

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. 4-12

REQUESTED BY:

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
Monday	8:00 AM	No 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Jane Benz	Morrow Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Dr. George Pianka	Audra Pianka
Thursday	8:00 AM	Special Intention for John Paul Pianka	Audra Pianka
Friday	8:00 AM	Special intention for Mark & Matthew Pianka	Audra Pianka
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Frank McGurran	Marina Diaz
	11:00 AM	Luis Munoz Cano 4 th Anniversary	Rebecca Ford

Weekend Celebrants Sept. 11-12

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: 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.

LABOR: Without labor nothing prospers. —Sophocles

JUDGMENT: To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God.
 —St. John Climacus

Remembering: When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now. After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven”. We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising. “We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection” Obeying Christ’s command, we remember.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: 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.

Religious Education classes begin on September 21 & 23.

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 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! 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 our Website.** The fee is \$20 per family, \$10 for single.

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 31, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

I hope to take a few days off this week: September 1-3, barring any unexpected funerals. Next week we gear up for another eventful, and hopefully, safe year. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sr. Flo and her companions will conduct a communion service in place of morning mass. I thank them for stepping up.

1. A word of thanks to Pete LiMarzi and John DiStefano for spending a day power washing our outdoor statuary. Unfortunately, the power washing dislodged the thumb of Mary Magdalene. As soon as the piece is completely dry, it will be reattached. With this wet summer the green mold was building up rapidly. I can honestly say that the property is in good shape and ready for the resumption of parish activities. My sincere thanks to the entire staff for keeping the parish running smoothly.
2. If you intend to join us for the parish picnic on September 19th, you can do so by using the special link on our parish website.
3. Some of my military friends have received an email purportedly in my name. I sent no such email. Please be careful of scams. Do not click on links you are unfamiliar with. Scammers work 24hrs a day. All they need are a few unsuspecting clients to be a success.
4. We welcomed several new families over the summer. I believe that the potential for parish growth does exist. It is convincing the diocese that remains the goal. For that reason it is important for new families to register.
5. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 48; 9am, 68; 11am, 72. Live stream: 57 households watched live, 60 watched later.
6. Since we will no longer hand out printed bulletins, the announced masses for the week, the celebrant's scheduled to offer mass at 5, 9, and 11, religious education news, and other parish activities, are posted on

our website, communicated through FlockNote (for which we need your email and cell number), and posted on the bulletin board in back of the church. Announcements are also made at the end of the mass.

7. If you need a notary, please contact the rectory.
8. As of this writing there has been no official change in the protocols dealing with the pandemic. Many continue to wear a mask at mass. It is not required at this time, but it is not a bad idea. The church is completely cleaned every other week. Sanitizers are available at the church entrances.
9. Speaking of protocols, the diocese has asked that all parish religious education programs develop three plans to deal with the virus: in-person, hybrid, remote religious education. It is the in-person scenario that will require rigorous attention to detail to safeguard the health of our children, since they have yet to receive the vaccine. Since we will have in-person religious education, we will be taking the temperature of all children as they arrive. Masks will be required. Sanitizers will be in each classroom. The school will be completely cleaned and sanitized every two weeks. All our teachers have been vaccinated. Thank you to all our volunteer teachers who have signed up, under extraordinary circumstances, to be leaders in our effort to communicate the faith to our children. If any further precautions become necessary, they will be implemented as quickly as possible.
10. While we are grateful for the end of our combat role in Afghanistan, we thank our service personnel for their dedication to duty, and we especially remember the families of the 2461 men and women of our armed services who gave the full measure of their service. The son of one of our families was on the last flight out of Kabul, to the relief of his family. We thank him for participating in an extremely but critically important mission. For the Afghan people, our combat role is ended, but

not our commitment to see freedom and justice take root in an embattled and hardscrabble land.