

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: Feb. 27 – Mar. 7

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Paul Bebick	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Randy Morrow	Morrow Family
	11:00 AM	Arthur K. McCormack	Kevin & MaryAnne McCormick
Monday	8:00 AM	Thomas Love	His Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Eileen McElhill	Mike Doran
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Paddy (Patrick) Spellman	Osterman Family
	11:00 AM	Donald Wildermann	Scott Family

Next Weekend Celebrants March 6-7

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, 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, Bob & Wanda Praisner, Ann & Tom Cahill, Marcella Thorne, Matthew March, Nijole Raskys, Jim Defemia, Humberto Gonzalez, Bill Monroe, Joseph Robert Carbone, Kathryn Feakins, Linda Klimaszenki, John Masteller, Paul & Donna Sabatos, Christopher Bellantoni, Geraldine Forster, Alice Pacella and Louis Rodriguez.

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

FLOCKNOTES sent weekly are the easiest and most direct way to communicate with the majority of our parishioners. As we continue to navigate the Covid virus, any adjustments we may be required to make in the near future will be communicated through Flocknotes and our website. It is important to have your email address and cell phone number in order to communicate with you quickly. We do not flood your email inbox with a barrage of announcements. Only one email is sent from the parish each week on Tuesday. **Please call the rectory to register your email and cell phone with the parish.**

NEW FACES AT THE MAGDALENE: We are thrilled to see new faces on Sunday. We welcome you to the Magdalene. Please consider signing up as a parishioner by filling out a census card online or in the back of the church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout the Archdiocese starting February 17- March 28. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 18,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about this campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

CARDINAL’S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021: This year’s theme is “**All things are Possible.**” Some of you have already received a letter from the Cardinal asking for your support. In the past three years we have exceeded the goal set by the Archdiocese. Please be as generous as your financial means will allow. **As of February 19, we have 32 participants who have pledged \$14,825.** To donate online click: [Donate](#)

A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

February 23, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

As I suspected, I was unable to get my second shot due to the storm on the 18th. I am now scheduled for tomorrow (24th) at Westchester Community College. I continue to test negative. Other than Ash Wednesday, the week of Feb 15-20 was very quiet, due to the storms and President's Week.

1. The Cardinal's Appeal recent total: Goal, \$54,000; Pledged, \$14,880; number of gifts: 24. We have roughly 25% of our goal already pledged. Thank you to those who have already pledged a donation. Each week I will provide an update, plus a reminder to consider a matching gift from your employer. Matching gifts are the painless way to meet our goal. Since the diocese posted the \$14,880 amount last Friday, several major gifts have been pledged by our parishioners. There is a lag time between your donation and the diocese notifying us of your gift. This is why we like to keep our own ledger.
2. Attendance last weekend: 5pm, 57; 9am, 43; 11am, 62. This is 46% of our normal Sunday attendance and 26% of our registered families. Live stream: 111 households watched live, 64 households watched later. An update on the households who watched our live stream on Feb 14: the number of households who watched later went from 70 to 97, while 111 households watched live.
3. The untimely death of Fr. Bisignano, pastor of St. Theresa in Briarcliff, puts all neighboring parishes under the diocesan microscope. The deaths of three active priests in the last two weeks places added pressure on the diocese to meet the pastoral needs of parishioners equitably, not an enviable task. I cannot help but believe that in the next year, if not sooner, we will see a restructuring of pastoral services in the Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow, Briarcliff, Hawthorne, Pleasantville communities, keeping in mind that the parishes in Tarrytown and Pleasantville are under the

jurisdiction of religious orders who are solely responsible for staffing those parishes. While we are financially secure (due to your generosity), our property in excellent shape, and our pastoral services relevant, I take nothing for granted.

4. This past Sunday afternoon (21st) I received a phone call from the cardinal. He inquired about my health and whether I had received my vaccinations. I told him I had to reschedule my second shot. He acknowledged that he received his second shot last week. While I am grateful for the cardinal's solicitous gesture, I must admit that after the cardinal's call, the line attributed to either Shakespeare or Sherlock Holmes came to mind: "The game's afoot."
5. Our 8th graders are fundraising for Kid's Club of Tarrytown. It is a service project for their confirmation. They are working with Duck Donuts. Please check our Facebook page for full details. Pick up of donuts will be after the 11am mass on the 28th, not the 9am, as previously announced. Act quickly!
6. Our most direct way of communicating with parishioners, other than Sunday mass, is through email and FlockNotes. Our website is updated once a week. If we do not have your email and cell phone, please consider providing it to the rectory. We send out our FlockNote only once a week, usually on Tuesday evening. It allows all of us to be on the same page regarding the status of our parish and its services.
7. Some have asked about the social distancing/occupancy restrictions for baptisms, funerals, and weddings during this Covid period. Following state guidelines, we can accommodate 90-100 individuals safely, following all other protocols.
8. A reminder: if you need a notary public, I am available.