

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. 5 – Sept. 13

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Peter McAleer	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Marian Duignan	Duignan Family
	11:00 AM	Nancy Fragiacomio	Boyce Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Labor Day (No Mass)	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Alma Verrigni	Dotty & Dennis Meehan
Thursday	8:00 AM	Nick Cacciola	Joe & Luisa Mortelliti
Friday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Family
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

Next Weekend Celebrants 9/12 & 9/13

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, Bernadette Harris, 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, and Roberto Uribe.

LABOR DAY is a day dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. **There is no 8:00 a.m. mass on Monday, Sept. 7.**

A MESSAGE OF LOVE: In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them." So, we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in other is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

HEALING AFTER ABORTION: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. 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, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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.

2020 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: Thank you to all who helped us reach our Cardinal's Appeal goal. All money over our goal is returned to our parish at 60%. If you have not participated, there is still time. **To make your gift online, visit cardinalsappeal.org. As of 8/27/20:**

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>Donor Goal</u>
\$48,000	\$51,716	100	130

LABOR: A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil. – *Grover Cleveland*

Sept 1, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

During the past week the parking lot was sealed. Lining the parking lot for parking with handicap spaces remains to be done. On another matter, we attempted to install sanitizing dispensers in the church. We discovered that the bags of sanitizing liquid did not fit the dispensers that were ordered. As a consequence, we are returning everything to the distributor for a refund. In the meantime, please carry your own personal bottle of sanitizer. My visits to different churches in the last two weeks made me realize that dripping dispensers required that a pan or plate on the floor was necessary to catch some of the errant sanitizer. For the classrooms in our school, we will provide a large bottle of sanitizer rather than a dispenser.

1. Through the dedicated work of Pete LiMarzi we have completed the necessary power and audio wiring to the back of the church in preparation for the installation of the camera for permanent live streaming. We will be retaining the services of Local Live Networks of Stamford, CT. The fee will be \$3500 a year. This fee includes the live broadcasting of 60 events per year. These events will include weekly Sunday mass (9:00am). We will be looking to include First Communion, Confirmation, Good Friday, etc. If and when we exceed the 60 events, there will be a \$50 charge for

each event. If families desire to live stream a family wedding or funeral, we will require an additional fee to the normal parish offering. The camera will be operated remotely by a staff member of Local Live from a control room in Stamford, CT. All events will be archived by Local Live on Amazon cloud and a link will be provided so that parishioners can access past events. Once Local Live completes their installation work in the church, we will have a starting date and the access procedures. In the interim, we will continue with the help of Sarah Haase and post our masses on our parish Facebook page.

2. Last Sunday attendance: 5pm, 40; 9am, 47; 11am, 47. This is roughly 38% of our normal weekend attendance. It is also the highest number of attendees since the lockdown on March 15.
3. AA and our parish knitting group have requested to resume their use of the parish hall. Since both organizations are committed to following all the safety guidelines, they may commence at their convenience.
4. Last week I received several requests from prospective brides and grooms about the possibility of officiating at the weddings of two Catholics in an outdoor reception venue, to avoid a closed space (like a church), maintain social distancing, and provide an extra measure of protection for elderly guests. I have a call in to the diocese and am waiting for a response. I am not hopeful, but I thought I would inquire. I do know for a fact that Bishop Caggiano in Bridgeport has given such permission on a case by case basis.
5. Thank you for your weekly contributions. We are very fortunate here at the Magdalene to be financially secure because of your generosity. The only major expenditures, at the present time, are for the sealing of the parking lot and the contract for live streaming.
6. We wish all our students a safe start to a new academic year. Our prayers are with our parents and teachers as they try to negotiate a new landscape. Working together we can do what needs to be done.