

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. 19 – Sept. 27

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Albert Olivieri	Carol & Albert Olivieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Jane Benz	Morrow Family
	11:00 AM	Gregory Arceri, Sr.	Hornby, Hulst & Wood Families
Monday	8:00 AM	Deacon Arnold Hyland	Scott Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Dominick DiLorenzo	Dotty & Dennis Meehan
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Eva Elena Ondarza	Barry Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	Ida McKeon	Dotty Meehan
Friday	8:00 AM	John Reilly	Sr. Florence Reilly
Saturday	5:00 PM	Theresa Wright	Pete & Debbie Love
Sunday	9:00 AM	Robert Gazzetta	Kringas Family
	11:00 AM	Alessandro & Maria Miranda	Maria Miranda

***The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Jim Weaver
 By His Family***

Next Weekend Celebrants 9/26 & 9/27

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 Klimaszewski, John Masteller, Paul & Donna Sabatos, Christopher Bellantoni, Geraldine Forster, and Roberto Uribe.

ANNUAL SUPPORT-A-WALK: Bring help and hope to people fighting breast and ovarian cancer by participating in Support Connections' Annual Support-A-Walk on Sunday, October 4, 2020. Proceeds help those affected by these diseases. This year the walk has a new theme: **Walk With Us, Wherever You Are.** Even though we can't gather by the thousands in the park, we can still walk together and work together for a common cause. Where you walk, the distance you walk, and the amount of time you spend walking, are all up to you. To learn more, or donate to the Support-a-walk, visit <https://supportconnection.org/support-a-walk/> or call 914-962-6402.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: This group is for loved ones of individuals who have passed from addiction. This is a safe place for sharing and support without judgment or stigma. The group is conducted online via Zoom. The next session is on Monday, September 28, 2020 from 7-8:30 p.m. facilitated by Gae Savion, LCSW,CT. A Zoom link inviting members to join is emailed prior to each group. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Laura Brovich at 845-344-5565.

DIRECTION: Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God – who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength that we are – moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life – to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

September 15, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

I finally received an answer from the Archdiocese about the possibility of two Catholics getting married outdoors in a reception venue, in order to avoid a closed space like a church where the Covid virus might more easily spread. Evidently, I was not the only priest to raise this issue in the archdiocese. I was made to understand that the Cardinal is opposed to these outdoor weddings. He believes that churches have proven to be safe when all the protocols are followed: masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing. Let me say that we have had two weddings here at the Magdalene since the inception of the pandemic. Both were small scale and safe. But I do understand the concern many have about closed spaces. We can mitigate risks but not eliminate them completely. I was surprised to learn last week, at the burial of a WWII veteran, that the protocol for handing over the American flag to a family member has changed during this pandemic. The honor guard no longer presents the flag directly, but hands it off to the funeral director, who presents it to the family. Since the honor guard is masked and gloved, this adjustment seems excessive to me, and somewhat impersonal at a very delicate moment.

1. With seven baptisms on our schedule in the next two weeks, parents want to know if we are following the established and recommended

protocols, and especially if I have been tested for the virus. I am tested every two weeks. So far, so good.

2. My sincere thanks to one of our parishioners who will fund the purchase of the new portable mic (lavalier) system because of the FCC required change of frequency. Once the new portable mic system is in place, and the permanent live streaming equipment is installed, we should be able to communicate more effectively and adaptively with our parishioners.
3. In the next several months there will be special diocesan second collections. Do your best. These second collections are not garnering the usual response from parishioners in our parishes. No surprise. We send to the diocese only the amount we collect in these collections. We do not add parish funds to inflate the total amount.
4. A reminder: church occupancy at the present time, due to the pandemic, is 33%. At present, at our Sunday masses, we are averaging 20% occupancy at each mass. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 41; 9am, 41; 11am, 43.
5. My thanks to Dot Meehan and our parish CCD staff for putting together a virtual program for our religious education students. At this time, in class presentations remain risky. Keeping our children safe is our priority.
6. The parking lots have been lined. Please remember to honor the handicap location.
7. A question about cremation is posed periodically, more so now during this pandemic. Cremation is allowed by the church. A funeral mass may be celebrated with ashes present, instead of a casket. Family members usually place a photo of the deceased next to the ashes. The funeral

ritual remains the same. At the present time most parishes are not allowing altar servers, lectors, or Eucharistic ministers at funerals or other parish masses. Many do not allow eulogies at funerals. Here at the Magdalene we allow family members to do the readings and to give a eulogy, keeping my fingers crossed that the eulogy is brief!

8. **Due to a printing error, the envelope for St. Joseph's Seminary Collection on September 27th says "Make checks out to Resurrection Church."** Checks are made out to the Magdalene. Of all the parishes that do not need extra money, Resurrection tops the list. I am presently on LBI and will return to the rectory Thursday evening. Please keep Fr. Dietz in your prayers.