

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: April 10 – April 18

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Patty Chepiga	Barstow Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
	11:00 AM	Rocco Buscetto	Peggy Slavin
Monday	8:00 AM	No Mass - Prayer Service only	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	No Mass - Prayer Service only	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	No Mass - Prayer Service only	
Thursday	8:00 AM	No Mass - Prayer Service only	
Friday	8:00 AM	No Mass - Prayer Service only	
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

Next Weekend Celebrants April 17-18

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

A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—St. Julian

PARISH CALENDAR

April 12-16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass – Prayer Service only
April 13 (Tues)	4:00 p.m.	2 nd Graders prepare for Communion through May 4
	7:00 p.m.	8 th Graders prepare for Confirmation through May 4
April 24 (Sat.)	11:00 a.m.	First Communion (2020 Class) – Live Stream
May 8 (Sat.)	11:00 a.m.	First Communion (2021 Class) – Live Stream Crowning of Blessed Mother
May 9 (Sun.)		Mother's Day
May 9 (Sun.)	2:00 p.m.	Confirmation (2020 Class) - Live Stream
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation (2021 Class) - Live Stream

DOUBT: The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

CARDINAL’S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021:

The Cardinal’s Appeal ensures that parishes that are most in need have the resources they require to minister to the faithful. This came to the fore during the first and second waves of the pandemic. Many of the parishes most affected by COVID-19 and the financial aftermath are in areas that are disproportionately underserved. The parish becomes the main artery of financial support and food distribution in times of crisis. Above all, our parishes are sanctuaries of respite and prayer during these difficult times. **As of March 26, we have 80 participants who have pledged \$42,809.**

FLOCKNOTE: 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.

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.

April 6, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

We have successfully completed our second Easter with occupancy restrictions and safety protocols. Hard to believe. I wish to thank everyone who participated, in particular, our music ministers, lectors, and ushers.

I am sorry that we did not have our usual complement of altar servers because of the pandemic. It is my expectation and hope that in September we can resume our normal assignments of altar servers and enlist a new cohort of servers.

1. I will be away in Florida (not the east coast) from the 12th to the 19th inclusive. It will give me a break before the sacramental tidal wave of baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, and weddings begins. As a consequence, there will be a daily prayer service, rather than mass, during the days I am away. Fr. Sheehan will say all the masses on the weekend of April 17-18. When I return, it will be nice to look forward to celebratory gatherings at the parish. The weather should be nice and the grounds looking their best.
2. Holy Thursday attendance: 37; live stream: 32 households watched live, 26 watched later; Good Friday attendance: 62; live stream, 32, and 27 watched later; Holy Saturday evening attendance: 65; 9am, 106; 11am, 116. Live stream: 134 households watched live, 105 watched later. It should seem obvious from the numbers that this was our highest attendance since the beginning of the pandemic. We are headed in the right direction!
3. My sincere thanks for your extraordinary generosity at Easter. Between the Easter collection at mass, and the donations made through WE Share, our preliminary total is \$24,870. A special thanks to the handful of parishioners whose donations were in the four figures.

4. There is the possibility that in late June we might be asked to lease our parish hall for one day for a small film crew working on an independent film for the actor Ray Romano. The fire house and Union Church have also been solicited. We will know more as the time approaches. Filming in the area has picked up again after a difficult year of isolation.
5. Please inform friends and family members that our live streaming may be accessed through our parish website by clicking **Live Stream**. It may also be accessed through the **LocalLive** website (the vendor providing the service). Click: **Watch Live**. Click: **New York** on their map. Look for **the Magdalene logo** (the outside statue of Mary Magdalene in our parking lot). You will then have a choice of clicking on a **current service or past service** at the Magdalene.
6. We have not received an update on the Cardinal's Appeal total due to the Easter holiday. We have not yet reached our goal of \$54,000. If you have not made a donation, please consider doing so. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church or at the rectory. Thank you to all who have contributed.