

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: June 5 – June 13

REQUESTED BY:

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
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Michael FX Waters	His Family
Friday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Rose Griffin	Rich & Cathy Chulla
Sunday	9:00 AM	Henry Haase	Dotty Meehan
	11:00 AM	Michael FX Waters	His Family

Next Weekend Celebrants June 12-13

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

OUR SACRIFICE

Let us offer Christ the great universal sacrifice of our love. For he offered his cross to God as sacrifice in order to make us all rich. —St. Ephrem

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

In the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun by the name of Juliana had a vision: she saw the full moon silvery and radiant except for one dark spot. The meaning of the vision was revealed to her: the moon was the Church's liturgical year, the dark spot a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Today's feast of *Corpus Christi*—the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—grew from Juliana's vision.

On this feast, many parishes observe the traditional *Corpus Christi* procession, giving honor to the Eucharist by carrying this greatest treasure out of the safety of our churches and into our streets. At the end of every Mass we are not just let out, we are sent forth, strengthened by the Eucharist, to be the Body of Christ in the world. The *Corpus Christi* procession is the dismissal writ large! We take Jesus with us, not only in our hearts, but carried in our midst and exposed in a monstrance. It is a public profession of faith and a blessing of the world. Jesus walks with us on these streets that we walk day after day, among those who know him but yearn to know him better, and among those who do not know him. The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, to be celebrated—and to be lived.

CARE CONNECTION: Introducing New Caregiver Services at Phelps Hospital. If you are assisting and providing support to a loved one in the community, you may be interested in the Care Connections Program. Phelps has partnered with the Westchester Public/Private partnership for Aging Services to assist families by offering unique services. **All Programs are provided free of charge.** For more information, contact the Care Connections Program at 914-366-1199 or email caregiver@northwell.edu.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. JOHN: Looking ahead to the summer of 2022, I am researching the possibility of organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Egypt, Jordan, and Dubai. It would be 15 days in either July or August. If you think you might be interested, let me know. I would estimate the cost around \$5000: airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner, tours included. Quite honestly, not a bad price.

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.)

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 28, we have 107 participants who have pledged \$58,770.** Thank you for your continuing support!

June 1, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

If you recall, when the diocese initiated the Renew and Rebuild Campaign asking pastors to raise a set amount of money (set by the diocese, not by the specific needs of the individual parish), I wrote a letter to the Vicar General seeking to be excused from the Campaign, since we had nothing to Renew or Rebuild here at the Magdalene. We were in excellent shape. I could not have honestly asked our parishioners to donate to a cause that had no basis in reality: a campaign that was clearly not needed at the Magdalene! We were dispensed from the Campaign, as were roughly eleven other parishes. We were asked, instead, to have an Increased Offertory Campaign, which we completed successfully. Now for the BAD NEWS: the bill has come due. In a forthcoming letter from the Vicar General, I will be informed that had we been included in the Renew and Rebuild Campaign, our goal would have been roughly \$147,000, 26% of which would have gone directly to the diocese, ***for doing nothing!*** The diocese now wants the 26% it believes is its due. I consider this a shake down, pure and simple. This scenario would have been a great subplot for the movie Godfather 3. Recall, the diocese wanted to tax all parishes on the PPP grants they received from the government during the pandemic. The pushback,

however, was so intense, the diocese backed down. I can only assume they came up with this new way of garnishing parish funds. It is disheartening to know that even when parishioners do everything right, it is never enough.

The diocesan letter will supposedly state that I had agreed to this arrangement. Let me be absolutely clear: never did I agree to such an arrangement, orally or in any written statement or email, nor would I have ever agreed to such a deal. In fact, I wrote at the time that there was no justification to include the parish in a Renew and Rebuild Campaign. I have a copy of that letter (19 May 2019). It was, at that time, a bad deal for the Magdalene, and it still is. To presume on the generosity of our parishioners is what I find most galling. I consider this nothing more than a cash grab. The parishes that were in the Renew and Rebuild Campaign derived, at least, some benefit for their respective parishes, by using 74% of the money they collected (not wisely in many cases) for their own purposes. We receive no benefit.

How did I find out about this forthcoming letter? An employee of the diocese was kind enough to call me and read to me the letter before it is sent, giving me a head's up, knowing that I would not be pleased. She was so right. More about this as the drama unfolds.

1. Mass attendance Memorial Weekend: 5pm, 44; 9am, 73; 11am, 69. Live stream: 78 households watched live, 70 watched later. We are beginning to see familiar faces returning to mass. Welcome back.
2. The Cardinal sent a letter to the parish thanking us for achieving our goal for the Cardinal's Appeal. We actually exceeded the goal by over \$4000. Our weekly parish collections have been very good. Thank you. Between envelopes and We Share, we are averaging roughly \$5000 per week.

3. It is good to see a number of our First Communicants at mass on Sunday, extending their hands to receive the Body of Christ. Thank you to their parents for following through and reinforcing their children's religious education.
4. June will be busy here with scheduled weddings and baptisms. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi marks the end of the special Sunday celebrations. We re-enter the Ordinary time of the year for our Sunday masses and return to green vestments. As we move into the summer months please remain safe and enjoy.
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