

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. 7 – Aug. 15

REQUESTED BY:

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| Saturday | 5:00 PM | Albert Olivieri | Carol & Al Olivieri |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Emil Krypel | Ed & Jean Sudol |
| | 11:00 AM | Tad Bartlett | Valerie Wallace |
| Monday | 8:00 AM | James Chulla | Chulla Family |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM | For our Parishioners | |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM | Joanne Coza | Her Family |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM | Mary O'Connor | Duignan Family |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | Josephine Greskiewicz | Teresa Bergamasco |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM | George & Audra Pianka's 35 th Wedding Anniversary | Family |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Frank O'Donnell | Family |
| | 11:00 AM | James K. C. Doran | The O'Donnell's |

Weekend Celebrants Aug. 14 – Aug. 15

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., Peter Gandolfo, Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, and Nijole Raskys

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.

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.

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience. —French proverb

CIVIL DISCOURSE: “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS: Older people are not “leftovers” to be discarded; rather, they continue to be precious nourishment for families, young people and communities, Pope Francis said in the homily he wrote for the Mass marking the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (last Sunday of July). “Let us ask ourselves, ‘Have I visited my grandparents, my elderly relatives, the older people in my neighborhood? Have I listened to them? Have I spent time with them? Let us protect them, so that nothing of their lives and dreams may be lost. May we never regret that we were insufficiently attentive to those who loved us and gave us life.’”

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 end 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 3, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

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. While I do understand that there is an evolving understanding of this virus by the medical and scientific communities, our country should have one authoritative voice speaking to us. Presently we have the CDC, the FDA, Dr. Fauci, the Surgeon General, the medical talking heads on TV, all providing guidance to the American people, not always reading from the same page. This leads to confusion, and fuels the anti-vaxxers' claim that the medical and scientific communities are not consistent or trustworthy, so why believe them? Now, we have some members of the religious right jumping on the bandwagon. As you may have noticed, the only person who speaks for Pfizer is the CEO, no one else. Right now, vaccinations are the most effective weapon we have. Any incentive to move people to vaccinate is worthy of consideration.

Last Friday (July 30) the diocese issued a clarification and directive about requests priests are receiving for religious exemptions from receiving the Covid vaccine. I wrote about this last week, since I received such a request. The directive is clear: "There is no basis for a priest to issue a religious exemption to the vaccine." This is the right move. If you have any doubts, consult the Doctrine of the Faith statement: "Note on the Morality of Using Covid-19 Vaccines."

1. Several months ago our Generac generator was on a list to receive a replacement part due to a recall. The part (fuel solenoid) was replaced in a timely manner. This past Friday we learned that the replacement part was, itself, defective. It was replaced today. No cost. Let's hope this ends the drama. The hurricane season is on the horizon.

2. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 61; 9am, 62; 11am, 81. Live stream: 61 watched live, 55 watched later.
3. A special thank you to our parishioner members of the SH Beach Club who provided a great brunch on the Hudson. Dot Meehan and I had a wonderful few hours as we prepare for another academic year. The weather cooperated. What did surprise me were the number of trains that were running on the Hudson line a Sunday afternoon.
4. Please be respectful in the use of the church bathroom. I was told that it was left in a mess after Sunday masses. I would hate to implement a park policy of "carry in, carry out."
5. Each Sunday we see new, young families attending mass. We do not know if they are visitors or new homeowners in our parish. If a new catholic family has moved in to your neighborhood, please let them know about the Magdalene. In the past few months several couples, looking for a new parish, have introduced themselves after mass. They are from surrounding communities. I do believe that we have a welcoming parish with relevant (and time-sensitive) liturgies. Keep in mind that Regeneron is projecting to hire another 2000 employees. The potential for the parish is positive. I hope the diocese thinks so as well.
6. As many of you know, on my way to a burial on Saturday at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, I left my cell phone on the top of my car (stupidly). It flew off at some point. This afternoon (Aug 3) I received a phone call from the Irvington police that it was found in a park. I will pick it up tomorrow. This denouement is bitter sweet. Yes, the phone has been recovered, but I just spent \$1000 for a new one!
7. In the past 2 weeks three priests were asked to step aside from active ministry as allegations against them are assessed. In addition, one retired priest was also accused. As you know, August 13th is the final day victims can introduce a civil case against a priest, parish, and the Archdiocese.

The victims deserve healing, the guilty removed. We need a new beginning here in the Archdiocese if we are to inspire a younger generation of Catholic families.