

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: July 31 – Aug. 8

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Gabriel Lobato	Susan Fiorella & Lobato Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
	11:00 AM	Doris Burke	Marina Diaz
Monday	8:00 AM	Grace Brown	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Jane O'Hara	Denise Perrigino
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Eileen James	Nancy Benevento
Thursday	8:00 AM	Maureen Boyan	Carol & Al Olivieri
Friday	8:00 AM	Intention for George Anthony Pianka	Pianka Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Albert Olivieri	Carol & Al Olivieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Emil Krypel	Ed & Jean Sudol
	11:00 AM	Tad Bartlett	Valeri Wallace

Weekend Celebrants Aug. 7 – Aug. 8

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: Sr. Danielle Baran C.R., Peter Gandolfo, Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, Nijole Raskys, Kathryn Feakins and John Masteller

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING OUR PRAY FOR THE SICK LIST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE PUT ON OUR LIST, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 631-0529.

A SECRET

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.

—Anonymous

THE BREAD OF LIFE: Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Picnic - September 19, 2021 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Details to follow.

FLOCKNOTES: Since it is unlikely that we will return to a printed bulletin each weekend, please provide the parish with an **email address and cell phone number** so that we can send a weekly update as to what is happening at the parish. This update will also be posted on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS: Thank you to those who have booked masses for friends and loved ones. Masses may be offered for the living as well as for the deceased. A birthday, wedding anniversary, etc., are appropriate intentions for masses. The standard offering is \$15.

USHERS NEEDED: As we prepare to move into the fall, we are in need of ushers (male or female, young and not so young) for the 11:00 a.m. mass. No heavy lifting is involved.

COVID PROTOCOLS AT THE MAGDALENE: While there is presently no mandate to wear masks indoors for the fully vaccinated, if you feel safer wearing one, do so. I suspect that in the next two months we will be on a roller coaster ride of conflicting guidance and mandates. Continue to sanitize.

THANK YOU NOTE: "Thank you for your check in the amount of \$625.00 representing the **Missionary Cooperative Plan** collection taken in your parish for the benefit of the Catholic Diocese of Keta-Akatsi. Please know that your generosity is most appreciated by your mission family, especially in these challenging unprecedented days." Rev. Msgr. Filacchiione

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. ***Brochures are available in the back of the church.***

July 27, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

This past week I was asked to write a letter of support for an employee who was seeking a religious exemption from her employer's mandate that all employees must be vaccinated. Her argument was that vaccines are produced from fetal tissue from aborted fetuses. I refused. To my knowledge both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were developed and produced in a unique way, not involving any fetal material. But fetal cell lines were used to test the effectiveness of the vaccines. (Disclaimer: Both my sister and niece worked for Pfizer in vaccine development). The development of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine warrants further questioning, since the cell lines it used to develop its vaccine allegedly came from a 1985 use of fetal tissue. Even if it is proven to be true, we are thousands of cell lines removed from the original use of fetal tissue, as morally unacceptable as it was at that time.

This may sound like a ridiculous analogy, but the Subway tuna foot-long was tested in a lab, and the analysis could not confirm or deny it was actual tuna, because of the varied processing steps that were involved in preparing the tuna for consumption in a sandwich. The finished product was too far removed from the tuna caught in the ocean. In other words, even if J&J originally used fetal material in 1985, as unacceptable as it was, the present day cell lines contain no fetal substance. Of course, one can always make a case that a good result does not justify a bad means. However, the present Covid virus, which has taken millions of lives and threatens the lives of millions more, requires the most immediate and rapid response at our disposal: vaccines that have proven their safety and effectiveness.

1. While there is presently no mandate to wear masks indoors for the fully vaccinated, if you feel safer wearing one, do so. I suspect that in the next two months we will be on a roller coaster ride of conflicting guidance and mandates. Continue to sanitize.

2. Our emergency Generac generator is presenting a challenge that seems to defy a remedy. It is still not working. Attempts to fix it have been unsuccessful. We are considering other options. When it was purchased 8 years ago, it cost \$13,000. The warranty expired in 2016. One would think that for the few times we have used it, it would have many more years left.
3. Thank you to those who have booked masses for friends and loved ones. Masses may be offered for the living as well as for the deceased. A birthday, wedding anniversary, etc., are appropriate intentions for masses. The standard offering is \$15.
4. Attendance last weekend, the Feast of Mary Magdalene: 5pm, 66; 9am, 88; 11am, 67. Live stream: 55; 55 watched later. I would like to thank, Anne, Jim, and Nancy for enhancing our celebration of the Feast of Mary Magdalene with their music and song.
5. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, August 15th, falls on a Sunday. The masses that weekend will be celebrated in her honor.
6. If you have not registered your children for our religious education program, please do so in order that we may hit the ground running as the new academic year begins.
7. A special thank you to all our parishioners who, for health reasons, have remained absent from in person attendance at Sunday mass, but continue to send in their envelopes each week (month). Your loyalty to our parish is greatly appreciated. I had sticker shock when I opened our latest Con Ed bill during this hot and humid summer. It was 5x our normal monthly bill. I hope you fare better.
8. As we prepare to move into the fall we are in need of ushers (male or female, young and not so young) for the 11am mass. No heavy lifting is involved.

9. In conducting a business transaction this past week I met a woman who asked why her name is on our sick list. I know why but promised to remove it. As a consequence, we are going to start from scratch with a clean slate. If there is someone you wish us to pray for, please call the rectory, since many of the names on our list are unknown to us.
10. Since we will not be returning to a weekly printed bulletin, please let us know your email and cell phone number, so that we can keep you updated on parish events. We are in a digital age. Our website and emails are the most direct and effective ways of communicating. In addition, fewer trees are cut down and costs are reduced.

The parish picnic is Sunday, September 19th. There will be a nominal fee for each family (\$20). The parish will pick up the major cost of the picnic