

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: May 1 – May 8

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Carla Mortelliti	LiMarzi Family
	11:00 AM	John Kraft	Peggy Slavin
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Christa Tulkin	Scott Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Vincent Perilli	Jeanne & Pete LiMarzi
Friday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Eileen & Bob Naismith	Margaret Short
Saturday	5:00 PM	Hugh Goulding	Ken Tierney
Sunday	9:00 AM	Kathleen Campbell	See below**
	11:00 AM	Catherine Arceri & Theresa Hornby	Hornby, Hulst & Wood Families

Next Weekend Celebrants May 8-9

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

****9:00 a.m. mass requested by: Erin Gonzalez, Sam Worth, Amy Colucci, Katelynn Pan, Catherine Lang, Liz Dougherty and Kelly Sullivan.**

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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
May 13 (Thurs)	8:00 a.m.	Ascension – <i>Not a Holy Day of Obligation</i>

FEAST OF FAITH: The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

SLEEPY HOLLOW/TARRYTOWN FOOD PANTRY: Food insecurity is still a major issue. We are once again soliciting food donations. Your donations may be left in the hallway between the rear of the church and the school.

FREE LYFT TO YOUR VACCINE APPOINTMENT: United Way of Westchester and Putnam program covers rides up to \$25 in each direction. Costs exceeding \$25 will be the responsibility of the user. To get your unique code complete the form online at www.uwwp.org/vaccine-rides. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to vaccinerides@uwwp.org.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021: Our latest update from the Cardinal's Appeal is very encouraging. **As of April 23, we have 97 participants who have pledged \$47,319.** We need roughly \$6,600 to reach the goal. We can do it!

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY - PRAY THE ROSARY

HOLIEST FLOWER Mary is the lily in God's garden.
—St. Bridget of Sweden

April 27, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Last Thursday I attended a webinar, sponsored by the diocese, focused on how to get parishioners back to church once the obligation to attend Sunday mass is imposed. The fundamentals of the presentation were these: a. Parishes must take action; b. Over-communication works; c. Have a plan to follow.

We took action immediately by starting live streaming in order to remain in contact with our parishioners during the imposed lockdown. We have tried to communicate with our parishioners through live streaming, our website, Facebook, and FlockNotes. Since, in many instances, parishioners will not come back on their own, we need a plan of attack: an event(s) marking a re-gathering after a period of isolation, e.g., picnic, Sunday brunches, youth activities, etc. We can make adjustments as needed. Action is the key word. We will need volunteers to help organize and execute whatever actions we decide upon. I was disappointed to see that only 90 people in the whole archdiocese decided to watch the webinar. One would think that pastors would be clamoring to learn what tools and suggestions are available to increase mass attendance after the pandemic subsides. Live and learn. More to follow.

1. It was important that we chose to track donations to the Appeal. We have been waiting two months to see a major donation surface on the official diocesan list of donations. The diocese claims it was assigned to the 2020 Appeal, not the 2021 Appeal. We have insisted it be moved to the 2021 Appeal. Why it is taking so long to correct this clerical error is beyond me. I informed our Appeal representative that unless I see that donation appear on the April 30th official diocesan list, I feel no obligation to continue to solicit donations for the 2021 Appeal. We are working on recovering these funds. Our total for the Cardinal's Appeal as of April 23:

\$47,310. Our goal \$54,000. It is a shame that a worthy cause is sabotaged by avoidable errors.

2. Our first First Communion went off without a hitch last Saturday, the 23rd. Congratulations to our children. As I mentioned in my homily, it was the first time in my 49 years of priesthood that our children were required to wear masks. There is a first time for everything. 32 households watched the live stream, and 37 households watched later. Our next session for First Communion will be on May 8th at 11am. It also will be live streamed.
3. Our mass attendance on the weekend of April 24-25: 5pm, 68; 9am, 59; 11am, 58. Live stream: 91 households watched live, 57 watched later.
4. Food insecurity is still a major issue. We are once again soliciting food donations. Your donations may be left in the hallway between the rear of the church and the school.
5. A reminder: May 13 is the Solemnity of the Ascension. Mass is at 8am. Due to the pandemic it is not a Day of Obligation this year, as is true, at this time, for Sundays.
6. Our insurer made its yearly inspection of our property. Two issues were identified: a small pothole developed during the winter in the back parking lot in front of the school entrance; the battery in one of the school's emergency flood lights needs to be replaced. Water damage on one of the ceiling panels in the parish hall was noted, as well as flood damage on the stairway from the parish hall to the school ground floor. The water damage from parish hall to school was remediated last fall when new drainage was installed with the replacement of the sidewalk leading to the rear of the school. What is needed is some cosmetic touchup.
7. Because of your continued generosity, we were in the position to LOAN, yes LOAN, the diocese \$100,000 to help subsidize parishes in need. The

diocese pays 4% interest on the loan, payable to the parish twice a year. We retain more than sufficient funds in our operating account to meet parish needs. We will also continue our generous outreach to local charities. As the diocese wrestles with decisions about the future of parishes, it doesn't hurt to remind the diocese of the Magdalene's value. N'est-ce pas?

8. We have a parishioner who is downsizing and looking for an apartment in the Tarrytown area.