

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. 6-Mar. 14	REQUESTED BY:
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Paddy (Patrick) Spellman	Osterman Family
	11:00 AM	Donald Wildermann	Scott Family
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Friday	8:00 AM	Marta "Francesca" Gerlanc	Scott Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Frances Gerlanc	Frances Loffredo
Sunday	9:00 AM	Antoinette LiMarzi	Her Family
	11:00 AM	Michael William Meyer	Scaglione Family

***Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Antoinette LiMarzi
 By Her Family***

Next Weekend Celebrants March 13-14

5:00 p.m. Sat Fr. Sheehan
9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti
11:00 a.m. Sun Fr. Vigilanti

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.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021: This weekend is our **commitment weekend**. You will have an opportunity to fill out a Cardinal's Appeal envelope if you have not already done so. 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 26, we have 41 participants who have pledged \$16,989.** To donate online click: [Donate](#)

FEAST OF FAITH: Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Next Sunday, March 14, in all of our parishes and in churches throughout the country, we will be collecting your offering for the Catholic Relief Fund. When you give, you change lives, families and communities. For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries.

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.

REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

—Samuel Johnson

March 2, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

On Feb 24th I was able to get my second vaccine shot, after the snow cancelation on the 18th. What a difference in organization, like night and day, compared to the venue for the first shot in downtown White Plains. This time the shot was given at the gym at Westchester Community College. Many thanks to all the medical personnel who made this possible. I had no reaction to the shot. Last week was my week for injections: covid shot, three shots of Novocain from my dentist, four shots of some numbing agent (Lidocaine?) from my dermatologist. In my 33 years with the Army I cannot recall how many shots and boosters I was required to receive. I think I have completed my penance for Lent early.

1. This past week we received our first application for a **matching gift** for the Cardinal's Appeal from one of our parishioners who worked for Mutual of America. Many companies provide matching gifts for employee's charitable contributions. Some companies provide the same benefit to retirees. Please look into it at your HR department. Our goal is \$54,000. As of Friday, the 26th, our parishioners have pledged \$16,989. This is roughly 30% of our goal, but does not include several major gifts that have yet to be recorded by the diocese. Presently, we are running 4-5% ahead of last year's amount at this point. Next weekend (6th and 7th) is the in-pew commitment weekend. If you have not received or have not filled out a pledge card, they can be found in the back of the church. You may mail them directly to the address on the envelope (but let the rectory know so we can keep track), or you may place them in the collection on Sunday, or in the box at the back of the church. You may also drop the envelope off at the rectory. Please note on your donation envelope our parish code: **W511**. This will help ensure that our parish is properly credited.
2. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 62; 9am, 56, 11am, 68. This is just over 50% of our normal Sunday attendance, thereby setting a record for

Sunday attendance since the start of the pandemic. It is 30% of our registered households. Live stream: 127 households watched live; 80 households watched later (as of March 2). Revising last weekend's (21st) live streaming: 111 households watched live, 108 households watched later! The number of households watching has shown a marked increase. This month we will live stream a wedding (on the 6th) and a baptism (on the 21st) at the requests of the families.

3. Thank you to all who helped support the Duck Donuts community outreach for Kids' Club of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, and a thank you to our teens who organized and participated in the distribution of the donuts after the 11am mass. \$1000 was raised. The parish will match your donations to Kids' Club with a \$1000 grant. Good work needs to be supported.
4. As mentioned in last week's FlockNote, we see new faces at mass. We extend a warm welcome to those who are new to our parish. It is imperative that you register as parishioners. Reason: the diocese must decide what parishes remain viable in the next two years, if not sooner, based on financial stability, mass attendance, number of registered families, and priest availability. Take nothing for granted.
5. A special thank you to our parishioners who continue to donate to the parish by mail and We Share, even though for their own safety, during this pandemic, they have not attended mass in person. The day will not come soon enough for me to see our congregation made whole again.