

# 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: Sept. 18 – Sept. 26**

**REQUESTED BY:**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Albert Olivieri	Carol & Al Olivieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Alex Ciampi	Martha & Steve Burke
	11:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	Scott Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Mike Fanelli	Carol & Al Olivieri
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Louise Marzocchi	Joseph & Luisa Mortelliti
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Thomas Reddington	Duignan Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	Rosemary Shaw	Family
Friday	8:00 AM	Sissel Lie	Fr. John
Saturday	5:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Chiapparino Family	The Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Henry Haase	George & Linda Spohr
	11:00 AM	Gregory Arceri, Sr.	Hornby, Hulst & Wood Families

***The Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Jim Weaver  
 By His Wife Phyllis***

**Weekend Celebrants Sept. 25-26**

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Carl Schmidt, 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:** 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.

**OUR BEST:** The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.

—Anonymous

## PARISH CALENDAR:

<b>Sept. 19 (Sun.)</b>	<b>12-3:00p.m.</b>	<b>Parish Picnic</b>
<b>Sept. 21 (Tues.)</b>	<b>4&amp;7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes Begin</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Level I) Begin</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Parent Meeting for New Students</b>
<b>Sept. 23(Thurs)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Level I,II,III) Begin</b>
<b>Oct. 3 (Sunday)</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Blessing of the Animals – St. Francis of Assisi</b>
<b>Oct. 7 (Thurs.)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Church of the Magdalene Craft Group Begins</b>
<b>Oct. 11 (Mon.)</b>		<b>Columbus Day</b>

**CHURCH OF THE MAGDALENE CRAFT GROUP** will resume on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Church hall. The hall has plenty of space for social distancing. We will meet every other Thursday of the month. Our completed projects will be distributed at Christmas and Mother's Day. If you would like to join but do not feel comfortable due to COVID, you can work from home. All handmade items will be appreciated. For more info please call: Susan Fiorella at 917-595-0890.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE (September 23-October 31, 2021:** Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on 9/22 and concluding 10/31. It is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during this Life campaign. To learn more visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). White Plains info: Lucy (914-776-4135).

**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.

**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.

**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.

September 14, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

A careful study of our weekend attendance reveals that our numbers remain at pandemic levels. There is no magic bullet that will help increase our mass attendance. The same is true for neighboring parishes. While the personal safety of each parishioner is our primary goal, my concern is also focused on how the diocese will interpret the lackluster numbers attending mass and the options available. Although I have had no communication with the diocese in any way, as of this writing, I anticipate change.

1. Carl is scheduled to be operated on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
2. The parish picnic is next Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> between 12-3 at Pierson Park, Tarrytown. The cost is \$20 per family. You may sign up on our website.
3. Mass attendance last weekend: 5pm, 60; 9am, 61; 11am, 74. Live stream: 68 households watched live, 55 watched later. Last weekend we also had two weddings and two First Communions.
4. With this pandemic still haunting us, I decided to receive the booster shot today. Within the next two weeks I will receive the flu shot. Better be safe than sorry, since we do not know what this winter will bring. While there is no mandate to wear a mask at church, it is advisable to do so.
5. Since the majority of our altar servers are not eligible for the vaccine, I have no choice but to wait before re-instating their service.
6. The rest of the week should be quiet.