

# 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 2 – April 10**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Intentions of Ita Yager	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	William McCloskey	Anne Muenzinger
	11:00 AM	David Impastato, Sr.	David Impastato & Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Margo Campbell	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Jeanne McLaurin	Parish Staff
Wednesday	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	Denise Perrigino
Thursday	8:00 AM	Pia DeLaurentis	Carol & Al Olivieri
Friday	8:00 AM	Mary Murphy	Ken Tierney
Saturday	5:00 PM	Diane Arrants	Bill & Cathy Mitzian
Sunday	9:00 AM	Mary & Ed Hill	Meg Hill
	11:00 AM	Jane Impastato	David Impastato & Family

## **Weekend Celebrants (Apr. 9-10)**

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.**

## **HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR**

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

## PARISH CALENDAR - EASTER SCHEDULE

April 9 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
April 9/10		Palm Sunday
April 11,12,13		8:00 a.m. Mass
April 14 (Thur.)	8:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 15 (Fri.)	3:00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - <i>Live Streamed</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Stations and Veneration of the Cross
April 16 (Sat.)	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)
April 17 (Sun.)		Easter Sunday - Masses at 9:00 a.m. <i>Live Streamed</i> & 11:00 a.m.

**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. or make an appointment at the rectory
- Deny yourself something and/or make a decision to help those who are in need

**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 March 25, we have 69 participants who have pledged \$53,315.** Our goal is \$59,000.

**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.

**THE GLORY OF EASTER CONCERT** will be at St. Joseph's Church in Somers on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Treasure House Chorale, Chamber Orchestra and Soloists, celebrating their 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, will perform a Spring concert. It will be live streamed on St. Joseph's website. \$20 suggested offering at main door. For more info visit [st.josephsomers.org](http://st.josephsomers.org) or email: [SJCSMsic95@gmail.com](mailto:SJCSMsic95@gmail.com).

**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:** Fr. John is 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 29, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

Your response to the Cardinal's Appeal has been overwhelming. The goal is \$59,000. As of last Friday you pledged \$53,315! We are \$5685 from our goal. The number of households who have participated: 69. The average gift is \$772.68. If you have not had a chance to participate, envelopes can be found in the back of the church. Our parish code for the Appeal is W511. You may place your pledge/gift in the collection or mail it directly to the diocese. If you mail it directly to the diocese, let the rectory know so that we can ensure that the parish is credited. Make all checks to The Cardinal's Appeal. Thank you for your help.

1. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 82; 9am, 87; 11am, 73. Live stream: Watching live: 155 households; watching later: 55. In the last three months our average in-person attendance has been roughly 67% of our pre-pandemic levels. What is interesting is that our live stream combined audience has increased in number to about 200+ each weekend, not including the occasional wedding or funeral. Like many corporations facing the dilemma of getting workers back into offices, we are confronted with a similar issue of how to increase in-person attendance. Time will tell
2. I would like to thank Dave Impastato, Anne Kenney, David Cartenuto, and Carol Mackey for attending the Synod meeting last Saturday at St. Patrick's in Yorktown. I will try to collate their impressions of the dynamic and substance of the day in our next FlockNote.
3. We are still searching for a landscaper/snow removal vendor. Thank you to everyone who has given us a referral. We are still working on it.
4. Last week in one of our very young CCD classes a student read the word "Indulgence" and wanted to know what it meant. If Martin Luther were alive today, his ears would be burning, his heart would be racing, and his voice would be bellowing. Over 500 years ago the church gave out pieces of paper for a donation. These papers would remit the punishment of those in

purgatory, allowing them to enter heaven more quickly, an idea that was ripe for corruption, leaving the impression one can buy one's way into heaven on the fast track. Luther rejected the whole concept and became the leading instigator for the Protestant Reformation. The Council of Trent was our response to the Protestant Reformation, and set the tone for the next 500 years until the Second Vatican Council. Believe it or not, indulgences (plenary and partial) are still on the books. Like Limbo, Indulgences are theological constructs of another time and another place. Think of this: If Christ had to carry his cross, what makes us think we can devise a shortcut?

5. April gives us a brief respite from weddings and baptisms and allows us to focus on the great mysteries of our faith. Once May commences, we hit the ground running with weddings, multiple baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmation. I can hear the swaying palm trees calling to me before the "busy" season begins.