

# 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. 26 – Oct. 4**

**REQUESTED BY:**

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
Monday	8:00 AM	Rev. Joseph Dietz	Peggy Slavin
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Josephine Reynolds	Tedesco Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Arthur Fredston	Tod & Roberta Ruppel
Thursday	8:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	Family
Friday	8:00 AM	Nick Cacciola	Joe & Luisa Mortelliti
Saturday	5:00 PM	Theresa Wright	Brian & Denise Perrigino
Sunday	9:00 AM	Theresa Hornby	Jim & Linda Hornby
	11:00 AM	Kenneth Hanniford	Diane Stone

***The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Michael Olivieri  
 By His Family***

**Next Weekend Celebrants 10/3 – 10/4**

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.

**FAMILIAR INSIGHTS:** Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings – like us – who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work – but did – is way ahead of the one who said he would work – but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

**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.

### **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.

**REGIS HIGH SCHOOL** an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its **Virtual Open House** for students and their parents, to occur on Thursday, October 8 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. To register, simply click on this link: <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21>.

**IMPOSSIBLE:** Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.

September 22, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

Our parish mourns the death of its former pastor, Fr. Joe Dietz.

Fr. Joe was buried today from Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scarsdale. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. Fr. Joe is fondly remembered here at the Magdalene as an approachable and hard-working pastor. Thank you to the many parishioners who took time to attend the wake and pay their respects. One of Fr. Joe's nephews handed me a set of keys he found in Fr. Joe's car. They were keys to the church and parish hall. In a way, it was Fr. Joe's final farewell and connection to a parish he loved. May he rest in peace.

1. As we enter the fall and flu season it is imperative that we follow all safety protocols to the best of our ability. With Europe now experiencing a second spike in the virus, exercising caution is the reasonable way to proceed. Last week, a pastor in the Bronx, and ten of his parishioners, tested positive for the virus. That there are those who refuse to wear masks (not here), is astounding. As I mentioned at daily mass this past week, in the military every soldier is issued ear protection as part of their uniform. Whether you were firing your weapon on a firing range or just standing there watching, ear protection was mandatory. In my years in the priesthood I have met WWII veterans who served in the artillery and were legally deaf from exposure to the constant firing of heavy artillery. Having had the opportunity to fire a 155mm Howitzer, I get the picture. Protective gear exists for a reason. Please protect yourself and others. While we do maintain some masks at the back of the church, please try to remember to

bring your own. Incidentally, I have already received my flu shot and will have my next Covid test tomorrow.

2. The diocese will be sending out a letter, probably before the end of October, over my signature, requesting that our parishioners consider increasing their weekly donations. As I have written previously, this request comes not from me, but from the diocese. We are not in need here at the Magdalene, thanks to your generosity, but we do have well-established community out-reach organizations within our parish orbit. Assisting them will be one of our priorities, and gladly so.
3. The new lavalier mic system and transmitter were installed in the church last Friday afternoon. It is working perfectly. The technicians discovered a cut wire in the attic to one of the speakers in the church. Maybe an animal? They will return to repair the wire. We are still waiting for some technical issues to be resolved before the permanent installation of live streaming. From what I understand, we need a static IP address from Verizon for the camera to be controlled from a remote location. We are waiting on Verizon to respond.
4. We have initiated preparations for the start of our religious education classes through our website. The distribution of books started after the 9 and 11 masses on Sunday and through the week. If there are any questions, please contact Dot Meehan at 631.0529, x106.
5. Last weekends' attendance: 5pm, 41; 9am, 51; 11am, 38. This is roughly 37% of our normal weekend attendance. Roughly 70 households tuned in to our live streaming of the 9am mass. Unfortunately, we have no number of how many households may have tuned in later in the day. Despite our low numbers (other parishes are experiencing the same), your generosity to our parish remains extremely high. Thank you.
6. The two babies who were baptized last weekend took the pouring of water in stride. No fussing. Next weekend five babies will be baptized, including two sets of cousins. We welcome them and their families.

7. I understand that some parishes are setting specific times for parishioners to have “drive-by” communion in the parish parking lot. Sorry, but I cannot think of a more undignified manner in distributing the Eucharist. Not in my 33 years in the army did I ever simply drive into a bivouac site and hand out communion. There was either a mass or brief communion service, uniting word and sacrament. Be patient, with everyone taking the proper precautions, we can beat this pandemic.