

# 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: May 7 – May 15**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Marion Duignan	Duignan Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Peter Skrobela	Marta & Steve Deely
	11:00 AM	Catherine Arceri & Theresa Hornby	Hornby, Hulst & Wood Families
Monday	8:00 AM.	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Special Intention	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Peter & Katherine Viggiani	Carol & Al Olivieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Mary Maloney	Eileen & Paul Kurppe
	11:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Dietz	David Impastato & Family

## **Weekend Celebrants (May 14- May 15)**

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.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

May 14 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
May 17 (Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation – Bishop Walsh
May 22 (Sun.)	11:00 a.m.	Fr. John Vigilanti's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Mass followed by Brunch at SHCC (reservations required)
May 26 (Thur.)	8:00 a.m.	Ascension of the Lord

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We congratulate all our First Communicants who received the Body of Christ this Saturday and Sunday in the beautiful setting of our Church:

Alisa Essannason, Rowan Gallagher, Nora Geary, Marcial Ho-Santana, Selma Irizarry, Emmy Nowell, Margaret Salvatierra, Paul Staudt. Hunter Thunberg, Mia Tortoso, and Michael Zammit.

**Good Shepherd Communicants:** Sylvia Marie Guidry, Harrison Kane, Mason Lazari. and Emilia Pettus

**BAKE SALE AT THE MAGDALENE:** Thank you to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and those who supported the Bake Sale last Sunday for Ukrainian refugees. The sale raised \$1,144! Even though I did not purchase any sweets, as some of you now know: the ship I was to sail on as chaplain in November (the Volendam), has been chartered to rescue Ukrainian refugees. A disappointment for me, but a most worthy mission of mercy for Ukrainian families.

**THE MAGDALENE'S STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS:** Archways, the quarterly magazine of the archdiocese, has chosen to profile the stained-glass windows of the Magdalene in their future issue. We beat out a number of other parishes that were under consideration. A little publicity never hurts.

**50<sup>th</sup> GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING MASS** will take place on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, celebrant. This mass is for couples in the Archdiocese of New York celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2022. All those who wish to attend need to contact their parish secretary to register. All couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish. **Registration will close May 16, 2022.**

**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 29, we have 107 participants who have pledged \$71,696.** Our goal is \$59,000.

**MOTHERHOOD:** Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. *-Anonymous* May 3, 2022

Dear Parishioners;

I had a good vacation in the Dominican Republic. No hitches, but more paperwork is required in order to return to the US. It's a new world. One benefit of this trip was that I was able to renew my Global Entry interview at JFK, allowing an expedited entry to the US, while waiting for my luggage. I was fortunate enough to be interviewed by a Homeland Security officer whose uncle was a priest in the diocese of Rockville Center. The interview was a breeze, just a new photo and fingerprints. Done! Again, I wish to express my appreciation to Sr. Flo and Fr. Sheehan for holding down the fort.

1. I was surprised, on my return, to see the Easter flowers gone. That was quick. However, I was pleased to learn of your Easter generosity. Our Easter collection was \$22,640. Thank you!
2. We surpassed our Cardinal's Appeal goal of \$59,000. The latest figure is \$71,699. This is a remarkable response by any standard of measurement. My sincere thanks. I will be saying nothing more about the Cardinal's Appeal from this point on.
3. Last weekend's attendance: 5pm, 85; 9am, 96; 11am, 58. Live stream: 149 households watched live, 55 watched later. Looking ahead, my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am will be live streamed, in addition to the 9am that day.
4. **THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 7-8 DUE TO FIRST COMMUNION AT 11 ON THE 8TH.** Fr. John will have the 5pm and 11am.
5. Netflix will be using the church hall on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> as a holding place for cast and crew who are not needed on the set. They have agreed to pay the parish \$2000. The proper documentation and insurance certificate will be required from the production company.
6. Our Pocantico Hills Fire Department is holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-8pm. Blood donors are needed!!
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8. Prior to my departure at the end of June, because of your generosity, the parish will make donations to community groups and outreach programs in the Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow area, as we have done in the past. The past Renew and Rebuild Campaign, initiated by the diocese several years ago, gave some pastors free reign to indulge in cosmetic and totally unnecessary enhancements to rectory, school, and property. New bathrooms, kitchens, and furniture were acquired. For whom? Am I the only one who sees a future of empty rectories, poorly attended churches, and underused real estate? I have no idea who will replace me at the Magdalene, but I want to ensure that your generosity will benefit a much wider ecumenical community, where the needs are genuine. In June I will list the organizations and the amount of the bequests. Have no fear! These bequests will come from our operating account, not our savings, which stand at \$510,000, earning 4% interest payable twice a year.
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10. In these Flocknotes I have constantly warned about scams, etc. Last Thursday I was checking my deceased mom's trust account balance and realized \$20,000 was missing. A check, listing a creditable corporation in NJ as the PAYER, wrote a check for just under \$20,000 to an unknown payee, using my mom's Chase account number. The corporation has no Chase accounts, so how did the check move through the system? A representative for Chase said it should have been flagged immediately and apologized for this failure. My own access to this account requires a

two-step authentication in order to prevent unauthorized access to the account. The money was replaced by Chase in 24 hrs. I was able to catch this fraudulent transaction only hours after it took place because I check the balance each morning online. Had I not done so, the account could have been cleaned out. Today, you cannot be too careful.

This month of May will be busy with two First Communions, Confirmation, 5 baptisms, 3 weddings, Mother's Day, Bake Sale, Parish Brunch in honor of my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination, and Memorial Day. I have been asked to be the guest speaker at the Ossining Memorial Day celebration. After May, I will need another vacation. Looking toward the future, we have received no further word about the transition that will take place at the Magdalene on July 1. If what is taking place in other parts of the diocese is any indication, it seems possible that a neighboring pastor will be named administrator of the Magdalene. My sister's pastor in Warwick, NY has now been informed that he will also be the administrator of 2 other parishes in Florida and Pine Island NY. In my opinion, this decision reveals that the diocese has no creative plan to deal with the post-pandemic reality we are living in. If you want to destroy the morale (and health) of remaining pastors, this is the most effective way to accomplish that goal. Let me ask: in the corporate world do employees jump for joy when asked to assume the work load of colleagues (without further compensation) who have resigned or have been let go? The answer should be obvious.

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