

# 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. 28 – Sept. 5** **REQUESTED BY:**

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
Monday	8:00 AM	Ruth Perrigino	Her Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Louis J. Suarato	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Louise Marzocchi	Joseph & Luisa Mortelliti
Sunday	9:00 AM	George Morrow	Morrow Family
	11:00 AM	David & Madeline Cartenuto	Cartenuto Family

**Weekend Celebrants Sept. 4-5**

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:** Herb Hadad, 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.

**THE VALUE OF LABOR:** Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke

**What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said:** The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me’ ” (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ’s command to “do this.” The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord’s disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade on Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and one for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Tuesday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Please email Dotty Meehan at [dotmeehan@aol.com](mailto: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. To sign up go to:** <https://forms.gle/8LYCs2igm5jz9kxd7>

**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 5:00 p.m. and 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.

August 24, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Last Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, the diocese announced the temporary suspension of two more pastors due to allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior with minors going back 30-40 years ago. They are pastors of two of the largest parishes on Staten Island. We were in the seminary together. Both deny the allegations and have a history of being excellent pastors for over 40 years. With the closing of the look-back period in NYS, this cascade of new allegations was to be expected. How this will effect diocesan plans for the closing and consolidation of parishes remains to be seen.

1. One aspect of the Magdalene's responsibility that sometimes goes unnoticed is that Westchester Medical and the Westchester County Jail fall in our parish's pastoral care. Each is assigned its own chaplain, due to the size of their operations. However, all baptisms, communions, and confirmations performed in each institution are recorded at the Magdalene. My only regret is that separate sacramental registers were not maintained for each institution in order to respond to requests for documents more expeditiously. Strange as it may seem, Phelps comes under the pastoral care of St. Theresa, Sleepy Hollow. Speaking of Phelps, we welcome Barbara Zegarelli as a volunteer Eucharistic minister there.
2. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 62(?); 9am, 51; 11am, 45. I guess the weather forecast played a role in the low attendance. Live stream: 87 watched live, 60 watched later.
3. Please keep Carl in your prayers. Future surgery is a real possibility. More medical issues have come to light which need to be addressed. Whether Carl will be able to return to his volunteer position at the Magdalene remains to be seen. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, I am looking for a head usher for the 5pm Saturday mass.

4. Next month we will be approaching the first anniversary of our live streaming contract with LocalLive. I think I can safely say that live streaming has been invaluable in keeping contact with our parishioners who were unable to be present in person at mass. With the pandemic still with us, live streaming is here to stay.
5. Reminder: Please join us for our parish picnic on Sunday, September 19 from 12-3pm. Bring your family for a relaxing day at the river and reconnect with your church family. A varied menu will be provided by 5 Alarm pizza and Jimmy's Soft Serve will be there to indulge your sweet tooth. There will be activities for the kiddos also. Please use this link to sign up <https://forms.gle/BLYCs2igm5jz9kxd7> A nominal fee is being collected. The bulk of the costs will be covered by the parish. Those who have attended our previous picnics can attest that it was a perfect day for families.