

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 23 – July 31

Saturday	5:00 PM	Carlotta Olivieri	Her Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Silvana Spinozzi & Family
	11:00 AM	Janine Sanfilippo	Scaglione Family
Monday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Kristen Barry	Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Don and Joan Wildermann	Scott Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Dalmazia DiBono	Fr. Tim
Thursday	8:00 AM	Marie Morlino	Fr. Tim
Friday	8:00 AM	Dominick Morlino	Fr. Tim
Saturday	5:00 PM	Vita Sullivan	Janet & Stephen Kelly
Sunday	9:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Colleen Honan
	11:00 AM	Birthday Blessings Pierre Poux	The Magdalene

Weekend Celebrants (July 23 -July 24)

5:00 p.m. Sat. Fr. John Vigilanti
 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	43	\$923
9:00AM	95	\$1,718
11:00AM	58	\$1,503
Mail		\$773
WeShare		\$1342

CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of July 15, 2022, there are 118 participants with a total of \$74,521.

PARISH CALENDAR

July 30(Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
		Propagation of the Faith – Speaker at all masses – Deacon Anthony Cassanto
	5:00 p.m.	Lay Trustees (Roberta Ruppel & Mike Bassett will be installed
July 31 (Sun.)		Reception for Anne Holland & Jim Hynes immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Aug. 15 (Mon.)	8:00 a.m.	Feast of the Assumption
Sept. 25 (Sun.)		Parish Picnic

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 24, 2022

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Having been here for roughly three weeks and somewhat settled into my living quarters, I have now rolled up my sleeves and will be addressing some of the administrative, liturgical, and pastoral needs here at The Magdalene.

Administrative. It is with great sadness that I announce the departure of our Music Director & Organist, Anne Holland. Anne and her husband, Jim, have decided to relocate permanently to Tennessee as of August 1. Anne was invited by Fr. John to consider the full director of music position. The Magdalene celebrated many wonderful events under her leadership, from the 125th Anniversary Mass and Concert to Father John's 50th Anniversary Mass to many Holy Weeks, Christmas services, sacraments and pageants. Through COVID and into live streaming, from the joy of weddings and anniversaries to parish losses and moments of grief and uncertainty, Anne has led with gratitude and grace surrounded by dedicated and talented cantors and choir members. Ending her tenure was a difficult decision. She and her husband will miss the music ministers and parishioners of the Magdalene who have graced them with their voices and spirit each week. They look forward to the next chapter both for the parish and for them. On behalf of the Parishioners, I thank them for their incredible music ministry here at The Magdalene. A search committee has been established and will assist me in selecting a new Director of Music & Organist. **Please join us for a reception in honor of Anne and Jim immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday in the Parish Hall.**

I met with the Buildings and Grounds Committee to assess the condition of our parking lots. Although on the surface the parking lots appear in good condition, there are multiple cracks and a few craters that need to be addressed for safety purposes. I'm waiting for an estimate, and hopefully the parking lots will be repaved in a few weeks. After the severe storm last Monday afternoon, a leak was discovered between my sitting room and bedroom.

Liturgical: The red Sanctuary Candle has returned and is available each week as a memorial for \$15. Hopefully, the 2022 copies of *Breaking Bread* and the bulletins will soon follow. During the Pandemic, all parishes had to adapt and follow both the CDC and the Archdiocese recommendations. Many parishes are now returning to their full complement of ministers. Please bear with me as I assess the needs here at The Magdalene. I do believe we can return to some of our past practices while embracing new ones. Also, I am trying to get a handle on “the way things are done” here in the Parish especially when it comes to celebrating the Liturgy. I ask for your patience. As I solicit questions, I am open to suggestions as well. The Parish Council will be tasked to conduct a survey which will serve as a compass as we navigate our bright future.

Pastoral: The office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. However, I do welcome appointments and enjoy making Communion Calls. Currently, I am “pencil” Friday mornings through Saturday afternoons on my desk calendar as my “day off”. This is subject to change. As we know, the cell phone reception here in the area is not the greatest. If you wish to reach me, I encourage you to call the rectory first and if not available, kindly leave a message. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the number on my voicemail and leave your message. I will be pounding the pavement on Broadway, Beekman and Main meeting the proprietors, including the local funeral parlors and the staff at Phelps.

Some of you may have noticed I conclude my remarks with the letters: a.s.a.p. These four words are food for thought and express what today’s Gospel is demanding of us who wish to have a better relationship with God and to increase our communication with Him. Jesus’ disciples did not say, “Jesus, teach us a prayer.” Rather, they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus does much more than teach a prayer. Yes, He gave them the greatest prayer, the Lord's Prayer. To pray the seven petitions of The Our Father is to admit that we are totally dependent on God for all our needs. Yes, Jesus taught an attitude of prayer—a way of praying, but also how to approach our loving God in prayer. To call out to God as “Our Father” is to embrace the nearness and intimacy of God. We are called to be persistent in prayer. God can handle our prayers. Our relationship with God can only grow when we spend time with Him in prayer. This week’s readings challenge us to spend time with God to build our relationship.

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

SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL: (Sunday, July 31). This year our parish is pleased to welcome **Deacon Anthony Cassanto** who will speak to us on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith at all masses. He will speak to us about the many challenges missionaries face daily. There are envelopes available in the pews and the back of the church. Please be as generous as your means allow in next week's collection.

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.

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. Call (800) 933-2566 or <https://donate.nybc.org/donor>.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

- **St. James, Apostle (July 25)** This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. James had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jarius, and the agony in Gethsemane. James was the first apostle to suffer martyrdom. According to legend, his remains were carried away by his friends in a rudderless boat, which drifted to Spain. Many centuries later his remains were discovered, and a great cathedral was built over the spot where they were found, Santiago de Compostela, one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations of the Middle Ages. To this day pilgrims make their way to that remote corner of Spain to venerate the relics of Saint James.
- **Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (July 26)** This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. They must keep the traditions alive and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message to the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's

- greater perspective, depth of experience and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.
"The family is the foundation of society... in it the various generations come together and help one another to grow wise and to harmonize personal rights with those other requirements of social life." (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, #52)
May God bless the grandparents here at The Magdalene! We thank you for ALL that you do for your grandchildren.
- **St. Martha (July 29).** We think of Martha as "the busy one," but Martha is, above all, a woman of faith who loves Christ and knows him as the Son of God. When Martha was anxious and worried about many things, Jesus comforted her and assured her that she could take refuge in him. Let us call to mind our worries and anxieties and lay them at the Lord's feet.

EVEN THOUGH

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

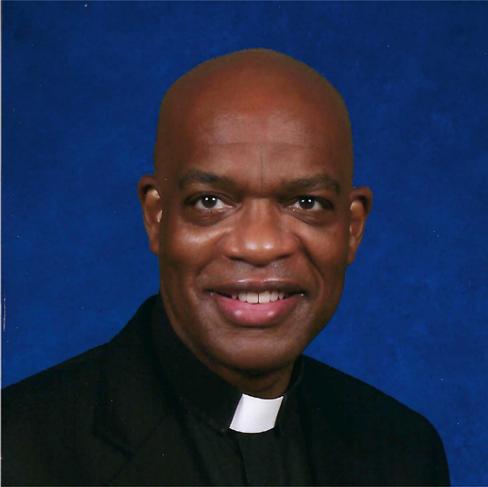
Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for life.

How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love toward one of my friends, my parents, and an older person! How beautiful! (Pope Francis)

DECEASED: Rev. Brian C. Brennan and Msgr. Hugh D. Curran

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.