

# 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: October 16-October 23 REQUESTED BY:**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Robert Barstow II	Barstow Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Theresa Hornby	Jim & Linda Hornby
	11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Monday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Saturday	5:00 PM	John P. Hill	Terise Levine
Sunday	9:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	The Curran Family – James, Mary & James	Pat January

**Weekend Celebrants Oct. 23 & 24**

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK: John Petry, 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.

**ACHIEVING SANCTITY**

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

## PARISH CALENDAR:

<b>Oct. 21 (Thur.)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Magdalene Craft Group – Church Hall</b>
<b>Oct. 26/28</b>		<b>Rosary – RE Classes</b>
<b>Oct. 31</b>		<b>Halloween</b>
<b>Nov. 2 (Tues.)</b>		<b>Election Day</b>
<b>Nov. 8 (Mon.)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>Nov. 14 (Sun.)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Catechesis of Good Shepherd III Family Mass</b>

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** The Women's Health Protection Act is a sign of the unease among the pro-abortion forces with the recent pro-life victories in Texas and upcoming Dobbs vs Jackson decision at the US Supreme Court which will determine whether or not a law banning abortion after 15 weeks in Mississippi will stand. This decision could potentially overturn Roe v Wade and Planned Parenthood vs Casey and increase protection for the unborn in the United States.

**PHELPS HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!** Do you have four hours a week to spare? Want to feel good about giving back to the community and helping your neighbors? We are looking for volunteers in the hospital Gift Shop and in the Cherry Door Thrift Shop in Tarrytown. If you are interested, call the Volunteer Office at 914-366-3170 or go to [www.phelps.northwell.edu/volunteer](http://www.phelps.northwell.edu/volunteer) application.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH FURNITURE FAIR** will be on October 16 & 17 and October 23 & 24 in the Banquet Hall at 199 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have some extraordinary pieces of furniture along with our Thrift Store.

**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. It will also be on 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.

October 12, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

During the past two weeks I have received requests from parishioners to bring communion home to those who are unable or, for health reasons during this Covid crisis, unwilling to attend mass in person. While our live stream connects us with those concerned about attending mass in person, it does not compensate for the inability to receive communion. I am more than willing to make the necessary accommodations. The only issue is the size of the pyxes we have available. Our mass hosts are larger than our old pyxes we have. A pyx (pronounced "picks") is a receptacle for carrying communion to the sick. Recently we purchased a very large pyx in order that our hospital Eucharistic minister, Barbara Zegarelli, would be able to bring communion to the patients at Phelps on Thursdays.

1. I learned last week, after a consultation with an orthopedist, that there is not much to be done about the degenerative arthritis in my left knee. I received a shot and, being the trooper that I am, will carry on. The torn meniscus still hurts.
2. A closer look at the consolidated bill we receive each month from the diocese revealed that the diocese was charging the parish more than \$666 a month for my pension. I started collecting my monthly diocesan pension of \$750 (\$525 net) in July, so why were we still paying into it? After bringing this to the attention of the diocese, the charge was removed. Now I want the money back into our parish account for the two months we were billed.
3. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 59; 9am, 69; 11am, 71. Live stream: We were given a total number of 130, but it was not broken down into watched live and watched later.

4. This past week I turned down the 4<sup>th</sup> request in a month for a wedding here in the latter part of 2022, due to the uncertainty of our future. All four requests were from non-parishioners. What a way to run a business!
5. A reminder: there is no 8:00 mass on holidays. Some showed up for mass on Columbus Day. Sorry you were disappointed. Looking ahead: there will be no 8:00 mass on Veteran's Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving, the Monday after Christmas. Notices can be found in our FlockNote, our website, and in the announcements at the end of mass on the weekends.
6. I will be away from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> in the Dominican Republic. Sr. Flo will conduct a communion service on those days and Fr. Sheehan will cover the weekend masses.
7. The TV in the rectory parlor decided it was too tired to continue operating. I tried to perform several electronic CPR maneuvers, but to no avail. The best guess is that it was over 20 years old. Nothing lasts forever. A new one was ordered and was delivered today (Oct 12).
8. The October 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the New Yorker has an article about preaching in Christian churches. On average, Catholic priests preach 14 minutes (the Pope would prefer 8 minutes), the general Protestant minister preaches 37 minutes, and the Black preacher preaches 54 minutes. Without getting into detail about the substance of sermons, it was found that 75% of congregants cared most about sermons over other activities parishes offer their parishioners. Parishioners want sermons focused on the biblical readings, from which the preacher draws a relevant application. Catholic preachers speak about politics the least, evangelicals the most. Black preachers direct you to vote for specific individuals. The take-away for Catholics: as long as the Catholic priest/deacon does his homework, there is no reason why he cannot deliver a relevant sermon in 8 minutes.