

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 24 – Aug. 1

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	John P. Hill	Boyce Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Arthur Fredston	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
	11:00 AM	Doris Burke	Burke Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	Denise Perrigino
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald Pryor	Pianka Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Bobby Gazetta	Audra & George Pianka
Thursday	8:00 AM	Michael & Vytis Kavolius	Pianka Family
Friday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Ruth Kavolius	Pianka Family
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

Weekend Celebrants July 31 – Aug. 1

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: Sr. Danielle Baran C.R., Chris Batton, 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, 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.

PRESSURE

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.

—Anonymous

FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE: This weekend we celebrate our parish patron, Mary Magdalene (July 24-25). Her actual Feast is July 22th. The readings from scripture will NOT be found in the Sunday missalette. It is a unique honor that we are the only parish in the archdiocese named in her memory. It was only recently that the church elevated her commemoration from a Memorial to a Feast. May her celebration bring blessings upon the families of our parish.

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

The Preface Dialogue

“Lift up your hearts.” “We lift them up to the Lord.” “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.” “It is right to give him thanks and praise.” With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be “lifted up,” to ascend, to climb the Lord’s mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to “eucharist!” It is right and just that we do this.

SLEEPY HOLLOW/TARRYTOWN FOOD PANTRY: Please remember our local food pantry. You may drop off the food in the back of the church and we will see that it gets to the pantry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Registration forms can be found in the back of the church for our Religious Education program. You may also go to our parish website for the registration forms. For any questions, please contact Dot Meehan at 914.552.7628 or dotmeehan@aol.com. We are looking forward to a successful in-person academic year, barring any unforeseen pandemic related issues. **Please return form ASAP.**

COVID PROTOCOLS AT THE MAGDALENE: All pews in the church will be open. **Wearing masks is optional.** We will update protocols as advised by the diocese.

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 20, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

During the past week I received phone calls from friends in local parishes who wanted to know what Covid precautions were in place at the Magdalene. The reason: their parishes are maintaining a separation, by pew, between the vaccinated and unvaccinated, an apparently unwarranted measure according to them. I agree. There is no way of knowing who is vaccinated and who is not. Some parishes have re-introduced holy water fonts. Others have brought altar servers back, but not Eucharistic ministers. What we see is a patchwork of responses

from different parishes. At present, the virus is not defeated. Precaution is necessary. If you feel safer wearing a mask, do so. I will wear a mask in distributing communion. Continue to sanitize your hands. Since holy water fonts are “communal,” they will remain empty. I plan to bring back Eucharistic ministers the weekend after Labor Day and altar servers the first weekend in October, providing that our young people have been vaccinated, since they can be unwitting carriers of the virus, thereby infecting the medically compromised. I do not see a return of communion by the chalice. Communion in the hand will remain the standard way of receiving. Placing communion on the tongue invites the virus to find a new home. Of course, all this is contingent on the nation’s control of the virus. More stringent measures may be required if the scientific/medical community deem them necessary.

1. Thank you to those who made further contributions to the Cardinal’s Appeal. Our total is now \$59,295. Our goal was \$54,000. Because of your generosity we continue to average a weekly collection of \$5000 (in person and We Share).
2. This year will be an important year in preparing for the future of the parish after July 1, 2022 (my retirement). Reconvening in-person parish council meetings this fall is crucial in determining the decisions we must consider regarding mass and sacramental schedules, our religious education program, property maintenance, etc. Of course, it would be

helpful if the diocese would communicate its intentions. Maybe I should make a pilgrimage to Greece to consult the Delphic Oracle.

3. Next weekend we celebrate our parish patron, Mary Magdalene (July 24-25). Her actual Feast is July 22th. The readings from scripture will NOT be found in the Sunday missalette. It is a unique honor that we are the only parish in the archdiocese named in her memory. It was only recently that the church elevated her commemoration from a Memorial to a Feast. May her celebration bring blessings upon the families of our parish.
4. Last Friday (July 16) the pope issued more stringent restrictions on the celebration of the traditional Latin mass, which was in use from the 16th century to the 1960s, at which time the Second Vatican Council revised the celebration of the mass and sacraments. It has been 50 years since the Latin mass was the customary form of liturgical celebrations. I served many Latin masses as an altar boy. It was part of my Catholic upbringing in the 1950s and 60s. I would like to believe that the time has come to move on. Unfortunately, we have had **newly ordained** priests here in New York attempting, and succeeding, in celebrating mass in Latin, some with their backs to people, the majority of whom never experienced, nor were properly instructed, in this pre-Vatican II form of the liturgy. All with the tacit approval of the archdiocese. When individual priests select to impose an arcane liturgical modality on a 21st century, post Vatican II congregation, the time has come to act. What took so long? It should be obvious that Jesus did not preside over the Passover meal in Latin two thousand years ago, but in the vernacular. The focus of the church's ministry must always be on the core message of the Gospel. We cannot allow ourselves to be distracted by potentially divisive, internal, and bureaucratic issues, nor can we live in a time warp spanning 500 years.
5. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 61; 9am, 120; 11am, 88. A number of parishioners reported difficulty in getting the live feed of the mass at 9am. It can be found on our website now. This problem may have affected the

total number of households who saw the mass on live stream: 47 watched live, 60 watched later.

6. During this week (July 19-23) the emergency generator should be back on line. The needed piece has arrived. Alleluia! Also, this week Pete Limarzi worked on upgrading our WiFi, our most important tool for disseminating information to our parishioners.
7. We congratulate Gianna Preiser who made her First Communion on the 18th at the 9am mass. It was also great to see many of our young people back in church with their families.
8. Plans for the parish picnic in September are moving forward. The date: Sunday, September 19. Hours: 12-3pm.