

# CHURCH OF THE MAGDALENE



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**Weekend Masses:**  
 Saturday Vigil 5:00PM  
 Sunday 9:00AM & 11:00AM  
 Monday-Friday 8:00AM  
 Confessions: Saturdays 4:30PM

## ANNOUNCED MASSES: July 9 – July 17

Saturday	5:00 PM	Michael Colavito	William & Marlene McGovern
Sunday	9:00 AM	Austin J "Jimmy" Decker III	Hadad Family
	11:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Ilinka Nikolov
Monday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Robert and Deborah Zoragoza	Fr. Tim
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Baby Nathan Mercado	Janet & Stephen Kelly
Friday	8:00 AM	Beatrice Ellen Johns	Fr. Tim
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Oliva Martinez	G. Martinez
	11:00 AM	Vincent Iannavelli	Ilinka Nikolov

## Weekend Celebrants (July 9-July 10)

5:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. Jim Sheehan  
 9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Tim Wiggins  
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**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.

## PARISH SUPPORT & ATTENDANCE—July 3/4

5:00PM	72 People	\$662
9:00AM	73	\$1215
11:00AM	59	\$1490
Mail		\$1020

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL:** As of July 1, 2022, there are 117 participants with a total of \$74,496.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>July 16(Sat.)</b>		<b>Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 &amp; 9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>July 22 (Fri.)</b>		<b>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>July 24 (Sun.)</b>		<b>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</b>

### **The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2022**

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

I wish to thank you for such a warm welcome after the Weekend Masses last week. It was nice meeting you, and I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the coming weeks and months. The overall sentiments expressed were of your happiness and pleasure knowing that our parish, The Magdalene, will remain open and with a Pastor. For those of you who do not feel comfortable returning to Mass due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, please know your Parish family misses your presence.

Please bear with me as I settle into the rectory, my living quarters, the church, and the Sleepy Hollow community. In addition to my settling in, I will balance my time in the months of July and August with parish planning, meeting with my staff and the Parish Leaders, and squeezing in some vacation time.

We are well into the summer season. It is hard to comprehend that 2022 is half over! Tempus fugit! And with that we tend to have a more casual spirit. Enjoy all that summer has to offer by making the most of these summer months. Overall, we are blessed to have beautiful weather, enjoy the great outdoors (mask or unmasked) and commune with Mother Nature. Why not visit our Blessed Mother and the Memorial Garden for some personal prayer time and solitude? Or pay a visit to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament where the church doors remain open from 7 am to 4 pm?

The Second Collection this weekend is for the support of Black & Indian Home Mission. Envelopes are available in your Offertory packets or in the back of the church. Please be as generous as your means permits.

I also wish to thank Fr. John for his vigilance in the temporal and pastoral responsibilities during his six-years here at The Magdalene. One parishioner commented: "Fr. John arrived with a pastor's mind and left with a pastor's heart." May he enjoy his retirement!

a.s.a.p (always stop and pray)  
Fr. Tim

**RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS:** Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as “the image of the invisible God,” the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about *being* neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving *all* people, even those who seem to be our enemies

**THE MAGDALENE WEBSITE PHOTO GALLERY:** Visit our photo gallery on the website to view photos of our beautiful stained-glass windows (some which were featured in the Archdiocese magazine “Archway.”)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT’S HOSPITAL,** Westchester, a division of St. Joseph’s Medical Center, for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline of Westchester County. Must be 18 years of age or older. Extensive initial and ongoing training and supervision is provided by the Crisis Prevention & Response Team. Paid positions also available. For more information, contact Angela Jacobs at [ajacobs@svwsjmc.org](mailto:ajacobs@svwsjmc.org), 914-925-5959.

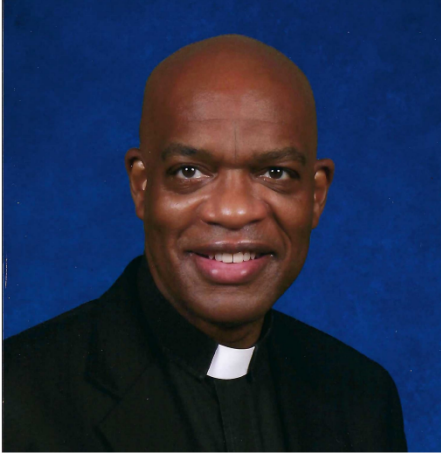
### **THIS WEEK’S SAINTS**

- **July 11: St. Benedict (480-550);** father of Western monasticism and patron Saint of Europe, attracted people by his spiritual life. He wrote a rule of life. This guide for their life of prayer and work (ora et labora) and community and hospitality is still in use today. Treat each person like Christ. Our common rule of life is the Gospel.
- **July 14: Saint Kateri Tekawitha (1657-1680)** was the first Native American to be canonized. Hearing about Christ from Jesuit missionaries, she chose to be a Christian at seventeen. Since Christians also brought disease and destruction to some indigenous villages, her choice was opposed by her family. She gave birth to the Gospel by being faithful to prayer and caring for children and the sick. She promised to continue her care when she reached heaven.
- **July 15: Saint Bonaventure** was a Franciscan bishop, Doctor of the Church, and teacher. Bonaventure served as Franciscan minister general at the time of great division. Because of his evident love for God, he is called the “Seraphic Doctor.”

**RIGHT TO KNOW:** The following donations were made to four local charities

1. Neighborhood House - \$5,000
2. RSHM Life Center - \$10,000
3. Shore - \$5,000
4. Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Food Pantry - \$5,000

## THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG



**Reverend Timothy S. A. Wiggins** was born in Valhalla and raised and educated in Port Chester (Westchester County), New York. From his childhood to his early teens, Fr. Wiggins was an active member of St. Frances African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church where his maternal grandmother, Beatrice Ellen Johns, took on the responsibility of rearing him in the church. Because of his faithful service and sincere dedication, these two qualities placed his name on the Pastor's desk to be considered a Church Steward.

Fr. Wiggins' zeal diminished as a Methodist and two years later he converted to Catholicism. In 1980, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church at Our Lady of Mercy in Port Chester and involved himself in the life of the Parish.

Fr. Wiggins' love for the liturgy, particularly sacred music, led him to remain in the Parish choir singing God's praises for almost for nearly 35 years. Being raised in a multigenerational and blue-color Community known as a "melting pot" and sandwiched

between two wealthy communities, Fr. Wiggins learned to embrace, appreciate and respect all races, cultures and religions. He graduated from Port Chester High School in 1982. Fr. Tim's passion was cooking. He was accepted into the Culinary Institute of America a year later. Fr. Tim wished not to wait so he decided to attend Johnson & Wales. He later transferred to Denver University and received a Bachelor of Science in Hotel/Restaurant Management. He then worked as an assistant director of nutritional services for major corporations, including the Marriott Corporation and St. Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers. While working full time, he also put in five years as rectory cook at Our Lady of Mercy; he loved the job and the chance to get to know the priests. It was here that Fr. Tim found his vocation--not to nourish bodies, but to nourish souls.

Even though he had a robust professional career, his heart was in the Church. In his own words, "I saw the need to give, the need to help more people, to be of service. I was already in the service industry, and I wanted to take it to a higher level." He applied to the St. John Neumann Seminary Residence but delayed his admissions out of concern for his grandmother. He spent two years at St. John Neumann Seminary Residence. While studying at St. Joseph's Seminary, he taught in the religious education programs at St. Philip Neri in the Bronx and Immaculate Conception in Irvington and visited patients at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center in the Bronx and Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne. He served summer assignments at St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem. He holds a B.A. in Sacred Theology from St. Joseph Seminary. Fr. Wiggins was ordained on May 18, 2002, at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Edward Michael Egan. He was first assigned as associate pastor at St. Peter's Church in Monticello, NY from 2002-2003. He spent 10 years as an associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist in White Plains until 2013. Fr. Tim was administrator of Our Lady of Mercy for two years. He was assigned as chaplain at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains from 2014 to 2020 and taught Freshman and Junior Religious Studies. He was temporary administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows in White Plains from 2020-2021. His first pastorate was at St. Charles Borromeo, Resurrection, and All Saints Parish.

Whether you call him "Fr. Tim" or "Fr. Wiggins", he is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (Tu es Sacerdos in aeternum), to love and serve God's People, while being guided by his mother's motto when trials, tribulations and temptations arise: "grace and mercy."

In every pastoral assignment, Fr. Wiggins befriended parishioners and they befriended him, earning the titles "Parish Priest" and "Family Priest." He is also blessed by his biological family: brothers: Karl L. Wiggins and Jonathan L. Wiggins, Jr, three nephews: Jonathan L. Wiggins Jr., Esq (Danielle), Timothy A. Wiggins, and Nathaniel Harnett, PhD., niece, Faith, and grandniece, Lenox Cecelia Wiggins.