

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 23-October 31 REQUESTED BY:

Saturday	5:00 PM	John P. Hill	Terise Levine & Friends
Sunday	9:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	The Curran Family – James, Mary & James	Pat January
Monday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving	Mrs. Fazio
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Joseph Mortelliti	Jeanne & Pete LiMarzi
Thursday	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	Douglas Ermides	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Saturday	5:00 PM	Henry Ruppel Jr.	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Sunday	9:00 AM	Jacqueline Konig	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
	11:00 AM	Margaret M. Waters	Family

Weekend Celebrants Oct. 30 & 31

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: 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.

POSSIBILITIES

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves. —St. Lawrence

PARISH CALENDAR:

Oct. 26/28		Rosary – RE Classes
Oct. 31		Halloween
Nov. 1 (Mon.)	8:00 a.m.	All Saints Day – <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Nov. 2 (Tues.)	8:00 a.m.	All Souls Day & Election Day
Nov. 8 (Mon.)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Nov. 14 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	Catechesis of Good Shepherd III Family Mass

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY: Monday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day. Mass is at 8am. All Souls day is Tuesday, November 2. Mass will be at 8:00am. Please use envelopes provided in your packet of envelopes, or use your own envelope with the names of your deceased. You may place them in the regular Sunday collection or in the “poor box” in the back of the church. The names of the deceased will have a special remembrance at our masses during the entire month of November.

RECOGNIZING JESUS: The star of today’s Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

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 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.

October 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

Just when you think you have everything under control, the unexpected occurs. Fr. Sheehan informs me that on November 15 he will be assigned to Green Haven prison (not as an inmate), where he will be required to say two masses on Sunday, leaving him unavailable at the Magdalene for Sunday mass. That is the diocesan plan right now. NYS must do a background check on Fr. Sheehan for final approval, since he will be working on behalf of the state. He has offered to be available for Saturday evening mass twice a month. I must think this over (under the swaying palm trees of the Dominican Republic). His offer does not solve a long term issue for me, since it means I will not be able to take any weekends away for the foreseeable future. I need someone who can be available for an entire weekend, as Fr. Sheehan will do on the weekend of October 23-24. Finding someone who fits the bill will not be easy. Of course, the diocese can reverse course overnight, and no change will be necessary. The lack of a clear, collaborative plan by the diocese for all our parishes is inexplicable, in light of the overwhelming evidence that transformative action is required.

1. Our inquiry into why the parish paid into my pension (\$666 a month), even though I am collecting my pension, elicited the following response from the diocese: the parish was required to pay until the end of the fiscal year (August 31). Would you pay Con Ed until the end of the calendar year if you move out in July? I don't think so.
2. Since the weekends of Oct 23-24 and Oct 30-31 will bring many tourists and visitors to Sleepy Hollow, be patient with the traffic and pedestrians that will descend on our village.
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4. On Monday, November 8th we will have our first in-person Parish Council meeting since the beginning of the pandemic.
5. Last Sunday at the 9am we welcomed and commissioned our 8th graders who will make their confirmation next May. A special thank you to Dot Meehan and our teachers who will guide them through the coming year. With the celebration of Confirmation they will be fully initiated into the faith.
6. Last Sunday’s attendance: 5pm, 55; 9am, 130; 11am, 61. Unfortunately, LocalLive could not provide us with any figures on the live streaming last weekend.
7. The parish offers Jeanne LiMarzi, our secretary/bookkeeper, condolences on the death of her brother-in-law, Joseph Mortelliti, this past weekend. May he rest in peace.