



RESERVED MASSES

Saturday, September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Katherine Mercadante Deceased
Req. by the Mercadante Family
5:00 p.m. Henry Haase Deceased
Req. by the Haase Family

Sunday, September 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Carmelina Stancato Deceased
Req. by Joan and Matt Coffey
9:00 a.m. William A. Scaglione Deceased
Req. by Carrie Welch
11:00 a.m. Gregory Arceri, Sr. Deceased
Req. by the Hornby, Hulst and Wood Families
11:00 a.m. Michael Tighe Deceased
Req. by Kevin and MaryAnn Tighe

Monday, September 28 Weekday No Mass

Tuesday, September 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

Wednesday, September 30 Saint Jerome

8:00 a.m. Annette H. Wiggins Deceased
Req. by Father Tim

Thursday, October 1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 a.m. Joseph Radelich Deceased
Req. by the Radelich Family
8:00 a.m. Matthew Joseph Pianka Deceased
(4th Anniversary)
Req. by the Pianka Family

Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 a.m. Arun Mathew Living
Req. by the Mathew Family
8:00 a.m. Dolores Antonecchia Living
Req. by the Antonecchia Family

Saturday, October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Matthew Joseph Pianka Deceased
(4th Anniversary)
Req. by the Pianka Family
5:00 p.m. George Mayer Deceased
Req. by Sarah Gallagher

Sunday, October 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Ray Tocci Deceased
Req. by JoAnn Vaccaro
9:00 a.m. Virginia Gorman Deceased
Req. by John and Maryann Martin
11:00 a.m. William Scaglione, Sr. Deceased
Req. by the Meyer Family
11:00 a.m. Roberta Louise Hurley Deceased
Req. by the Meyer Family

*The Bread and Wine are offered in memory of
Mary Dougherty
Requested by Kathi Barstow.
The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Memory of
Matthew Joseph Pianka
Requested by the Scott Family.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Now that summer has officially ended, I wish to say welcome back. It is my prayer that you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. Each household now returns to structured routines and busy schedules. This is no different from the COTM, your spiritual home, where organizations, ministries, and programs are now in full swing. Yes, I encourage you to read our weekly parish bulletin and Flock Notes. If you haven't signed up for Flock Notes, please do so. Many programs and events are in the works, which makes our parish such a vibrant community full of life and joy.

The fullness of the Liturgy/Mass, the source and summit, has resumed. Our parish returned to singing the Mass parts and the hymns as we raise our voices together in both song and prayer. Your participation makes our celebration of the Mass a truly prayerful expression of our faith community.

The Parish Council and Finance Committee will resume meeting and will offer their counsel for the betterment of the Parish. This year, 2 seats are open. If you are an Active Registered Parishioner, please consider joining the Parish Council. The 2025-2026 Finance and Sacramental Reports are being generated.

In fact, all our ministries and committees are meeting, and gearing up for another wonderful year. If you wish to participate in them, "Sign-up Sunday" will take place on October 4 at which time a special bulletin insert will appear, with a brief description of all the ministries and committees here at the COTM. Parish events help us to get to know one another in the practice of the faith and create a vibrant atmosphere. If you have an idea that would benefit the life of our parish, please let me know. A few new ideas are on the horizon.

Our Faith Formation programs started a new year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. We ask parents to attend Mass as a Family and to participate in many events both in the Program and the Parish. We encourage families to take home a Children's bulletin to assist your child(ren) in their faith journey.

Our final 2026 Mass on the Grass Series will take place on Sunday, October 11, at 9 and 11 am. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served after each Mass.

As the COTM Parish Family, we move forward in faith, hope and charity. We can only do so with your support. Please consider returning your Offertory envelopes if you have been away during the summer.

My sincere thanks to all our intrepid volunteers who gave their time, talent, and energy to organize and run our first annual Pocantico Parishes Picnic with our neighbor, the Union Church. It was a success. We enjoyed delicious foods, children's activities, wonderful conversations, and meeting new friends on September 13. You can visit our website for pictures!

In August, a local drug store displayed their Halloween candy and fall décor, and a grocery store was selling pumpkins on Labor Day Weekend. Our envelope company requested my 2026 Christmas Message on August 28. Thank God, as of this writing, it is **not** beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Blessings,
Fr. Tim



Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The prophet teaches that each person is punished for his sins, and not for the sins of his ancestors. So never fear if you go astray.

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11, or 2:1-5

Paul appeals to his readers to have a common outlook on matters of behavior. We then come to what may have been a hymn in which Christ humbly accepts crucifixion. He thus has a name above all others.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

The Parable of the Two Sons has to do with opposing reactions to John the Baptist's preaching. One son (or group) repents after hearing him. Another son (Israel's leaders) refuses to take John's message to heart. Those who accept the message are doing the Father's will.

PARISH MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES

(If you wish to join, please contact the rectory.)

Altar Guild, Lori Antonecchia
 Altar Servers, Michele Herko
 Brown Bag Sunday, Eileen & Ray Farrell
 Buildings & Grounds, Brian Geary
 Cantors, Madelene Manfredi & Olivia Schechtman
 Digital Media Manager Kate Koenig
 Eucharistic Ministers, Philip Zegarelli
 Eucharistic Ministers (Phelps), Barbara Zegarelli and Dorothy Haas
 Healthcare Awareness, Suzanne Ferrara
 Homebound Visitation, Fr. Tim
 Hospitality, Peggy Malone
 Knights of the Altar, Phil Zegarelli
 Lectors, Keith Eldredge
 Music & Liturgy, John Dominick
 Public Relations, Ed Sudol
 Rosary, Rosemarie McManus
 Sacristan, Thomas Mathew
 Saint Matthew's Guild, Michele Iaconis
 Social Justice, Cynthia Eldredge and Sharon Lavery
 Special Events---Diane Fannell
 Ushers, Mark Laloo: John Petry, Louis Coletti
 Women's Bible Study, Tere Casey & Anne Kenny



I Donald P. Basile and Marina Druzic
II Andrew M. Blum and Jessica L. Alba

"Not all the teeth put into our laws are wisdom teeth." — Anon.



In this a Special Year of St. Francis, we continue our tradition of honoring one of the most beloved saints in the history of the church with the Blessing of Animals. The Blessing will take place on **Sunday, October 4 from 1 to 2 pm.** in front of the St. Francis statue. For the safety of all pets and people, please make sure your K-9 pets are properly leashed.

Announcement: Book Share #2

Exciting news! The Magdalene has started a book share group. Interrupting Silence, by world famous theologian Walter Brueggemann, is the next book that we will discuss. This thought-provoking 110-page book examines biblical examples of breaking silence to achieve justice. Modern questions are also discussed. The book discussion will be held on October 28, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in our Weaver Parish Hall. All are welcome to participate. If interested, contact/ text Ed Kennelly at 914 262 8257. Or at Edjennelly@gmail.com

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 life.

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

The Deceased Parishioners, especially Rosemarie Wood that she may rest in peace, rise in glory, and her memories be eternal.

Our Military Personnel and their families

justice and peace in our world

Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop Ronald Hicks, Priests & Religious

Our President, Governor, and Mayor

What is OCIA(The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)?

- It is the Catholic Church's official process for adults preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.
- It integrates teaching, prayer, liturgical rites, and discernment rather than functioning as a simple class.
- It prepares adults for the Sacraments of Initiation--- Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Tim.

SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION:

This month began with a federal holiday honoring workers: Labor Day. Concern for the worker remains relevant even at September's end. Jesus frequently spoke of workers in parables such as in Matthew 20 where all workers received the same pay. Today, unfairness is often rampant, especially for day laborers. Ruthless employers forget Jesus' commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself," frequently paying less than promised or not at all. Working conditions are often unsafe. Recently, a local man named Jose was killed in a trench collapse, the result of poor safety practices. Scripture warns in Deuteronomy 22:8 "when building a house, put a parapet around the roof, if someone falls you bring shame upon your house."

THE 2027 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN

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 Mass.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 28

1 – 2:30 pm Women's Bible Study and Beyond – (WPH)

5:30 – 6:30 pm Men's AA (WPH)

Tuesday, September 29

4 – 5:30 pm and 7 – 8:15 pm
Faith Formation Classes
(School Building and WPH)

Wednesday, September 30

5:30 – 6:30 pm Men's AA (WPH)

Thursday, October 1

4 – 5:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes
(School Building)

7 pm – Metanoia

w/ Father Dave Pivonka (WPH)

Saturday, October 3

7:45 – 8:45 am Men's AA – (WPH)

9:00 – 10:00 am Men's AA – (WPH)

Brown Bag Sunday

Happy Anniversary! Brown Bag Sunday celebrates two years of giving. September 2024 marked the beginning of Brown Bag Sunday at the Magdalene. Since then, the Magdalene has continued to support the Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown every month through your generous gifts of food and donations. The pantry is grateful for our continued support, which they say has been incredibly helpful, especially with increased need in our community. August's donations included 400 pounds of food and \$690.00. As we embark on our third year, your continued kindness and generosity is genuinely appreciated. Grocery and donation bags are at the rear of the church. Please take one and return it next weekend at any mass. Thank you.



To Our Neighbors and Friends:

**Holy Rosary, Hawthorne, will celebrate its
125th Anniversary on Saturday, October 3.**

**St. Theresa of the Infant of Jesus, Briarcliff,
will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on
Saturday, October 31.**

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. This group started on September 14. Meetings are held every other Monday, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in the Weaver Parish Hall. 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

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 17- November 19 from 7-8:30 pm.
For more info or to sign up please contact:
Anne Kenny amobk@optonline.net (914)449-6572
Tere Casey terepettitt@aol.com (347)739-2786*

*The Second Collection today is for the Annual St.
Joseph's Seminary Appeal. Please read Bishop Hick's
Appeal letter in this weekend's bulletin.*

**SUNDAY BRUNCH RESUMES: PLEASE JOIN US AFTER
THE 11:00 AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY IN THE WEAVER
PARISH HALL FOR A DELICIOUS BRUNCH. THIS IS A
WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**

**SAVE THE DATE! Our 3rd annual tag sale will
take place on Saturday, October 24th this year.
Please consider donating items, volunteering your
time, or baking pies for this fun parish event. All
proceeds benefit our Disaster Relief Fund.**

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel: Angel of God, my guardian
dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at
my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

The prayer asks the angel to:

- **Light:** Illuminate the path of righteousness and moral decisions.
- **Guard:** Protect from physical and spiritual harm.
- **Rule and Guide:** Direct the individual toward God's will and away from danger.