i>	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Special Intention to St. Jude	Ana & Eduardo Perez
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	Henry Ruppel Jr.	Ruppel Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	Family
	11:00 AM	Alma Verrigni	Peggy Slavin

Next Weekend Celebrants 10/31 – 11/1

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY falls on a Sunday, November 1, this year. Masses will be 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evening and Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

ALL SOULS DAY is Monday, November 2. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

The Book of Remembrance of our loved ones is available in the back of the church. Please place the names of your deceased loved ones in the book and return your offering envelope.

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.

LIVING JUSTLY: “You give that back right now!” How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a “fair trade agreement.” Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God’s beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

REMEMBER, CLOCKS ARE SET ONE HOUR BEHIND ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, AT 2:00 A.M.

MASS OFFERINGS: The 2021 mass book is now open. A number of our parishioners have used the opportunity to book masses for deceased relatives and friends. Please call the rectory first to ensure that someone will be available to assist you. **There are also masses available for 2020.** Mass offering is \$15.00.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: “Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to

experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call the Sisters of Life at (866-575-0075) or hopeandheling@sistersoflife.org.

BORN TO LOVE: We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

October 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

After mass last weekend I was asked about the bi-monthly Covid test I take. Let me explain. It is offered by the diocese free of charge. It is not mandatory but voluntary. It is the nasal swab. It is administered by ArchCare, located in Valhalla, and is processed through the Dominican Sisters healthcare system. It takes about 7 days to get results (a little too long for my liking). With many others in America, I share certain comorbidities: male, age (74), underlying medical conditions, overweight. I am obligated to protect myself and others, especially parishioners, and so I avail myself of this service. But there is another reason. I am eligible for retirement next July 1, 2021. My intention, though, is to remain here at the Magdalene until May of 2022, when I reach my 50th anniversary as a priest. However, if I were to contract the virus, even in a mild form, requiring medical intervention or rehab, it would leave me no choice but to choose retirement on July 1. I am trying to stay one step ahead of possible options that will require a decision that will affect the parish and me personally. Tomorrow, another Covid test. Of course, between now and then, the diocese may have its own plans we will need to consider.

1. This year All Saints falls on Sunday, Nov 1; All Souls, Monday, Nov 2. You may place the All Soul's envelopes in the collection on Sunday or in the collection box at the back of the church. **Remember, clocks are set one hour behind on Nov 1 at 2am.** As we look to the holiday season in December, our intention is to maintain our normal Christmas mass schedule (4pm and 10pm Christmas Eve; 9 and 11am Christmas Day). Depending on the status of the virus at that time, we may be forced to

modify that schedule. If serious social distancing remains in effect, I may have to entertain the remote possibility of adding a Christmas Eve mass and requiring that parishioners sign up for masses, so as to not violate state restrictions on the number of attendees. We shall see. I am also thinking of keeping the church without heat during our weekend masses, so as to not give the virus an opportunity to find a warm welcome. Have your winter coats ready. Stay tuned.

2. Last Tuesday (13th) the permanent camera was installed for live streaming. It is my hope that we will broadcast our first mass under the new live stream system at 9am on Nov 1. Keep your fingers crossed, we are trying to work out some technical issues.
3. Your response to our first presentation of the Increased Offertory Campaign (IOC) has been truly amazing! As I mentioned at mass last weekend, the amount by which you choose to increase your weekly donation is immaterial to me (\$1, \$2, etc.). **It is most important, however, for the parish to capture the names of those who increased their weekly donation at the start of the pandemic on March 15th, as many did.** Just call the rectory, give your name and envelop number, and tell us how much you chose to increase your donation since the cessation of mass in March. Here at the rectory we will fill out an IOC envelop on your behalf and hand it in for you. No need for you to be physically present. We will do all the work. A reminder, you may also use We Share, our online giving option. Just go to our website to sign up. By the way, since we instituted We Share, we have collected \$45,000 online. If you have been using our online giving option and have increased your donation since March 15th, let us know at the rectory so we can fill out an envelope on your behalf. If you received an IOC envelope in the mail and have increased your donation, simply drop off the envelope in the collection box at the back of the church or at the rectory. Head's up: The diocese will be sending out a follow-up letter in two weeks over my signature, targeted to those who have yet to respond to the IOC.

4. Any extra money raised by the IOC IS **PARISH MONEY. It does not go to the diocese.** It remains in our parish operating account for our purposes as a parish. We choose how it is disbursed, not the diocese. Now you may ask, if the parish is financially secure (we are), why are we doing this? In simple terms: the diocese is requiring it. Remember, we avoided the Renew and Rebuild Campaign that other parishes were required to conduct, because I made a case to the diocese that there is nothing here to Renew or Rebuild. Another reason for the IOC is that the diocese (which taxes every parish each month based on a parish's yearly total of weekend collections) is in need of more financial support to sustain diocesan operations. Simply put: the more we collect, the more they collect in an assessment from us and other parishes.
5. It is good to see some familiar faces returning to mass. Once this virus is contained, we will need to reintroduce ourselves.
6. Sr. Monica Walsh, of Marymount, has been assigned to Rome for 5 years to serve on their general council. Sister Monica has been a regular at our 8am daily mass and 5:00pm Saturday evening. Her brother is Bishop Walsh. We wish Sr. Monica an exciting and productive 5 years.
7. This past weekend, at the 5pm, John Carlo Tortoso made his First Communion. We congratulate him. One correction from last week: Ryan McMahan, not Ryan Murphy, made his First Communion. Sorry for the error. We have a First Communion next Sunday and 3 more First Communions scheduled for November at different masses.
8. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 63; 9am, 41; 11am, about 60+. This is roughly 46% of our normal attendance.
9. Since last week's kerfuffle about a second collection at mass (for Missions), we will now have only one collection on weekends when two collections are scheduled. Just put all donations and envelopes in one collection. We will separate the envelopes to ensure that the donations go to the rightful recipient (e.g. Missions, Eastern Europe, Black and Indian Mission, Seminary, etc.). Anything not in envelope (cash) will be assigned

to the parish, or you can use the envelopes in the pews to assign your donation to the designated beneficiary of the second collection. My thanks to those who stepped in to take up the collection at the 11am last Sunday.