

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 23 – May 1

Saturday	5:00 PM	Luigi Loffredo	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	James McNulty	Val Wallace
	11:00 AM	Ela Sobkowiak	David Impastato & Family
Monday	8:00 AM.	Communion Service	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Herbert Hadad	His Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	Genevieve Causland	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Friday	8:00 AM	Carla Mortelliti	LiMarzi Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Umberto Picucci	Bill & Marlene McGovern
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	Family
	11:00 AM	Jan Bijak (pr: yon bee yock)	David Impastato & Family

Weekend Celebrants (Apr. 30- May 1)

8:00 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.**

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“Church” in Greek means convocation, or assembly in Latin, because all are called to be members of it. —St. Isidore

PARISH CALENDAR

April 25-26	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
April 30 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
May 7 (Sat.)	11:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion
May 8 (Sun.)	11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day – Good Shepherd Communion
May 17 (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation – Bishop Walsh

DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY: In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

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. **Please be sure to make out your check to the Cardinal's Appeal. As of April 22, we have 96 participants who have pledged \$60,156.** Our goal is \$59,000.

SYNOD 2021 - 2023 The 12 in-person deanery listening sessions were successful with more than 2,000 attendees. For those who were not able to attend, we are holding an online listening session on Wednesday evening, May 4 at 6:30. Your parishioners may register at www.archny.org/listening-session. We also have a page on our website where individuals may submit responses to the questions at www.archny.org/synod/contact-us. This page will be available until May 1. If you are a dean looking for help in submitting responses from your listening session, revisit the vicar general's memo from Friday, March 25. Next steps are the sending of thank you emails to attendees and the process of analyzing responses from your sessions for submission online.

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.

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.

April 19, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

My sincere thanks to all who attended and supported our Holy Week celebrations. My special thanks to our choir, lectors, ushers and our Eucharistic Ministers, who resumed their ministry on Easter Sunday. With a little practice we will master the new procedure for the distribution of communion.

1. I will be away this week, returning on Tuesday evening, of the 26th. Sr. Flo will conduct daily communion services at 8am on the weekdays I am away. Fr. Sheehan will cover the masses on the weekend of April 30-May 1.
2. Attendance on Good Friday: 105 at the service; Live Stream: 120, with 35 watching later. Easter Vigil at 8pm: 95 in person; 9am, 162; 11am, 300+. Live stream: 130 households watched live, 50 watched later
3. My sister, who attended the 11am on Easter, observed that many more people here at the Magdalene were wearing masks than in her home parish. With the Covid virus still lingering, you are exercising good sense. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, do so. Each one of us is responsible for his/her medical decisions. With the large attendance on Sunday and the implementation of a new procedure for the distribution of communion, I neglected to put on my mask for the distribution of communion. It won't happen again.
4. The new procedure for the distribution of communion seemed to work, in spite of the larger attendance on Easter. On a normal weekend, the procedure should be a breeze. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and modify the procedure as necessary.
5. Did you know that bats are protected by both federal and state law? In NY you cannot disturb the long-eared bat hibernation habitat between Oct 1-April 30. As a consequence, we are still exploring remedies for the bats in the church attic.