



We recognize that the Sacraments have a visible and invisible reality, a reality open to all the human senses but grasped in its God-given depths with the eyes of faith. When parents hug their children, for example, the visible reality we see is the hug. The invisible reality the hug conveys is love. We cannot "see" the love the hug expresses, though sometimes we can see its nurturing effect in the child.

The visible reality we see in the Sacraments is their outward expression, the form they take, and the way in which they are administered and received. The invisible reality we cannot "see" is God's grace, his gracious initiative in redeeming us through the death and Resurrection of his Son. His initiative is called *grace* because it is the free and loving gift by which he offers people a share in his life, and shows us his favor and will for our salvation. Our response to the grace of God's initiative is itself a grace or gift from God by which we can imitate Christ in our daily lives.

The saving words and deeds of Jesus Christ are the foundation of what he would communicate in the Sacraments through the ministers of the Church. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church recognizes the existence of Seven Sacraments instituted by the Lord. They are the Sacraments of Initiation ([Baptism](#), [Confirmation](#), the [Eucharist](#)), the Sacraments of Healing ([Penance](#) and the [Anointing of the Sick](#)), and the Sacraments at the Service of Communion ([Marriage](#) and Holy Orders). Through the Sacraments, God shares his holiness with us so that we, in turn, can make the world holier.

- Quoted from the [USCCB](#) website regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals

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B A P T I S M

Baptism Requirements:

- Parents must contact the church three months *prior* to the preferred date of their child's baptism.
- If you are previously registered, attending Mass and supporting the parish, you can make an appointment with the priest to have your child baptized here at The Magdalene.
- If you are not registered, there is a 3 month waiting period.
- If there is no affiliation with the COTM, you can:
 - Obtain a Letter of Permission/Release from the parish in which you are attending Mass (registered). No registration is required.

Register and attend Mass here at The Magdalene. We can plan your child's baptism.

- Documents needed:
 - The original birth certificate. The original will be immediately returned to the parent.
 - Sponsors' certificates. Godparents must provide a Sponsor certificate from their parish prior to the Baptism. (A sponsor certificate states that the person is a registered parishioner, a practicing Catholic and is able to serve as a witness for Baptism.)
- Baptisms are generally scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the church.
- The church provides the Baptismal candle and a baptismal garment (bib).
- In Thanksgiving to God for having your child baptized, an offering is requested.
- After the Sacrament of Baptism ceremony, a Baptismal certificate will be mailed



RECONCILIATION

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also known as Confession and Penance. This Sacrament is offered on Saturdays from 4:30 pm to 4:55 pm in the church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation encourages us to go and try to sin no more.

Confessions will also be heard by appointment. Please call the Rectory in advance.

Twice a year we join the Archdiocesan-wide celebration in conjunction with the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center. Reconciliation Mondays are heard once in Advent and once in Lent. Please check the church bulletin for specific dates and times.

Reconciliation for children who are enrolled in our Religious Education Program will be announced in the church bulletin.

*“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained”
(Jn 20:22-23; see also Mt 18:18).*



H O L Y E U C H A R I S T

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The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term “Eucharist” originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving.

The Eucharist is the name that Catholics give to the sacrament by which, according to their belief, the body and blood of Christ are present in the bread and wine that are consecrated during the Catholic eucharistic liturgy, generally known as the Mass.

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist is

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Consult our bulletin for the Holy Days schedule.

Have a child or teenager who needs to receive First Eucharist, contact Maria Crisafi, Director of Religious Education. Are you an adult who has never received First Eucharist, contact Fr. Tim.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, son of the living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit,
your Death brought life to the world; by your holy Body and Blood,
free me from my sin and from every evil;
keep me faithful to your teaching;
and never let me be parted from you.*



C O N F I R M A T I O N

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church, the other two being Baptism and First Eucharist.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission.

Have a child or teenager who needs to be confirmed? Contact Maria Crisafi, Director of Religious Education.

Are you an adult who has never been confirmed? Contact [Fr. Tim.](#)



H O L Y M A T R I M O N Y

The Second Vatican Council conceives marriage as the intimate partnership of life and love which has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its proper laws.

At least nine to twelve months in advance, contact Fr. Tim to arrange for the date of your wedding, *before* finalizing any other plans. Four meetings* are required:

- Meeting #1 Reception and Assessment
- Meeting #2 Administrative/Collection of all Required Data
- Meeting #3 Planning of the Liturgy
- Meeting #4 Finalization and Rehearsal

* This does not include Pre-Cana.

One month prior to the wedding date, the couple will meet with our Director of Music Mr. John Dominick III.

The COTM accepts couples who are not registered members of the Parish. Couples may wish to bring their own priest/deacon.

****There are no weddings during Holy Week****



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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"The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- ~the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- ~the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- ~the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance;
- ~the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- ~the preparation for passing over to eternal life." (USCCB)

Jesus strengthens and supports one struggling with an illness or prior to surgery in this Sacrament.

During the Season of Lent, a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick is held. See the bulletin for date and time.

To request an anointing, please, call the Rectory: 1-914-631-0529.

Sponsor Requirements:



B A P T I S M

To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be:

- An active [parishioner](#) of this parish for at least three months
- Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion (certificates must be submitted if these sacraments were not performed at the COTM).
- If married, be in a Catholic Church recognized marriage.
- Make an appointment

The Parish of the Magdalene defines an “active/participating parishioner” as one who:

- Is registered and worshipping at this parish on a regular (weekly) basis
- Commits to a stewardship of time, talent and financial resources to help support the parish and the Church of the New York Archdiocese.

If you are not registered and have recently moved into the boundaries, you can:

- Submit a letter from your previous parish indicating that you were an active member
- You can register and attend for at least three months



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