

# 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: April 16 – April 24**

Saturday	8:00 PM	Don & Joan Wildermann	Scott Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Jean Gualtiere	Tony & Anna Tramaslini
	11:00 AM	George Morrow	His Family
Monday	8:00 AM	No 8:00 a.m. mass	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Luigi Loffredo	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	James McNulty	Val Wallace
	11:00 AM	Ella Sobkowiak	David Impastato & Family

## **Weekend Celebrants (Apr. 23-24)**

8:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. Sheehan  
 9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Sheehan  
 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.**

## **BEGINNING AND END**

Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

—St. Ambrose

## **EASTER PEOPLE**

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

—St. Augustine

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>April 18 (Mon.)</b>		<b>No 8:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>April 19-22</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>April 23 (Sat.)</b>		<b>Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 &amp; 9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>April 25-26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>May 7 (Sat.)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
<b>May 8 (Sun.)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mother's Day – Good Shepherd Communion</b>
<b>May 17 (Tues.)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Confirmation – Bshp. Walsh</b>

**GREAT NEWS FOR THE MAGDALENE!!** The Vicar for Clergy called Fr. John on Friday (April 8). He asserted that the parish will remain open. This is great news for our parish! We have no additional information at this time.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2022:** 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](http://cardinalsappeal.org/donate). **Please be sure to make out your check to the Cardinal's Appeal. As of April 8, we have 87 participants who have pledged \$57,005.** Our goal is \$59,000.

**STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE** presents the Tony award winning production of ***How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying***. Show dates are: May 5-7 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee on May 8 at 2:00 p.m. All general admission tickets are \$20, general seating-all ages. To purchase tickets: [www.stepinac.org/showtickets](http://www.stepinac.org/showtickets).

**THE RDC CENTER FOR COUNSELING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** is a non-profit counseling center located in White Plains. Our mission is to provide affordable counseling with a spirit of compassion and welcome. We provide counseling for individuals and couples, adolescents and adults and are seeing clients both in person and via telehealth. For more information or to make an appointment call 914-949-0504.

**NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY** will be on April 23, 2022 at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mass with Cardinal Dolan; speakers will be Sean Bryan, aka "The Papal Ninja"; and Fr. Augustino Torres, CFR, Franciscan Friar of the Renewal. Registration is required. See bulletin board or go to [www.archny.orgnycyd](http://www.archny.orgnycyd). for more info.

**COVID PROTOCOL AT THE MAGDALENE:** 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.

***ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH STAFF WE WISH OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES A  
BLESSED EASTER***

April 12, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

A reminder: I will be away from Tuesday, April 19 to Tuesday, April 26. Sr. Flo will conduct a communion service in place of the weekday masses. Fr. Sheehan will cover the weekend masses April 23-24. I thank them for their service and assistance.

1. Please consult our website for all Holy Week services. They are also posted on the door of the church. **Our Good Friday Service will be LIVE STREAMED.** We will re-introduce Eucharistic Ministers on Easter Sunday morning, not the Easter Vigil. **The priest** will distribute communion at the foot of the altar to the **PARKING LOT SIDE** of the church, beginning with the first row, and returning by way of the side aisle, as we are presently doing. **The Eucharistic Minister** will stand in front of the Baptismal Font. Starting with the last pew on the **ORGAN SIDE** of the church, those receiving communion should approach the Eucharistic Minister by exiting their row from **THE SIDE AISLE, beginning with the last pew,** and return by way of the **CENTER AISLE**. Let's see how this works. It may sound confusing, but it is quite simple.
2. Now for an important update: The Vicar for Clergy called me on Friday (April 8). He asserted that the parish will remain open. This is great news for our parish. I guess my question is: Why was this not communicated to the Parish Council in response to their two letters, going back over a year, requesting information about the future of the parish? As a consequence, my last day at the Magdalene will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. I was assured that the diocese will find my replacement for the Magdalene. Considering that we are ordaining no one for the archdiocese next month, and that two of my contemporaries died over the Palm Sunday weekend, the pickings are slim. It is unfortunate that creative ideas for implementing needed pastoral initiatives continue to elude us, both locally and on the global level. How long will it take for the church to understand that business as usual is over? The fact that we have more

Catholics “shopping” for parishes should be a wake-up call that change is needed. To be honest, our diocese has never been on the cutting edge of innovation.

3. Cardinal’s Appeal: goal, \$59,000; pledged, \$57,005; number of gifts, 87; average gift, \$655.23. We are still waiting for a major gift to be posted and for a new campaign manager to be assigned. Your response to the Appeal has been extraordinary. Thank you.
4. Last weekend’s attendance: 5pm, 66 (surprising low for Palm Sunday); 9am, 100; 11am, 108. Live stream: Watching live, 155 households; watching later, 60.
5. During the first days of Holy Week we contracted with the firm Renovata to strengthen the joints of several pews which were beginning to show weakness. Work began on Monday (April 11). After Easter, some of the pews, in need of more intensive repair, will be removed to Renovata’s workshop.
6. Update on the bats: The first bid came in at \$14,000, which included sealing several points of entry in our structures. For \$14,000 I will buy the bats their own condo. In the meantime they are living in our attic rent free. This issue requires more serious investigation.
7. The parish signed a contract with Pristine Properties from Ossining for landscaping and snow removal. Their first visit to the property today (April 12) for Spring cleanup was marred by several belligerent neighbors who resented the noise. They brought their screaming and yelling (their decibel level rivaled the mower and blower) onto the church property, which required us to call the police. Four patrol cars arrived from Sleepy Hollow and Mount Pleasant and took our statement. This should be an interesting summer!
8. The Travelers Insurance representative inspected both the church and rectory furnaces on April 11 for safety issues and recertified that we meet all safety requirements.

9. Once again we have been approached by Netflix to use the parish hall on a May weekday as a holding area for cast and crew. We will see if we can seal the deal this time.

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