

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 19 – March 27

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
Monday	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	Denise Perrigino
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Matilda Simonetti	Pete & Jeanne LiMarzi
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	Marianne Scott
Friday	8:00 AM	Mary Kilgariff	Ken Tierney
Saturday	5:00 PM	Kathleen Dwyer	Peggy Morrow
Sunday	9:00 AM	Ginny Cordes	Pete & Jeanne LiMarzi
	11:00 AM	Lincoln Impastato	David Impastato & Family

Weekend Celebrants (Mar. 26-27)

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., Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, and Nijole Raskys.**

FORGIVENESS

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.

—Confucius

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. As of March 11, we have 53 participants who have pledged \$45,190.** Our goal is \$59,000. Please be as generous as your financial means will allow.

HOLY GROUND: Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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.

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 15, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

Alleluia!!! The diocese finally sent us the corrected figures for the Cardinal's Appeal. Our goal remains \$59,000. You have pledged \$45,190. We are more than two-thirds there. Thank you for your generosity. Let's try to finish this off, if possible, by Easter.

1. This past week we received an interest payment from the diocese (\$10,400) on the \$510,000 we have on deposit. Interest is paid twice a year. While we are on the subject of finances, our collections are averaging \$6000 weekly from both in-person and WeShare. This is an excellent figure. Thank you.
2. We are still looking for a new vendor for landscaping and snow removal. If you wish to recommend someone, let us know. Spring is around the corner.
3. We haven't forgotten about the flagpole replacement in front of the rectory. Just waiting for the ground to soften. Nothing has been done about the bats in the church attic. It will be tackled this spring.
4. While masks are no longer required in church, if you feel safer wearing one, do so. I received my second booster shot this past week. Remember, children under 5 have not been vaccinated, and some are showing signs of mild Covid. We are not completely out of the woods. Within the past month we lost another parishioner (unvaccinated) to Covid. Please maintain your guard.
5. Still no word about the future of our parish. I thought that consolidation with a neighboring parish would be the diocesan direction at this time. However, the foundation for such a consolidation should have been laid months ago. When I first arrived at the Magdalene almost 6 years ago, I was informed that I should start working with St. Teresa in Sleepy Hollow to lay the foundations for a consolidated parish. It was to be accomplished within a year, but, as we all now know, it was not meant to be. I cannot see how a consolidation with a neighboring parish can be

accomplished now in a matter of three months (new legal corporate name, new tax ID, new bank accounts, merged programs, new mass schedule, etc.). Perhaps, a trip to Greece might be in order, to consult the Delphic Oracle. By the way, today marks the Ides of March, which in the original ancient Roman calendar, marked a new beginning, a time of rejoicing and celebration. (We can credit Shakespeare with giving the Ides of March a more sinister twist with the assassination of Caesar by Brutus). We can only hope that our parish will have cause for celebration when all is said and done.

6. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 54; 9am, 88; 11am, 77. Live stream: 142 households watched live, 70 watched later.
7. A reminder: we are no longer printing paper bulletins. Our website is our main means of communication, to include: bulletin, mass schedule, upcoming events, etc. The savings on paper, ink, and printing time are not minor.
8. Our deanery is hosting a sharing and listening session for representatives of each parish on Saturday, March 26th at St. Patrick's in Yorktown, beginning at 930am. If you are interested in attending, let the rectory know.
9. The TV production crew from SVU, which was slated to use our parish hall for crew and extras yesterday, never showed up. There must have been a change in the production schedule. They say: "Never count your chickens before they hatch," and I naively thought the parish could pocket a quick \$3500. So much for quick get rich schemes. Maybe we should implement a 24 hr cancelation notice, as medical offices do.