

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 5 – March 13

Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Radelich	Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Frank Smyth	Pat Smyth
	11:00 AM	Paul Wallace	Valerie Wallace
Monday	8:00 AM	Jane O'Hara	Denise Perrigino
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Angela Di Rodio	Fr. John
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Gaffney	Stephen & Janet Kelly
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Don Wildermann	Scott Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Declan Willis	Pat Smyth
	11:00 AM	Laszlo Gvaller	His Family

Weekend Celebrants (Mar. 12-13)

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.**

CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. —Thomas Edison

PARISH CALENDAR:

Mar. 12 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Mar. 13 (Sun.)		Daylight Saving Time Begins
	9:00 a.m.	Family Mass – Hosted by 6th Grade
Mar. 17 (Thur.)		St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19 (Sat.)		St. Joseph's Day

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: Formation of New Parish Priests. As Cardinal Dolan's episcopal motto says, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" many men echo Peter's question to our Lord as they say yes to His invitation to priesthood. Will you support these men in their formation to be future shepherds of our Church? Let us continue to pray for our future priests. To donate go to: cardinalsappeal.org/donate. **Please be sure to make out your check to the Cardinal's Appeal.**

LENTEN MASS FOR HEALING (St. Augustine's, Ossining) On Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come for Mass and then stay for individual prayers for healing and blessing with Lourdes Water by our Priests. For inquiries please email FR.ipscon@staugny.org.

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.***

March 1, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

Since the CDC has eased mask mandates, we will no longer require masks at mass, beginning with the weekend masses on March 5-6, the First Sunday of Lent. However, I will continue to wear a mask for the distribution of communion. Parishioners who feel more comfortable in continuing to wear masks at mass, should do so, even though Westchester County is now considered at low risk. For Ash Wednesday, please wear a mask.

- Trying to get the Archdiocese to correct the Cardinal's Appeal totals is proving to be a herculean task. As a consequence, I will not report the total until I see a corrected figure. Our goal is \$59,000.
- As of this writing, our Blood Drive has the minimum number of donors necessary. We had 21 donors signed up. After last Sunday's appeal for more donors, the number of donors increased to 36, a wonderful response. There is still time to sign up on our website. While we achieved the minimum number of donors required, the Blood Bank allotted us 60 openings for donors. It is not too late. The Drive is next Sunday between 9-3 in the church hall.
- In the next few weeks you will be hearing and reading about the word Synod. Pope Francis is asking that all dioceses and religious communities establish listening and discussion meetings in examining how the church is living up to its mission in the modern world. The general format will be: three hours of discussion in small groups, in each of the 12 deaneries of the Archdiocese. The points made by the participants will be collated, sent to the diocese, then to the American Bishop's Conference, and finally to the Vatican.

We will have more information next week. Several members of the parish council have signaled their intention to attend.

- Last week's attendance: It was good to see the return of some of our loyal parishioners after this pandemic interruption: 5pm, 85; 9am, 80; 11am, 66. Live stream: 141 households watched live, 65 watched later. The in-person attendance this past weekend (Feb 26-27) was one of the highest in the last two years of the pandemic.
- A recent professional examination of the condition of the church pews surfaced some issues, nothing major. As a consequence, to strengthen some of the weak pews, we have obtained a bid. The cost will be a little over \$2000. None of the pews will be removed for the repairs. While we are on the subject of Buildings and Grounds, we have been informed that after this winter, Manor Landscaping will restrict its business to contracting, and eliminate snow removal and grass mowing. We are now searching for a new vendor. Let us know if you have someone in mind.
- This week and next week I will be hearing the confessions of our CCD students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Fr. Sheehan has published his second book: **The Unfinished Table**, about 12 women who have witnessed to Gospel values in his life journey, and how the church can use their gifts in a public and better way. You may purchase the book from Amazon or see Fr. Jim after mass.
- Finally, if the sanctuary seems bare (no flowers), it is because we are simply reflecting the penitential season of Lent for the next 40 days.