

# 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: August 20 – August 28**

Saturday	5:00 PM	T. C. Gallagher	Fr. Tim
Sunday	9:00 AM	Randy Rushneck & Vincent Trerotola	Fr. Tim
	11:00 AM	Joseph Salek	Maureen Ball
Monday	8:00 AM	Carla Mortelliti	LiMarzi Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Linda Frigenti	Fr. Tim
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Don & Joan Wildermann	Marianne Scott
Thursday	8:00 AM	Wendy Sigler	Fr. Tim
Friday	8:00 AM	Jose Precia	Fr. Tim
Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Jonas	Brian & Denise Perrigino
	11:00 AM	William Bauer	His Family

## **Weekend Celebrants (Aug. 20 – Aug. 21)**

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK: James McCary, Mike Urban, Sister Danielle Baran C.R., Nancy Letizia, Joyce Carroll, Chris Batton, and Nijole Raskysl, Daniel Hickey**

## **PARISH SUPPORT & ATTENDANCE-Aug.12-13**

5:00PM	\$994	64
9:00AM	\$1,235	80
11:00AM	\$785	80
Mail	\$715	8 pieces
WeShare		
TOTAL		224

**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 Aug. 12, 2022, there are 119 participants with a total of \$75,221.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Aug. 27 (Sat.)</b>		<b>Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 &amp; 9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 5 (Mon.)</b>		<b>Labor Day – no 8:00am Mass</b>
<b>Sept. 20 (Tues.)</b>		<b>Religious Education Classes Begin</b>
<b>Sept. 25 (Sun.)</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Installation Mass for Fr. Timothy S. Wiggins Followed by Parish Picnic – Pierson Park</b>

*With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God  
The Church of the Magdalene  
Invites you to join us as we celebrate*

*The Installation  
of  
Reverend Timothy S. Wiggins, Pastor*

**Officiated by**  
The Most Reverend Gerardo J. Colacicco, Auxiliary Bishop

Sunday, the Twenty-fifth of September  
Two Thousand Twenty-Two  
Eleven-Thirty in the morning

525 Bedford Road, Sleepy Hollow, Pocantico Hills, New York 10591

**This Celebration will be livestreamed.**

In lieu of a reception, please join us at the Annual Family Picnic in Pierson Park, Tarrytown.

**RVSP: [themagdalene@archny.org](mailto:themagdalene@archny.org).**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 21, 2022**

Dear Parishioners & Friends of The Magdalene:

Two weeks ago, I presided over five (5) funerals within a week (Thanks be to God none were here at The Magdalene!). These moments of sadness called me back to my first assignment at St. Peter's, Monticello to St. John Evangelist, White Plains, where I spent nearly a decade of my twenty years as a Priest. At each Mass, I reflected on my relationship with the deceased and their families, recalling being a part of their lives in good times and bad times. To be asked to preside at the Mass of Christian Burial for momma and daddy, nonna and nonno, the maiden aunt and the distant uncle, or beloved family member, especially when requested multiple times is indeed an honor.

How were these relationships fostered and maintained? They were developed by placing an announcement in the bulletin by extending an invitation to bring Holy Communion or administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to the Homebound and Infirm. They were also maintained by attending many family sacramental and non-liturgical events, as well as, "just being there" as the "Parish Priest" or the "Family Priest".

Relationships are formed on many levels—business, social, personal, and spiritual—and regardless, there is an emotional or other connection and involvement. There is also an invested interest and time in the other person(s). Relationships are also built on good communication, trust, and mutual respect.

As a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem, I was asked to visit a parishioner outside the parish boundaries. From the look on my face, the Monsignor said, "We go where our parishioners are; ministry has no boundaries." Fast-forwarding... putting miles on my Honda CRV, filling up my car almost twice a week, paying tolls, waiting in long traffic lines, going over mountains and into different states and parishes, is what ministry entails. Jesus went from village to village and at times he was welcome and other times not welcome. When he was welcomed, people drew closer to him and developed a relationship with him; at other times, he "shook the dust from his sandals" and moved on to the next town.

At the end of the day, serving God's people is a joyous thing no matter where they are or where they worship.

A.s.a.p.  
Fr. Tim

PS: On August 12, I received a voicemail from my high school guidance counselor informing me that she relocated and wanted me to have her new contact information so that we can continue to maintain our relationship of 43 years!

**ASSISTANT TEACHERS NEEDED IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

We are in need of two assistant teachers for Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5th grade classes. Assistant teachers are expected to be in the classroom and aid the teacher as needed. If you can help (grandparents welcome) please call Dotty Meehan at 914-552-7628 or email [dotmeehan@aol.com](mailto:dotmeehan@aol.com).

**Registration forms have been sent out, and there are extra forms in the back of the Church. Please return ASAP.**

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

**WEDDING BANNS II: Joseph F. Namy & Kristen M. Barry**



## *The Queenship Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

August 22, 2022

Eight days after we celebrated her Assumption, we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven. Pope Pius established this feast at the end of 1954, which he had named a Marian Year in the Church. The church gave us a new rite for crowning an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Among other things this new rite makes the reasons for Mary's Queenship crystal clear. She deserves to be queen because she is (1) the

Mother of the Son of God and the Messianic King; (2) the loving Associate of the Redeemer; (3) the perfect follower (or disciple) of Christ; and (4) the most excellent Mother of the Church.

In his book, *The Greatest Marian Titles*, Anthony Duono writes: "Modern society makes great use of titles, especially in the public eye. The important thing about these titles is that they immediately impart essential facts about the person to whom they refer. The queenship understood her life as a service, not a royalist. Her queenship should inspire us to a Queenship of service and peace." The Title "queen" also establishes Mary as mediator between all the brothers and sisters of the Lord, his disciples and the gloried Christ who reigns in heaven.

## **Introduction to the Liturgy and of the Word**

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” come from the same root: Latin *disciplina*, meaning “teaching.” As disciples of the Lord, we are taught through discipline. We need that discipline when we're tempted to compromise our ethics or ignore our conscience and do something we shouldn't or failed to do something we should. Hebrews reminds us today that God's discipline is given out of love, to keep our conscience strong and our feet on the narrow path. May we keep to the discipline of being a true disciple and resolve to learn from our missteps.

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a previous offering in glory.

Psalms 117

“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-12

Discipline strengthens what is weak.

Luke 13: 22-30

The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.

[Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2022]

### **Saint Monica—Patroness of Mothers August 27**

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in north Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Monica had at least three children, the oldest, Augustine, is the most famous.

Today, with Internet search, e-mail shopping and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son Augustine.

## **INVITATION TO SERVE THE LORD AT OUR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

**Altar Servers:** assist the Priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Some of the Altar Server responsibilities include •Bearing the cross and candles in the entrance procession •Assisting with holy water, water, wine and offertory gifts at Mass •Assist the priest, celebrant and deacon at special liturgies when needed. All boys and girls in Grade 4 and higher are invited to serve as Altar Servers. Please contact Fr. Tim.

**Choir:** Now is the time to consider joining our choir. The Parish choir sings for the Sunday 11:00 am Mass, and for Christmas and Holy Week liturgies. We need all voices. No musical experience or prior training is necessary. “Praying Twice” is how St. Augustine describes singing in church. The energy and joy that go into raising our voice—good, bad, or not bad at all—in praise of God causes Him delight and makes us a more prayerful people. Please contact Jim Hornby at 914-592-8162.

**Lectors** proclaim the Word of God on Sundays, solemnities and feasts of the Lord so that the Faithful may come to know a deep assurance about the readings that are proclaimed. If you are interested, contact Marita McMahon at 914-347-3934.

**Eucharistic Ministers** assist the priests in administering Holy Communion to the Faithful at Mass. Offering the Body and Blood of Christ to God’s people is truly a symbol of Christ’s love. If you are interested, contact rectory at 914-631-0529.

**Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality** are responsible for welcoming parishioners and visitors, taking the head count, handing out the bulletins, and taking up the weekly offertory. Overall, they help to maintain order during our services.

**Training sessions will be held in September.**

**PS: If you wish to assist at Fr. Tim’s Installation Mass at 11:30 a.m. on September 25, please contact Fr. Tim.**

## **WHY REGISTER IN THE PARISH?**

**First,** Registered members of the parish can request an accounting of all contributions for tax purposes. The amount that anyone puts in the contribution envelopes is never dictated by the parish; that is decided by each parishioner and the limits of their individual generosity.

**Second,** More and more parishes require a letter to vouch for you to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Through participating in the Saturday or Sunday Eucharistic liturgies also witnesses for you, should you need a letter of recommendation.

**Third,** Everyone registered is officially certified as a member of the parish, who supports the parish and is spiritually enriched by the parish.

**Fourth.** Our voice counts, that is, when decisions are being considered. ALL communications will be sent through our envelope company, DP Murphy, to your home. Thank you if you are already registered, and thank you, if you will seriously consider registering now.

***FYI...***

*Five percent (5%) of the people really THINK, ten percent (10%) think they THINK and the remainder (85%) would rather die than THINK. It's the five percent (5%) that change things.*

*There are two kinds of leaders in the world: those who are interested in the fleece and those who are interested in the flock.*

*When someone says he doesn't feel as near to God as he once did, you can be pretty sure which one has moved.*

—Taken from 1800 SPEECH SPARKLERS by E. C. McKenzie