

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: March 12 – March 20

Saturday	5:00 PM	Don Wildermann	Scott Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Declan Wills	Pat Smyth
	11:00 AM	Laszlo Gavaller	His Family
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Jacqueline Eccles	Ken Tierney
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Ita Yager	Duignan Family
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Andrew Bratton	Martha & Steve Burke
Sunday	9:00 AM	James McGovern	Whalen, Oates & McKay Families
	11:00 AM	Laszlo Gavaller	His Family

Weekend Celebrants (Mar. 19-20)

5:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. Sheehan
 9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti
 11:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Vigilanti

**PRAY FOR THE SICK: James McCary, John Petry, Carl Schmidt, Mike Urban,
 Sr. Danielle Baran C.R., Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, and Nijole Raskys.**

FLOWERING

The flower does not bear the root, but the root the flower . . . The rose is merely the evidence of the vitality of the root.

— Woodrow Wilson

PARISH CALENDAR:

Mar. 19 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
		St. Joseph's Day
Mar. 19/20		Cardinal's Appeal Commitment Weekend
Mar. 22 (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	8th Grade Prayer Service (Confirmation)

LENT: Please consider joining us for the following Lenten activities:

- Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. on weekdays
- Confession every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
- Deny yourself something and/or make a decision to help those who are in need
- Take a Lenten booklet "**Five Minutes with the Word**" for daily meditation.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2022: Commitment Weekend. There is a defining moment for our generation, where we are called to be more, to give more of ourselves out of love for one another. Please consider supporting the mission of Christ known in the world with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal. Every gift counts! You may fill out an envelope or go to: cardinalsappeal.org/donate. **Please be sure to make out your check to the Cardinal's Appeal.**

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE MAGDALENE: Thank you to everyone who participated in the blood drive. We had 54 donors. A special thank you to Stephanie Fuller, Cathy Chulla, and the 8th graders from our religious education program who participated. The blood bank will make a donation to local food pantries on behalf of every donor.

COVID PROTOCOL AT THE MAGDALENE: As noted last week, masks are no longer mandated in church. However, please feel free to wear one for your own safety. Fr. John will continue to wear one for the distribution of communion, and for added safety.

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE (40 Days for Life) Mar. 2-Apr. 10, 2022. Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese. More than 20,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during the 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about this campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

VOCATION OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE (St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, NY) will have a day-long event for young men on St. Joseph Day, Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Seminary. For men ages 12 to 18. Register free online at nypriest.com/register.

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 will be August 9-23. If you think you might be interested, let me know. The cost is around \$4,499: airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner, tours included. Quite honestly, not a bad price. ***View the brochure on our website.*** Deadline is **May 1, 2022.**

March 8, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

We enter our first week of Lent, and, as is church custom, the Sunday gospel focuses on the temptations of Jesus. The humanity of Jesus is tested, and the encounter between Jesus and the tempter gives us hope that we can be as successful in meeting the temptations in our lives, as Christ was at the beginning of his ministry. It is a message of hope. Nothing is impossible!

1. After last week's FlockNote, a parishioner, presently enjoying the winter in southern California, volunteered to pay the complete bill for the pew restoration project: \$2800. I am deeply appreciative of this most generous gesture. We are very fortunate here at the Magdalene to have many parishioners so invested in the upkeep of our church.
2. It's TV production time again. Law and Order SVU will be using our church hall on Monday, March 14, for most of the day, as a holding space for crew and extras. They will be filming at the Rockefeller Preserve. They have agreed to a \$3500 fee. As always, I require a certificate of co-insurance to protect the parish from any liability. It is also a diocesan requirement.
3. As noted last week, masks are no longer mandated in church. However, please feel free to wear one for your own safety. I will continue to wear one for the distribution of communion, and for added safety, I will receive a second booster shot this week.
4. I wish I could report that the Cardinal's Appeal figures have finally been corrected. They have not. To make matters worse, the representative assigned to us has chosen to accept another job outside of the diocese. We will be assigned a new rep. I have been promised that a corrected figure will appear on Friday's report (March 11). Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the Appeal. The goal is \$59,000. By our calculation, not the diocese's, we are two-thirds there.
5. Thank you to everyone who participated in the blood drive. We had 54 donors. A special thank you to Stephanie Fuller, Cathy Chulla, and the

8th graders from our religious education program who participated. The blood bank will make a donation to local food pantries on behalf of every donor.

6. This evening our religious education students preparing for their First Communion received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Our parish wishes them well on their sacramental journey. Thank you to Dot Meehan and our volunteer teachers and assistants.
7. The parish sent a check for \$750 to assist in an appeal for the church and people of Ukraine. While the diocese had asked for a special collection on Ash Wednesday, there was not enough time to alert ushers. Besides, when some might be returning to church for the first time after some absence, being hit with a collection on Ash Wednesday, as worthy as it might be, is not the best way to put out the “welcome mat.”
8. Last weekend’s attendance: 5pm, 71; 9am, 95; 11am, 86. Live stream: Households watching live, 130; watching later, 70. Not only has our attendance increased, both in-person and online, but we welcome new attendees who are first-timers.
9. Between now and early June we have 9 weddings scheduled, 13 baptisms, 2 First Communions, and Confirmation, not to mention Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Fr. Sheehan will be away the first weekend in April, and I will be in the DR April 19-26.
10. Since the diocese has chosen not to communicate to us about the future of the parish, I have booked a 28 day cruise next November to the Caribbean, Brazil, and up the Amazon. I will be “working” as the ship’s chaplain on Holland America’s Volendam. The cruise leaves Ft. Lauderdale on November 19th for St. Lucia, St. Marteen, French Guiana (Devil’s Island), Bara Norte River, along the Amazon: (Macapa, Santarem, Boca da Valeria, Manaus, Parintins, Alter do Chao, Belem), Barbados, Jamaica, Bahamas, returning to Ft. Lauderdale on December 17th.

Charlton Heston once said (about guns), "You will have to pry it out of my cold dead hands." After this trip, I think I will need a vacation!