

# 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 3 – July 11

## REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Betsy Zeino	The Boyce Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sonny Orza	Jeanne & Peter LiMarzi
	11:00 AM	John Hill	The Muenzinger Family
Monday	8:00 AM	No 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Henry Haase	Linda Racosta & J. J. Quinn
Friday	8:00 AM	Ita Yager	The Duignan Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dave & Christina Cartenuto 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	The Cartenuto Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Family
	11:00 AM	For Intentions of Connie & Peg Buckley	Ken Tierney

## Next Weekend Celebrants July 10-11

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

*The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Peter LiMarzi, Sr.  
 By His Family*

**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, 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.

**LITTLE MYSTERIES:** Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, “little mysteries”—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ’s divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** It is not too early to get ready for our Religious Education program in the fall. Religious Education registration forms are in the mail. **Please return by July 15<sup>th</sup>.** Keep in mind that there will be 2 fourth grades and 2 Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday. For **new families**, registration forms can be found in the back of the church. If any of our parishioners know of new families with children of catechetical age, please let them know of the availability of the forms in the church. 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](mailto:dotmeehan@aol.com). We are looking forward to a successful in-person academic year, barring any unforeseen pandemic related issues.

**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.

## **WAITING**

Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

June 29, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Last Friday the diocese sent an email to all priests to consider the diocesan plan to draw new boundaries for the deaneries (vicariates) of the diocese. The proposal realigns some parish clusters. We are in the Northern Westchester deanery. A decision will be made sometime in the fall once there has been a comment period. What might be the practical consequences of this change? I suspect, with no evidence or clear declaration, that it is a prelude to the consolidation of parish ministries among neighboring parishes. I have seen this movie before. Since I have been here at the Magdalene (5 years), I have been presented with three different plans, none of which have been implemented. Where this will go from here is anyone's guess.

1. A quick update: Carl is recuperating well and made his first appearance today, the 29<sup>th</sup>. He can hear better but is moving a bit more slowly because of a dislocated shoulder. I am glad he will be back for Saturday evening mass since I have an afternoon wedding in Rockland and a visiting priest will be here to preach on the missions. I should be back in time, but one never knows. Dottie Meehan is also healing, from a hip replacement. Everyone else on the staff is doing well.
2. Attendance for June 26-27: 5pm, 67; 9am, 52; 11am, 81. Live stream: 58 watched live, 107 watched later. There seemed to be some difficulty in the playback which resulted in a colored screen for a few minutes before you were able to watch the mass. To my knowledge, the **OBLIGATION** to attend Sunday mass in person has not been reinstated yet. It will only be a matter of time. However, we do see an increase in numbers.
3. On the weekend of July 3-4 a visiting priest will preach on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith, as requested by the diocese.

4. A few updates on the pandemic protocols: if you feel safer wearing a mask, do so; wearing masks is not compulsory; all pews are available for seating; hand shaking at the kiss of peace is to be avoided at the present time; receiving from the chalice remains suspended; communion on the tongue is to be avoided at present; I will continue wearing a mask for the distribution of communion; sanitizing options in the rear of the church will remain.
5. Brochures outlining next summer's (August 9-23, 2022) pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Egypt, Jordan and Dubai should be available in the rear of the church on the July 3-4 weekend. The entire brochure has been posted on our parish website as well.
6. As a point of information: Fr. Sheehan and I rotate saying the 5pm and 11am masses. I will be saying the 9am each week. This weekend (July 3-4) Fr. Sheehan has the 5pm but a visiting priest is preaching. I have the 11am and the visiting priest is preaching. The celebrant's weekend schedule can be found on our website and is also posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church.
7. In the next several weeks the exteriors of all our buildings will be power washed. As you may have noticed, there has been a buildup of green mold on some surfaces. Time for a good cleaning.
8. Have a safe and wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Be careful of internet scams. They come in many shapes and sizes.