

# 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 30 – August 7**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Vita Sullivan	Janet & Stephen Kelly
Sunday	9:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Colleen Honan
	11:00 AM	Birthday Blessing Pierre Poux	The Magdalene
Monday	8:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Doris E. Motl	Fr. Tim
Thursday	8:00 AM	Intentions of John Wildermann	Scott Family
Friday	8:00 AM	Delphine Jablonski	Ann and Ken Boyle
Saturday	5:00 PM	Albert Olivieri	Carol and Al Olivieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Michael Madden	His Family
	11:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Colleen Honan

## **Weekend Celebrants (July 30 - July 31)**

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** James McCary, John Petry, Carl Schmidt, Mike Urban,  
 Sister Danielle Baran C.R., Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, Nijole Raskys,  
 and Aloysius Gigl. **PARISH SUPPORT & ATTENDANCE-July 17/18**

5:00PM	93	\$850
9:00AM	67	\$915
11:00AM	65	\$1,213
Mail	(7 pieces)	\$585
WeShare	30	\$1,202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>\$4,815</b>

**THANK YOU** to those parishioners who “make up” their support for the weeks that they are away and attend other churches during the summer or other season.

**2022 CARDINAL'S APPEAL:** As of July 22, 2022, there are 119 participants with a total of \$74,821.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE is in Memory of George Gumina, Sr.  
Requested By His Family**

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Aug. 5 (Fri.)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Aug. 6 (Sat.)</b>		<b>Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 &amp; 9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Aug. 15 (Mon.)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>
<b>Sept. 25 (Sun.)</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Installation Mass and Parish Picnic</b>

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 31, 2022**

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

A Clambake and apple pies go a long way! Over the course of 10 days, I met many neighbors. The Hill Top Engine Company No. 1 invited me to their Clambake (and feast) which also included a tour and a bit of history. It was nice meeting the Volunteer Firefighters and their families. Murphy's Law prevailed when the horns sounded. The brave men went off to duty while their wives and children looked on. I blessed them with the Sign of the Cross.

I "pounded the pavement" introducing myself to 9 families. Each family was presented with an apple pie and my calling card. Some families were home while others were not. Reflecting on my experience/adventure, I wish to share the following with you entitled:

### **A NEW PASTOR**

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card, wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back and stuck it in the door. The next day, as he was counting the offering, he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was the notation, "Genesis 3:10".

Revelation 3:20 reads: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me."

Genesis 3:10 reads: "and he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked."

I also introduced myself to another group of "neighbors:". I met Nancy & Michael Coffey, owners of the Coffey Funeral Home and their neighbor, Carmine Carpinone,

owner of Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home. Our paths will cross as we comfort the grieving families residing along the River Towns and beyond.

We hear, in Ecclesiastes, the words of Qoheleth, "vanity of vanities". His message to us is that things pass. All of our grief and anxiety, our work and knowledge—they come and go, even our stuff as is the case with the rich man in Matthew's Gospel. Today's readings present a challenging message to those living comfortable, privileged lives. It can be so easy to seek security in our assets: a comfortable home, a well-paying job, hefty savings for retirement. None of these are inherently bad—but they are not what will gain us eternal life. Take a survey of your possessions. Do something to reduce what you own so as to store up riches in heaven. Have a Tag or Estate sale!

A.s.a.p (Always Stop and Pray)

Fr. Tim

**SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Parish Picnic, along with Fr. Tim's Installation Mass will be held on Sunday, September 25, at 11:30.**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:dotmeehan@aol.com). We are looking forward to a successful in-person academic year, barring any unforeseen pandemic related issues.

**RSHM (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary) LIFE CENTER THANK YOU NOTE:**

"We are honored by the \$10,000 donation recognizing the conclusion of Fr. Vigilanti's pastorate, and we give thanks for his faithful work in the community. We are so very grateful for your unflagging support of the families of our community and the work that we do. We join you in welcoming Fr. Tim Wiggins and hope he will be able to visit the LIFE Center in the Fall." Best Regards, Sr. Susan Gardella, RSHM Executive Director.

**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**

- **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (August 1)**  
Alphonsus founded the redemptorist Congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. His great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—

replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and kindness. Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. St. Alphonsus is known above all as a practical man who deals in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life is indeed a “practical” model for the everyday Christians who had difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amidst the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding and failure.

- **St. John Mary Vianney (August 4)** was ordained because of his virtue. He was assigned to Ars, France, because the parish needed the love he could bring. The Patron Saint of Parish Priests said: “Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do.” Spoken like the saint he was in a Sermon for the Feast of the Assumption.

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD —August 6th



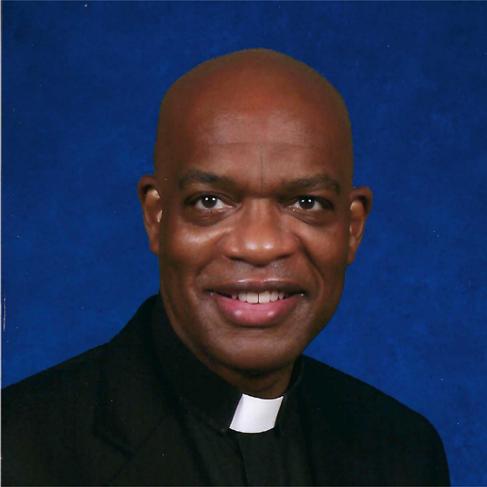
He might be babbling, but Peter gets it right: It is good to be atop the mountain. Of course he doesn't want to leave. The glory they may have sensed in Jesus is now fully-revealed. And he's in good company: Moses and Elijah, the embodiments of the Law and the prophets that are now fulfilled in Jesus. Such an experience is worth extending; it should be fully revealed and absorbed. Storm clouds gather over Jesus as his passion approaches. But here, the cloud that hovers thunders his praise and demands we listen to him. It is good for us to be here. [Graziano Marcheschi]

**Heavenly Father, on this holy feast of the Transfiguration, you reveal to us the glory of your Trinity made manifest in the Person of Your Son, Jesus. Draw us into your mystery so we may listen to the voice of your son, who leads us to union with you, who lives and reigns together in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Sanctuary Candle** this week is in memory of George Gumina Senior, requested by his Family. May perpetual light shine upon him.

We also wish to welcome the Casey family, the DeMilio family, the Nuzzi family, the Lauer-Wynn family, the Willis family and Alicia Marie Falcetta to The Magdalene!

## 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.