

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: Jan. 15- Jan. 23

Saturday	5:00 PM	William R. Sharkey	Barstow Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Mortelliti	Danielle, Joseph & Marissa Guilderson
	11:00 AM	Rosemary Medure-Collins	Her Children: Deanna Peralta & Henry Collins
Monday	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Steven Warner	Sr. Flo
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Patty Gallagher	Gail Saldis
Thursday	8:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	LiMarzi Family
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dessie Ferguson	Ken Tierney
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Mortelliti	Jim & Linda Hornby
	11:00 AM	Lillian Hogan	Cusanelli Family

***Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of Frank DiStefano
 From His Family***

Weekend Celebrants (Jan. 22-23)

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: James McCary, John Petry, Carl Schmidt, Mike Urban, Sr. Danielle Baran C.R., Peter Gandolfo, Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, and Nijole Raskys.

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you. -Anonymous

PARISH CALENDAR:

Jan. 17 (Mon.)		Martin Luther King Day - No 8:00 a.m. mass
Jan. 21 (Fri.)		March for Life – Roe v. Wade
Feb. 13 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	Family Mass – Hosted by 6th Grade
Feb. 21 (Mon.)		President’s Day
Feb. 22-24		No Religious Education Classes

THE CARDINAL’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2022 has begun! At its core, the Appeal exists to fund the vast educational, charitable, and pastoral outreach of our archdiocese, all of which serve to make Christ known in the world. “Lord, to Whom shall we go?” is our theme for this year and Cardinal Dolan’s episcopal motto. Make a pledge today at cardinalsappeal.org/donate

REVELATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE: Today’s first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God’s promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus’ turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God’s presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

NOTE FROM COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY (Sleepy Hollow): “Thank you so much for your \$5000 donation, received in December to the Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown. Your charity and kindness enable the food pantry to supply meals to more than 500 of your neighbors and their families. So many people are very grateful for your support of the food pantry’s effort. To learn more about the food pantry’s work, visit www.communityfoodpantryshtt.org/.” -Beth Zolkind, Treasure

MARCH FOR LIFE (January 21, 2022): The pilgrimage to the March for Life in D.C. takes on a new urgency this year as we await a decision from the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health*. This 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade could be the last before the Roe decision is finally overturned and the regulation of abortion returns to the legislature. For an updated listing of buses leaving from the Archdioceses of New York, please see <https://archny.org/ministries-and-office/respect-life/events-2/march-for-life>. The Vigil program will be televised by EWTN and livestreamed in the Basilica’s website.

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 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. ***View the brochure on our website.***

January 11, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

As we get into the depths of the winter season, a cautionary tale. Last week, even though there was no rain or snow on Wednesday, the 5th, the evening air provided enough moisture to coat our parking lot with very thin, invisible black ice that no one was aware of, until they exited their cars for the 8am mass on Thursday. It was not a pretty scene. We had one slip and fall, and those who tried to come to the rescue, found themselves in peril. Early morning and late evening allow any moisture to ice up. There is only so much we can do with salt spreaders. The sealant that was used on the parking lot provides a sheen that makes it more difficult to detect black ice. Please exercise caution. This time we were fortunate enough to avoid serious injury. I really do not want to visit any parishioner in the hospital, if I don't have to.

1. All families in our religious education program should have been informed of the precautions we are taking in light of Omicron, following the guidance of the diocese. Our volunteer teachers are willing to continue in-person religious education. We will continue to do so until circumstances warrant an alternate approach. We will reschedule our Family Mass.
2. We have ordered, through the diocese, self-administered Covid tests for those who work in the rectory (Abbot's BinaxNOW). They should arrive by the beginning of next week. The cost is roughly \$350 + S&H for 24 tests. The cost is supposed to be reimbursable through FEMA (with all the proper paperwork submitted). I will believe it when I see it. While no one can guarantee that these tests are 100% accurate 100% of the time, they are another tool in our toolbox to help us navigate this virus and its variants.
3. Remember, no 8am mass on Monday, January 17th.

4. We have three weddings scheduled for this month of January, an unusually high number for January. While brides and grooms welcome guests to their wedding, snow is not one of them.
5. We are making progress in transitioning to our new webmistress, Kate Koenig. We are looking for a more dynamic website. Pete LiMarzi is the point person for the parish in assisting with the transition. My thanks to Pete.
6. The Christmas crib in the church was dismantled before the Friday storm. My thanks to Richard Chulla and Mike Bassett. The Christmas trees in the church have been discarded after years of service. New ones will replace them next year.
7. The 2022 Cardinal's Appeal has begun. Our goal is \$59,000. I met with the Appeal representative last Friday and was informed that the Cardinal's first solicitation letter has been sent to our parishioners. Please remember that in order for our parish to receive credit for your donation, you must designate the Magdalene, (code W511) as your parish. If your past generous response is any indication, we should do just fine. Thank you.
8. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 66; 9am, 34; 11am, 44. Because of Covid and the prediction of bad weather, those who watched our live stream increased in number: 120 watched live; those who watched later, 85. An email from a family in Ireland before the live stream requested that their deceased loved one be mentioned, since the family intended to watch. After the mass, Clare Carolan's son emailed: "Fr. John your voice was echoed in Ireland this morning, well done, very touching, many thanks." Since Covid, live streaming has become a useful tool in keeping families connected to the church. Where we go from here is anyone's guess.

9. Finally, if you are looking for a new perspective on Mary Magdalene, consult the January 11th online edition of the National Catholic Reporter concerning a new interpretation of “Magdala.” Something to think about.