

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 16 – July 24

Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Oliva Martinez Grace Williams	G. Martinez Fr. Tim
	11:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Ilinka Nikolov
Monday	8:00 AM	Armando Martinez Estrada	G. Martinez and Fr. Tim
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Martha Tineo	G. Martinez and Fr. Tim
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Rebecca P. Whitlow	Fr. Tim
Thursday	8:00 AM	James Hurley	Scaglione Family
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Carlotta Olivieri	Her Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Silvana Spinozzi & Family
	11:00 AM	Janine Sanfilippo	Scaglione Family

Weekend Celebrants (July 16 -July 17)

5:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. Jim Sheehan
 9:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Tim Wiggins
 11:00 a.m. Sun. Fr. Tim Wiggins

PRAY FOR THE SICK: James McCary, John Petry, Carl Schmidt, Mike Urban, Sr. Danielle Baran C.R., Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, Nijole Raskys, and Aloysius Gigl.

PARISH SUPPORT & ATTENDANCE-July 10/11

5:00PM	56 People	\$678
9:00AM	96 People	\$1,718
11:00AM	46 People	\$396
Mail		\$773
WeShare		\$962

CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of July 8, 2022, there are 118 participants with a total of \$74,521.

PARISH CALENDAR

July 22 (Fri.)		Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
July 23(Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
July 24 (Sun.)		World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 17, 2022

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Two weeks ago Jesus gave his disciples this directive: “Take no sandals, etc.” This week my earthly possessions arrived at 525 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills! Jesus’ point is do not be possessed by one’s possessions. As I packed and unpacked my possessions, I thought back as to how I came to possess them. I possess most of them through the goodness of parishioners whom I served and also by frequenting Estate Sales! There is a story (or two) behind most of the items. If I were a monk, all my items could not fit into a cell, but they do fit comfortably into the lovely and comfortable rectory which is now my home. I get a chuckle out of the adage: “Have you ever seen a U-haul behind a hearse?”

Some of you have already asked me if we will resume our normal meetings, events, and programs. I feel your enthusiasm and excitement and foresee a bright future here at The Magdalene. The response is a resounding “Yes!” Sitting at my desk I have mapped out what I will call “The Plan” as follows:

- The Third Week of July—vacation
- The Fourth Week of July —meetings with Staff/Office Personnel
- The First Week of August—vacation days
- The Second, Third and Fourth Week of August—meetings with the Trustees, Finance Committee, Parish Council and Parish Leaders & Ministry Coordinators
- The First Week of September—vacation days

During the past two weekends, we have been experiencing problems with the A/C system. Clean Air, who services our system, was called. Work done included: putting all systems online, reprogramming all thermostats for cooling, and servicing and repairing all units. Please God our church will now be comfortable. If not, there are many temporary and quick solutions: shorter homilies and return to the fans with a religious picture on one side and the local funeral homes advertisement on the other side!

We encounter two sisters, Mary and Martha. In our spiritual life, let us aim to be like Mary and Martha. Often, these two great women from Scripture get pitted against one another. Mary is the contemplative one, praying at the feet of Jesus. Martha is the active. Both Mary and Martha have important lessons to teach us about the Christian life. Martha's action, combined with Mary's adoration, sparks an encounter with the living Christ that nourishes everyone involved. As we follow the example of Mary and Martha, I

encourage you to incorporate both prayer and work into your daily routine this week. Often, one or the other gets shortchanged.

Today's Gospel and the Feast of Mary Magdalene allow us to promote the dignity of women and encourage awareness of rape, domestic violence, discrimination and other crimes against women.

A.s.a.p. (Always stop and pray)

Fr. Tim

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: It is not too early to get ready for our Religious Education program in the fall. Religious Education registration forms are in the mail. **Please return by July 30th.** For **new families**, registration forms can be found in the back of the church. If any of our parishioners know of new families with children of catechetical age, please let them know of the availability of the forms in the church. You may also go to our parish website for the registration forms. For any questions, please contact Dot Meehan at 914.552.7628 or dotmeehan@aol.com. We are looking forward to a successful in-person academic year, barring any unforeseen pandemic related issues.

LAY TRUSTEES : Mr. Michael Bassett and Mrs. Roberta Ruppel have been appointed to serve as the Parish Trustees. Their responsibilities are to assist the pastor in his oversight of parish management. The trustees review the Annual Financial Report and are informed of all legal issues related to the Parish. They are elected for a one-year term and may be re-elected for up to three consecutive years. The Lay Trustees are both parishioners and citizens. As Parishioners, they are members of the Church which is governed by Canon Law. As Citizens, they act under the laws of the State, fulfilling the requirements for Religious Corporations. They are required to get permission from the Bishop for all expenditures over \$30,000. Trustees may be invited by the Pastor to be members of the Parish Council or the Finance Council but they may not hold offices on those councils.

Mike has been a member of the Parish for 40 years and his Maternal great grandparents were among the original founders of the Parish. He has served on the Parish Council and currently chairs our Building & Grounds Committee and assists with decorating the church at Christmas. He is a retired police officer. He and his wife, Linda, are blessed to have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. As Trustee, Mike will serve on the Parish Council.

Roberta has been a member of the Parish for 15 years. She is a lector at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Her profession is that of a Fitness Instructor and offers Yoga and Centering classes. She and her husband, Todd, reside in Sleepy Hollow. They, too, are blessed to have 2 children. Roberta will serve on the Finance Committee.

Congratulations for their "fiat" (yes). They will be installed at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 30 as Trustees.

THIS WEEK'S SAINT: Mary Magdalene (July 22): St. Mary Magdalene (first century) is Apostle to the Apostles and Patron of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) because she's the first to proclaim the resurrection. Although women did not study with rabbis in Jesus' day, Mary was a disciple of the rabbi Jesus. Therefore, the seed of God's Word was firmly planted within her, so firmly that she stood at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother and John when the other disciples ran in fear. The Word has been planted in each of us. By reading, studying, and praying, we are better able to proclaim the power of Jesus Christ to those whom we encounter.

We are blessed to have our Parish, named after Mary Magdalene, which was established in 1894, "God's Acre," a "spiritual oasis" and a "hidden gem" in Pocantico Hills. We are doubly blessed to have 632 registered parishioners who call The Magdalene their spiritual home.

This is our Parish Feast Day, a day to celebrate as a People of Faith and thank God for allowing us to continue to worship, spread the Good News and live the Gospel. **The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, July 22** will be offered for all our Parishioners, living and deceased. Please join us.

**Holy Mary Magdalene, you who have been pardoned by Jesus,
you who have loved much, show us the true way of conversion and purity of
heart.**

Out of love you followed Jesus to serve him.

Teach us to give our lives selflessly for our brothers and sisters.

You were at the cross of Jesus with Mary and John:

Give us the grace of faith and hope in our trials.

**On the morning of Easter you received the mission from Jesus to announce his
resurrection to his disciples:**

**Help us to believe that life is stronger than death, that his love triumphs over
everything.**

Holy Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

THANK YOU FROM SHORE: "On behalf of Sheltering the Homeless, thank you for the generous contribution of \$5000 to SHORE/CARE's work. With your support we can continue to provide permanent housing for families who have been homeless or near homelessness. Your donation truly makes a difference in their lives." – Patricia Healy & Brad Thomas, Co-Presidents of SHORE/CARE.

BLOOD DRIVE PLEASANTVILLE FIRE HOUSE: (July 28, 2022) While summertime is when we seek more relaxation and less worry, the need to maintain an adequate blood supply doesn't diminish. The Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps are pleased to announce their Blood Drive on July 28. Location: 75 Washington Ave., Pleasantville from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Cal (800) 933-2566 or <https://donate.nybc.org/donor>.

A LOVELY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED...

July 5, 2022

Dear Fr. Tim,

Jim and I attended your inaugural Saturday Mass last Saturday. We had been seeking a parish that we believed was not only welcoming but had a strong sense of community. After your homily, with a wink and a nod, we knew we had found a home.

On our way home from Mass, I told Jim, "I once worked with Tim Wiggins at United Hospital." You looked like him but I didn't really believe it until I googled you. I was a social worker "Tere Pettitt " and you were the best dressed food service manager with a twinkle in your eye and a great singing voice. I'm not crazy, it was you, wasn't it?

We would like to join the parish and as we are both retired, would love to help you save "this country church."

I've enclosed the census form and a check to cover a fee for envelopes (not sure there is one).

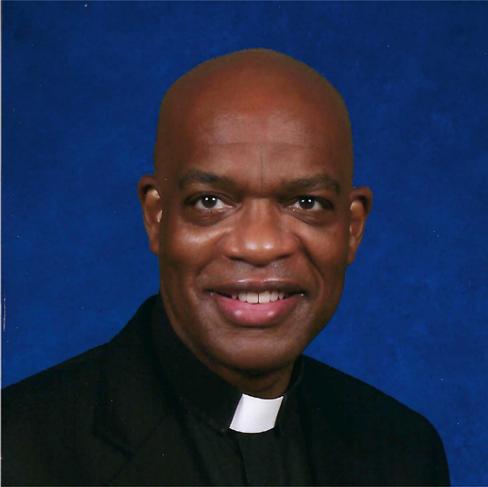
I'm going to try to receive confession at 4:30 p.m. Saturday so I can receive the Eucharist.

So glad God had directed us to The Magdalene and you.

Tere' Casey

NOTE: One's past could haunt a person or praise a person.

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 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 nearly 35 years. Being raised in a multigenerational and blue-collar 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 in Port Chester; 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 Nathanel Harnett, PhD., niece, Faith, and grandniece, Lenox Cecelia Wiggins.