

# 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: Sept. 12 – Sept. 20 REQUESTED BY:**

Saturday	5:00 PM	George Morrow	Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Mass to Honor All Missed Intentions	
	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of Chipparino Family	Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Alessandro & Maria Miranda	Maria Miranda
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Prayer Service	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Prayer Service	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Prayer Service	
Friday	8:00 AM	Prayer Service	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Albert Olivieri	Carol & Albert O(livieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Jane Benz	Morrow Family
	11:00 AM	Gregory Arceri, Sr.	Hornby, Hulst, & Wood Families

**Next Weekend Celebrants 9/19 & 9/20**

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: Rev. Joseph Dietz, 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.**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** is this weekend. We would like to thank Dotty Meehan and the staff of our Religious Education Program for all they have done and are planning for our new year. We are counting on increased parental involvement and support this year. We will make adjustments to the program as necessary to meet the needs of our students and families.

**FORGIVENESS:** Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

**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.

**A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF NEED:**

Loving Father, our life and our hope, come to our aid in this difficult and uncertain time.

Look with mercy on all who suffer from the coronavirus.

Bless them and their families with Your healing, consolation and peace.

Guide and be with all who care for them.

Give wisdom and insight to those working to stop the spread of this disease,  
and help them find a way to cure it.

Console our anxious hearts, strengthen our faith, and give us the grace to  
trust in Your goodness.

Restore communities affected by the virus to wholeness and health, and  
in Your loving mercy, give Your help and protection to all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sept 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

If you attended the 9 or 11 two weekends ago you probably heard crackling noise from the church sound system. The portable mic that I wear was the source of the distraction. The transmitter dates from 2010 and operates on a 600MHz service spectrum. July 13, 2020 was the last date the FCC allowed the use of the 600 MHz spectrum for wireless mics, since the 600MHz frequencies were being repurposed by the FCC. What does this mean for us? You guessed it. We need to purchase a new portable mic system, known as a lavalier, which operates on a 500MHz bandwidth. Considering that we are moving into permanent live streaming, I believe it is important that we have the best audio capabilities possible. The cost of updating the equipment, sit tight, will be \$2,142.00. As they say, it is what it is.

1. My sincere thanks to a generous couple in our parish who made a donation to cover the cost of the permanent installation of live streaming for one year. The \$3500 cost covers equipment and service. It is important that our parishioners have as much access as possible to what takes place in our parish. When I was ordained a priest 48 years ago I never thought I would be live streaming masses during a pandemic. I am very appreciative of this gesture of generosity from our parishioners.
2. Just so you know, beside the Covid test I take every two weeks, I recently had the antibody blood test. It was negative, meaning I have not had the virus. As you may have heard, the priests at Holy Innocents in Pleasantville have been in a 14 day quarantine since they came into contact with a person who tested positive for the virus. Complicating matters was the fact that they held First Communion after coming into contact with that person, thereby requiring everyone who was present at First Communion to be contacted and tested. Since we will be holding First Communion and Confirmation in October, our concern at the

Magdalene is that an attendee may unknowingly have the virus. It is critically important that anyone who feels sick stay home. Please follow the established protocols. After Labor Day, do not be surprised if we see a spike in the number of people who test positive for the virus, especially among college students returning home from closed campuses. If that becomes the case, we will need to revisit our plans for First Communion and Confirmation. You should know that in the next 30 days we have 7 baptisms scheduled and one wedding, followed by two First Communions and Confirmation.

3. Last weekend's mass attendance: 5pm, 40; 9am, 46; 11am, 35. This is roughly 33% of our normal weekend attendance.
4. During this pandemic some of our parishioners have been in and out of hospitals for other medical reasons. As you may know, hospitals do not allow any visitors, including family members, because of this pandemic. We want you to know that we are thinking and praying for all our parishioners who are receiving medical care. You are not forgotten.
5. **Next Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, our 9am mass will be offered for all those intentions that could not be honored due to the suspension of masses from March 15<sup>th</sup>.**
6. Believe it or not, someone is still dumping household junk on our property. The culprit is a woman with a ponytail in a 4 door black SUV. The license plate is not NY, but it is difficult to determine the state from the video. The "crime" takes place around 4pm. It is a shame that despite all we do to keep the property beautiful, our efforts are marred by this willful behavior.
7. I hope to take some days off next week, from the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, barring any unexpected funerals or a hurricane. As a consequence, there will be no morning mass at 8:00 on those days. The church will be open at the usual hour. Sr. Flo Reilly and friends will lead a prayer service for those who are present. If there is a last minute change, it will be announced at next Sunday's masses.

8. *Again, be warned that emails or text messages seeking money or help in my name are not from me.* I didn't realize I was so popular!
9. Fr. Joe Dietz, our former pastor, is facing a serious medical challenge and asks for your prayers. While he would like to hear from friends, talking on the phone impedes the rest he needs. You may text him at 914.589.1721. Fr. Dietz's address is St. John Vianney's Clergy Residence, 5655 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471-1221.