

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 24 – May 2

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Shane Connolly	Barstow Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	George Morrow	Morrow Family
	11:00 AM	Beatriz Lassen	Cartenuto Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Alfonso Ferrentino	Elefante Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Hazel Allan	Joe & Luisa Mortelliti
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Genevieve Causland	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Thursday	8:00 AM	Eamon Loughman	KenTierney
Friday	8:00 AM	Arlene Hughes	Tod & Roberta Ruppel
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Carla Mortelliti	LiMarzi Family
	11:00 AM	John Kraft	Peggy Slavin

Next Weekend Celebrants May 1-2

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: Peter Gandolfo, 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.

THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

PARISH CALENDAR

April 20 (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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate all our 2020 First Communicants who received the Body of Christ this Saturday in the beautiful setting of our Church: Ava Borowitz, Olivia Choi, Maeve Geary, Olivia Herko, Milo Hidalgo, Ryder Hidalgo, Theo Kazan, Ellis Lattanzio, Luke Lattanzio, Andrew Masters, Sabrina McGrath, Sadie Minella, Valentina Pacile, Ella Pietrosanti, John Prisco, Kieran Salvatierra, Michaela Sampaio, Mia Scipioni and Mark Zhicay.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021: Our latest update from the Cardinal's Appeal is very encouraging. **As of April 16, we have 93 participants who have pledged \$46,759.** We need roughly \$8,500 to reach the goal. We can do it!

SPECIAL MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 13,** at 10:15 a.m. This mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The mass will be live-streamed. Please find the link below so that you may follow this mass. We invite all grieving parents to join online to remember their children in prayer.

St. Patrick's webpage, <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/>

April 20, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

While I was away, I happened to catch the funeral of Prince Philip. I was taken by his instructions that there be no sermon or eulogy. But what really caught my attention was his firm belief that no sermon should exceed 8 minutes. A man after my own heart!

1. The latest parish total for the Cardinal's Appeal is \$46,759 from 93 donors. The average gift is \$502.78. Our parish goal is \$54,000. You should know that yesterday we received our rebate check from the diocese for exceeding our 2020 Cardinal's Appeal goal. The check was for \$1800.
2. Our Easter collection final total is \$27,605. Thank you for your generosity!
3. The parish congratulates our First Communicants who will make their First Communion on Saturday, the 24th at 11am. This class has been very patient. The pandemic caused a year-long delay. A special thank you to Dot Meehan, our parents and teachers who helped prepare our students for their big day. The mass will be live streamed to accommodate family members who cannot be present due to pandemic-imposed occupancy restrictions. The 2021 class will make their First Communion on May 8th at 11am, followed by 2 Confirmation services on Sunday, May 9th.
4. Weekend attendance for April 17-18: 5pm, 45; 9am, 43; 11am, 42. These are some of our lowest numbers since the pandemic began. Live stream: 107 households watched live, 53 watched later. Since the number of parishioners who attend masses remains low, the diocese is conducting a zoom seminar for all parishes on Thursday, April 22nd, focusing on ways to get parishioners back to mass. The cardinal has made this a priority. I believe we will have an uphill battle in restoring the status quo ante, but I am open to all suggestions. Obviously, our nation's control of the pandemic is crucial to any recovery. We will see.

5. Speaking of live stream, I had the opportunity to tune in our mass while on vacation. There is little doubt that it is an important tool in our toolbox to help parishioners remain connected to our parish. But the inability to receive communion remains a major hurdle.
6. I am sure that you have heard the biblical expression: “The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away.” The diocese has decided that the PPP loans given to parishes will be considered as part of a parish’s collection, and therefore be taxed by the diocese accordingly. We should all have such authority!
7. Today the diocese announced the death of Msgr. Dermot Brennan, retired pastor of St. Patrick, Yorktown. Msgr. Brennan continued to work tirelessly for 15 years after his retirement at age 75. May he rest in peace.