

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 29 – June 6

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Henry Haase	Linda & Don Walsh
Sunday	9:00 AM	Henry Haase	Jean & Ed Sudol
	11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Monday	8:00 AM	No 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Henry Haase	Rich & Cathy Chulla
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sr. Lucy Blysjal	Jean & Ed Sudol
	11:00 AM	Conor S. McNulty	Pat Diorio

Next Weekend Celebrants June 5-6

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

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 Klimaszewski, John Masteller, Paul & Donna Sabatos, Christopher Bellantoni, Geraldine Forster, Alice Pacella and Louis Rodriguez.

COWARDLY

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.

—Confucius

MEMORIAL DAY:

As a parish, we honor those who died in service to our country and we remember, in a very special way, the loved ones left behind. Our cemeteries, here and abroad, have been hallowed by the graves of our American service personnel.

THE HOLY TRINITY: The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are "a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (quoted in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16).

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.

CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021: Our latest update from the Cardinal's Appeal is very encouraging. **As of May 21, we have 105 participants who have pledged \$58,170.** Thank you for your continuing support!

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/>

FAMILY SERVICE OF WESTCHESTER: Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID? We're here to talk; here to listen and here to support. We provide information, education, emotional support and links to resources. Contact us! Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 914-708-6104. Free, anonymous and confidential. (A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health funded by FEMA.)

May 25, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Within 24 hours of our published Covid protocols for the Magdalene last week, the diocese revised its guidance in a three page email on May 19th, to wit:

- a. It is advised to create a "physical distance section" in church for those not fully vaccinated or who are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing, and for the fully vaccinated who choose to observe social distancing.
- b. The use of hymnals and bulletins may resume.
- c. The bread and wine can be brought to the altar in the offertory procession by those fully vaccinated.
- d. Altar servers fully vaccinated may resume serving at mass.
- e. Choir members fully vaccinated may resume choir activities.
- f. For now the "Kiss of Peace" handshake will still be suspended.
- g. Holy water fonts will remain dry.
- h. Communion of the cup will not resume at the present time.

Here is my take on this: Since I have no intention of inquiring about an individual's vaccination status, nor establishing a section in the church for the unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, we will maintain our present protocol: masks, social distancing, 50% occupancy. We have come nowhere near 50% in attendance on weekends, so this should not be an issue over the summer months. We will not resume bulletins or in-pew hymnals. If we need to purchase hymnals to have on hand in the back of the church, we will do so. Information normally contained in our former printed bulletin can be found online or on the bulletin board in the back of the church. By September the majority of people should have been vaccinated and many restrictions may be lifted. For altar servers to resume serving next fall, they will need to be vaccinated. For this to happen, the CDC will need to issue guidance on the vaccination of those under 12. We will take a wait and see stance. It should come as no surprise that we are living through a very fluid period of American history. Flexibility is the key.

1. Our Cardinal's Appeal total right now is \$58,170.25, with 105 donors and the average gift of \$550.00. The goal was \$54,000. However, I am still trying to reconcile the final figure with the list of donors provided by the diocese. While this is exasperating, I want to thank all our parishioners for their generosity and assistance in not only meeting the goal, but exceeding it.
2. We will be posting the weekly celebrant's schedule on the bulletin board in the back of the church, as well as online. The normal rotation between Fr. Sheehan and myself will be subject to change due to some wedding commitments I have on Saturday afternoons.

3. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 69; 9am, 64; 11am, 49. Live stream: 73 watched live and 45 watched later.
4. Each week we are seeing the slow return of faithful parishioners. Their hesitancy about returning was well justified, since there has been a great deal of confusion concerning the proper protocols at this stage of the pandemic.
5. A reminder: There will be no mass on Monday, May 31, Memorial Day. As a parish, we honor those who died in service to our country and we remember, in a very special way, the loved ones left behind. Our cemeteries, here and abroad, have been hallowed by the graves of our American service personnel.