

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: Mar. 27-April 4

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Winnie Waldron	Ken Tierney
Sunday	9:00 AM	Henry Haase	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
	11:00 AM	John Cleaver Kelly	Dr. Stephen & Janet Kelly
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Msgr. Francis Boyle	Parish Staff
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Joyce Anderson	Orwoll Family
Thursday	8:00 PM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
Friday	8:00 AM	No 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Saturday	5:00 PM	No 5:00 p.m. Mass	
	8:00 PM	Hugh O'Lunney	Ken Tierney
Sunday	9:00 AM	Thomas Hales	Wilderman-Scott Families
	11:00 AM	Alfred DiDomizio	Brian & Denise Perrigino

Next Weekend Celebrants April 3-4

8:00 p.m. Sat Fr. Vigilanti
9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti
11:00 a.m. Sun Fr. Sheehan

Pray for the sick: Liam Wolfe, 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.

SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel

PARISH CALENDAR - EASTER SCHEDULE

Mar. 27/28		Palm Sunday
March 29,30,31		8:00 a.m. Mass
April 1 (Thur.)	8:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 2 (Fri.)	3:00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
	7:00 p.m.	Stations and Veneration of the Cross
April 3 (Sat.)	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)
April 4 (Sun.)		Easter Sunday - Masses at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: On Tuesdays, April 6-May 4 at 4:00 p.m. our 2nd graders will be back to school to prepare for First Communion, which is on **May 8 at 11:00 a.m.** We will meet in the church hall. Many thanks to Victoria Shields who will be teaching this class.

Also, on Tuesdays, April 6-May 4 from 7-8:15 p.m. our 8th graders will be back at school to prepare for Confirmation, which is on **May 9 at 4:00 p.m.** We are very grateful to Stephanie Fuller and Cathy Chulla who will teach these classes. Any questions please call Dotty Meehan.

MASS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS HAS BEEN POSTPONED: Due to Cardinal Dolan's schedule the **Mass for Grieving Parents** has been postponed. We will let you know when we receive any information.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021:

\$6M of the Cardinal's Appeal funds many ministries and apostolates across the Archdiocese of New York, including the Family Life, Respect Life, Catholic Charities, and the Young Adult Outreach offices. Even throughout the pandemic, these ministries were hard at work serving our brothers and sisters across the archdiocese. **As of March 19, we have 68 participants who have pledged \$40,169.**

FEAST OF FAITH: The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

March 23, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

We have made some slight progress in reaching our Cardinal's Appeal goal of \$54,000 during the past week. We now have reached \$40,169. Sixty-eight individuals/households have contributed an average of \$590.72. Three matching gifts have been recorded from companies. Please consider asking your HR department for your company's policy on matching gifts, even if you are retired. Thank you to all who have participated so far.

1. Next weekend we begin Holy Week with Passion (Palm) Sunday. Weather permitting, palm will be placed on a table in our parking lot for those uncomfortable with attending our services in person due to the pandemic. Masses are at the usual times, Saturday at 5, Sunday at 9 and 11 and will include the reading of the Passion from St. Mark. The 9am will be live streamed. Holy Thursday will be live streamed at 8pm and Good Friday at 3pm. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7pm will not be live streamed. No tickets are required for any of the services. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.
2. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 62; 9am, 47; 11am, 90. This is roughly 57% of our normal weekend attendance and 32% of our registered families. Live stream: 90 households watched live, 52 watched later. It seems that as the weather improves, so does in-person attendance. Conversely, the live stream audience declines. A sign of hope?
3. At present, two parishioners bring communion to their homebound parents. I am willing to expand this outreach, especially as we approach the Easter season. Many miss receiving communion. If you have a family member who, for medical reasons, cannot travel outside the home during this pandemic, and would like to bring them communion, let me

know. I will devise a brief prayer service you may use as your bring communion to a loved one.

4. Tomorrow (24th) the church will be cleaned in preparation for Easter. My thanks to our parishioners who volunteered to take on this task. I have no doubt that their work will pass the white glove test!