

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: Aug. 21 – Aug. 29

REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	Louise Marzocchi	Joseph & Luisa Mortelliti
Sunday	9:00 AM	Jack Gilfeather	Duignan Family
	11:00 AM	Don & Joan Wildermann	Scott Family
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	LiMarzi Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	Bridget Hand	Duignan Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Louise Marzocchi	Joseph & Luisa Mortelliti
Sunday	9:00 AM	Eileen Hughes	Ken Tierney
	11:00 AM	Frank McGurran	Martha & Steve Burke

Weekend Celebrants Aug. 28 – Aug. 29

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr. Danielle Baran C.R., Peter Gandolfo, Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, and Nijole Raskys

LET US PRAY for all military personnel, their families and all civilians involved.

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.

BLESSED: If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous

DECISIONS: There is an axiom that states, “Not to decide is to decide.” This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation’s involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won’t be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God’s word: Take the risk. Decide!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Parent letters and calendars have been emailed to each family. Class assignments will be sent at the end of August. We are in need of two assistant teachers. One for our 5th grade on Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and one for our 7th grade on Tuesday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Please email Dotty Meehan at dotmeehan@aol.com or call 914-552-7628.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: We hope you can join us for our annual (minus last year) Parish Picnic down at Pierson Park on the Hudson. **Five Alarm Fire Pizza Co.** will be firing up their ovens! Pizza, burgers, hotdogs, salad, beverages and more! Top that with Jimmy’s Soft Serve, games and fun activities! A wonderful way to spend the day with our parish community. If you know of any young families or new neighbors looking for a church, please invite them along. See you on **Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.;**

\$20 per family.

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.

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: With the changing landscape concerning the Covid virus, it seems advisable that everyone wear masks at church, whether you are vaccinated or not. This is not a mandate or requirement at this time. However, if the state or Archdiocese makes it a requirement, we will comply.

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.

August 17, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Many of asked how Carl is doing. Thank you for your concern. As you may know Carl has a son in Rochester and a daughter in Colorado. Our parishioner, Susan Barry, has been instrumental in keeping contact with Carl and his medical needs. After spending a week in Westchester Medical, Carl is home. As of this writing the next step has yet to be determined in his medical plan. We will keep you posted. While parishioners have offered to assist Carl, his medical needs, and future course of action, more properly require careful monitoring by his family. In the meantime, I have resumed my secondary duties: placing the garbage and recyclables curbside. I don't remember that course in the seminary.

1. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 38; 9am, 85; 11am, 70. Live stream: 67 households watched live, 60 watched later.
2. The past week the cardinal announced that all Catholic schools will operate on in-person basis, not virtual or hybrid. Of course, all the proper health and safety protocols will be in place.
3. Even though many of our parishioners are away enjoying the final days of summer, our weekly collection remains stable. Thank you for your continual support.
4. As of today, it is my intention to take August 31-Sept 3 off, as long as things remain quiet at the parish. There is one more wedding and two baptisms remaining on the calendar for August. It should also be noted that during this pandemic funeral home services with immediate burials have become more common, as has cremation. Churches, corporations, schools, etc. are still making adjustments to meet the evolving pandemic.
5. As I was watching the news on the fall of Afghanistan I was surprised to see an interview with a retired colonel from Hawaii whose son 1LT Jonathan Brostrom was killed in Afghanistan on July 13, 2008 (google his

name). The platoon he led was outnumbered 2 to 1 by the Taliban. 100 Taliban fighters were killed. Nine Americans were killed and many others wounded. The battle marked the greatest single loss of American lives since the beginning of the war. Since I knew the family from my 13 tours to Hawaii serving at Tripler Army Medical Center, I was asked to do his funeral. He was the first soldier from Hawaii to be killed in Afghanistan. I think of his mother Mary Jo, his father Dave, his brother Blake (also in the army), and the son he left behind. The events of this past week should serve as a reminder that in war there are no winners. As if we need a reminder, think of the women and children of Afghanistan, our honored dead, the many wounded rebuilding their lives, and the indelible stain of abandoning those who pledged their assistance to an America they believed in.