

# 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: June 25 – July 3**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Michael Madden	The Pennacchio Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Michael Madden	Collins Family & Val Wallace
	11:00 AM	Michael Madden	Trudy Daly
Monday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Robert & Genevieve Causland	Todd & Roberta Ruppel
Thursday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Fr. John	Marianne & Jeanne
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Peter LiMarzi, Sr.	Family
	11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	

## **Weekend Celebrants (July 1-July 3)**

5:00 p.m. Sat. To Be Announced  
 9:00 a.m. Sun. To Be Announced  
 11:00 a.m. Sun. To Be Announced.

**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.**

## **AT A LOSS**

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost. —German proverb

## PARISH CALENDAR

July 2 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
July 4 (Mon.)		Independence Day – No 8:00 a.m. Mass
July 14 (Thur.)		St. Kateri Tekakwitha
July 22 (Fri.)		Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

**THANK YOU FR. JOHN** for all you have done for the Magdalene during the past 6 years as our pastor. We have enjoyed your sermons, your kindness and most of all your honesty with the Magdalene. You will truly be missed by all of our parishioners. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!

**DISCIPLESHIP'S COSTS:** In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare for threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity. The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:** Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday, July 25, 2021. In 2022, the celebration will fall on Sunday July 24, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). The Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2022:** 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 June 17, we have 116 participants who have pledged \$74,146.** Our goal was \$59,000. Thank you to all who have donated to the Appeal!

## TESTED BY FIRE

Since gold and silver, which are only corruptible metals, are purified and tested by fire, it is but reasonable that our faith, which surpasses all the riches of the world, should be tried.

—St. Peter Claver

June 21, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

This will be my final FlockNote as pastor of the Magdalene. Six years have flown by. I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful and supportive rectory staff, Jeanne and Marianne, our CCD director, Dottie and our volunteer teachers, our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers, the members of our parish and finance councils, and our professional musical staff, Anne and Nancy. It has been a privilege to serve at the Magdalene as my last assignment prior to retirement. Of the many responsibilities of a priest/pastor, I consider preaching a relevant, brief homily to a parish community on Sunday to be the most challenging, and the most rewarding. Hopefully, the mission was successful.

In July I will begin assisting the pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac on weekends and will probably assist elsewhere, as needed. When not assisting, I will be travelling. As of this writing, the 28 day cruise to the Amazon is a "go" from November 19<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>. I am assigned as the ship's chaplain. The ship, Holland America's Volendam, has completed its service for the Ukrainian refugees and will be sailing in Europe and the Baltics this summer, until it is repositioned in the Fall to the Caribbean and tropics. With the way the world is today, all travelers must be prepared for the unexpected: cancelations, delays, alternate destinations, and other surprises. In 1975 I was on the Stella Oceanis sailing from Greece to Turkey when the talk of war between the two nations forced the captain to divert the ship to Egypt instead. What a great consolation prize: Cairo and Alexandria, the pyramids and Sphinx!

As I leave, I welcome my replacement, Fr. Tim Wiggins, a Westchester native. Fr. Wiggins was ordained in 2002 for the Archdiocese and has served in the capacity of pastor elsewhere, most recently at St. Charles Borromeo in NYC. I will give Fr. Tim the courtesy of introducing himself to you. I wish him a productive ministry here at the Magdalene and know that you will assist him in every way possible. He will bring new perspectives to the Magdalene, and thereby extend the parish's long history. I have asked Fr. Jim Sheehan to

contact Fr. Wiggins in order to work out a mass schedule between them, beginning July 1.

I will be permanently residing at Heritage Hills in Somers. My address is 5C Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589. My cell # is: 347.255.1682. My email remains:

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Happy Summer!

Fr. John