

Church of the Magdalene
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Reverend Timothy S. Wiggins, Pastor
Confession: Saturdays 4:25 to 4:55 pm

RESERVED MASSES

Saturday, September 5 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marie and Leon Richards Deceased
 Req. by Pat Richards
 5:00 p.m. Filippo Milio Deceased
 Req. by His Family

Sunday, September 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Jane Benz Deceased
 Req. by Peggy Morrow
 9:00 a.m. Kathleen Sherry Deceased
 Req. by Tom and Kathleen Hughes
 11:00 a.m. John Falls Deceased
 Req. by Bob and Rosemary Byrnes
 11:00 a.m. Evelyn Byrnes Deceased
 Req. by Bob and Rosemary Byrnes

Monday, September 7 Weekday No Mass

Tuesday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. George Pianka Living
 Req. by Audra Pianka
 8:00 a.m. Margaret Omboni Deceased
 Req. by the Omboni Family

Wednesday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver

8:00 a.m. Rose Anna Walsh Deceased
 Req. by Father Tim
 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Ryan Deceased
 Req. by Janine Nicol and Doug McLellan

Thursday, September 10 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joanne Coza Deceased
 Req. by the Radelich Family
 8:00 a.m. Gary Malunis Deceased
 Req. by Elena B. Malunis

Friday, September 11 Weekday

8:00 a.m. For those lost at the Trade Center
 Req. by Lt. Michael Duignan, FDNY

Saturday, September 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marilyn Griffin Deceased
 Req. by John and Lisa Griffin
 5:00 p.m. Peter Edelson Living
 Req. by Cindy Edelson

Sunday, September 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Frasene and Morezzi Families Deceased
 Req. by Stephen Frasene
 9:00 a.m. Grace Williams Deceased
 Req. by the Wynn Family
 11:00 a.m. Frances M. and Frank P. Bartlett Deceased
 Req. by Valerie M. Wallace
 11:00 a.m. Jose Manuel Fierro Deceased
 Req. by Ed and Jean Sudol

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We all would agree with this statement: "Where has the summer gone?" As summer comes to an end and our children and grandchildren enter the world of academia, may they work diligently and do well.

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day. I encourage you to pray the following prayer and litany:

Prayer for Labor Day

O God, we hold before you the dignity of our labor. We remember those who work tirelessly, often in difficult conditions, to provide for their families and communities. As the sun rises to bring in the new day, we remember those who labor in darkness, pulling resources from the earth, and those who work in harsh elements. We pray for those who are struggling to find work and for those who cannot work due to illness or circumstances beyond their control. Amen.

Labor Day Litany

This litany focuses on blessings for workers and addresses various challenges they may face:

- **For all those who toil and labor:** Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- **For those who have lost their jobs, who are unemployed or underemployed:** Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- **For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection:** Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- **For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the workplace:** Lord, bless the work of their hands.

The Bread and Wine are offered in memory of

*Juan Carlos Perez and Rebecca Fortunato
 Requested by Joan and Matt Coffey*

"CALENDAR MEETING"

Heads of ministries, committees, and organizations received an email asking for: your September 2026 – August 2027 meeting dates, times, and location. We also requested your roster. Please return it to Maria Paese by Thursday, September 8, 2026.



Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9

As a watchman, the prophet offers a warning to a wicked person that they should turn away from sin voluntarily, or else. Incidentally, the Ash Wednesday advice to the penitent reads: "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel."

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10

One's obligation to lawful authority is surpassed by one's duty to love one another. Only the Holy Spirit living in us by reason of our Baptism, and especially Confirmation, makes this possible.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Our Lord Himself outlines a three-step procedure for confronting a brother or sister who is doing wrong. Obviously, it is an important guide for living "Church life" today.

SEPTEMBER 8: Birth of Mary

The church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its liturgical year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. Ann and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world.

[Saint of the Day; Lives, Lessons and Feasts]

BULLETIN INSERT (Compliments from our Healthwareness Ministry)

Creating Hope Through Action

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

THE 2027 MASS INTENTION BOOK WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 15

Mass intentions are specific prayers offered during the celebration of the Eucharist. Requesting a Mass Intention is a spiritual and supportive way to honor and remember loved ones, both living and deceased, in thanksgiving, or for a special need. The Mass applies its graces to your intention, making it one of the Church's most powerful prayers. We offer three methods of requesting Mass Intentions:

- 1. Come to the rectory during office hours.**
- 2. By mail**
- 3. Drop off via the collection basket or mailbox.**

Please use the 2027 Mass Intention Form, which can be found at the back of the church or online. The form will provide you in advance as to ALL the protocols. The requested offering (stipend) is now \$20 per each request.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

5:30 – 6:30 pm Men's AA (WPH)

Wednesday, September 9

5:30 – 6:30 pm Men's AA (WPH)

Friday, September 11

25th Anniversary of 9/11

Saturday, September 12

7:45 – 8:45 am Men's AA – (WPH)

9:00 – 10:00 am Men's AA – (WPH)

1 pm – Baptism – (Church)

2 pm – Baptism – (Church)

Sunday, September 13

**12 Noon – 3 pm Parish Picnic
(Union Church lawn)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life that God may give them many happy and fruitful years of service of souls as priests and religious.

The Sick and Homebound that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.

The Deceased Parishioners that they may rest in peace, rise in glory, and their memories be eternal.

Our Military Personnel and their families

justice and peace in our world AND FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE 9-11 TERRORIST ATTACKS.

Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop Ronald Hicks, Priests & Religious

Our President, Governor, and Mayor

WEDDING BANNS

I Marc A. Bader and Meaghan K. O'Keefe

MASS ON THE GRASS

Come join us for our remaining two Masses as follows: September 6th and October 11th at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please join us with your lawn chair on our parish lawn.



BIBLE STUDIES I

“Women’s Bible Study and Beyond”

About 2 years ago a group of COTM women began in-depth Bible study. Now the group has decided to expand into other topics. “Women’s Bible Study and Beyond” will encompass study of Vatican II and world religions as well as Scripture. Starting September 14 meetings will be held every other Monday, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. The facilitator is Maryknoll Sister Nonie Gutzler who holds a PhD in theology and taught at the university level in Taiwan for over 25 years. New members cordially invited. For further information contact:

Sharon Lavery sglavery@verizon.net or
Maureen Ball mpball19@optonline.net

Honoring the Memory of 9/11

The events of 9/11 serve as a reminder of our shared humanity and the importance of coming together in prayer and support. May we honor the memories of those lost and strive to foster love and Understanding in our communities

A Prayer for Remembrance:

Dear God, we come before You with heavy hearts. We honor those who lost their lives, those who were injured, and the families who continue to feel the pain of their absence. Please grant them peace and healing. May we never forget the courage of first responders and the spirit of unity that arose in the face of adversity. Help us to foster love, compassion, and peace. Amen.

A Prayer for the Survivors:

Lord, we pray for the survivors of 9/11, who endured trauma and loss. Surround them with Your Spirit and pour out Your healing upon them. May their stories inspire healing and peace in the time to come. Amen.

BIBLE STUDIES II

Women’s Bible Study Fall Program Thursday evenings

Join the women of the Magdalene for This 10-part series is entitled **Metanoia**. Metanoia means conversion. This series created, by Father Dave Pivonka, presents both scripture and reflection aimed at assisting us in strengthening our faith.

The group will meet on Thursday evenings beginning September 17th- November 19th at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.

For more info or to sign up please contact:
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Tere Casey terepettitt@aol.com (347)739-2786.

Back to Faith! Religious Education Starts September 15

We are thrilled to announce that registration for our Religious Education classes is officially in full swing, kicking off the week of September 15. We invite families to register as we help our children encounter Christ and deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith. Registration is open—check our website to get signed up today! We look forward to growing in faith with your family this year! Let’s make this a blessed year of learning and growing together!

Registration

~Grade 2 (Communion) /Grade 8 (Confirmation)

~Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I, II

A Catechist is needed for grade 6, please let us know if you are interested.

Questions? Contact Ed Escobar, DRE
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