

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 6 – August 14

Saturday	5:00 PM	Albert Olivieri	Carol & Al Olivieri
Sunday	9:00 AM	Michael Madden	His Family
	11:00 AM	Vincent Iannarelli	Colleen Honan
Monday	8:00 AM	Communion Service	Sr. Flo
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Delphine Jablonski	Ann & Ken Boyle
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Sebastian Dumser	Dumser Family
Thursday	8:00 AM	Joanne Coza	Her Family
Friday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Paul Hill	Bryant University (six sisters)
Sunday	9:00 AM	Robert Beard	Paula Periera
	11:00 AM	William Bauer	His Family

Weekend Celebrants (Aug. 6 – Aug. 7)

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, 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	55	\$1,022
9:00AM	105	\$1,280
11:00AM	81	\$1,488
Mail	(8 pieces)	\$1,050
WeShare	31 donations	\$1,327
TOTAL	241	\$6,167

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 29, 2022, there are 119 participants with a total of \$74,821.

PARISH CALENDAR

Aug. 8 (Mon)	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Aug. 13 (Sat.)		Men's AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Aug. 15 (Mon.)	8:00 a.m.	Feast of the Assumption
Sept. 25 (Sun.)	11:30 a.m.	Installation Mass and Parish Picnic

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 7, 2002

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

I must 'confess' I am not an avid reader whether it be novels or the newspapers. However, I do subscribe to my share of periodicals—religious, food, health and People Magazine. Yes, such a wide variety. I only wish I had the time to read all of them cover-to-cover.

Two weeks ago, and twice in the same week (Tuesday, July 26 & Friday, July 29), *The New York Times* featured pictures of Pope Francis on its cover. In both pictures, His Holiness was seen sitting in a wheelchair—in a cemetery in western Canada where children who died at a church-run residential school were buried and at Lac Ste. Anne in Alberta. Although both pictures were disturbing, the stories were more disturbing.

During my 42 years as a Catholic, I have witnessed the aging process of three pontiffs: John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. It made me wonder about the "wear and tear" these "princes of the church" have put on their bodies during their pontificate. While Pope Benedict is retired, Pope Paul II and Pope Francis have continued with their health issues carrying their "crosses" shepherding God's flock. They have served as role models for people who struggle with health challenges.

I made a Communion call to a woman in the parish where I grew up in Port Chester, Our Lady of Mercy, and I have grown quite fond of her since I converted to Catholicism. Not only were we fellow parishioners, but co-workers as well. In fact, the opportunity presented itself where I became the employer (priest) and she, the employee. She invited me to join her for dinner and commented, "I need to use my wheelchair." and with that statement, I responded, "May I have the pleasure of wheeling you to the dining room?"

St. John Paul said, "Do not be afraid." None of us should be afraid of growing old and should heed Pope Francis' advice: "The old can teach us that we all are, in reality, fragile." We give thanks to God for all the past popes and present popes for always remaining confident in their faith and guiding us all on our journeys, whether from a balcony or wheelchair.

This Sunday's readings show us how the faithful must often carry on in adverse conditions that require strength and alertness as they wait for God's deliverance. Abraham's great faith serves as an example. He believed in God's promises despite obvious uncertainties.

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 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.

THANK YOU NOTES: Neighborhood House: "On behalf of the Board members of the Neighborhood House, we thank you sincerely for the recent donation of \$5,000. Support from the community is of such importance to smaller nonprofits. The pandemic has been such an isolating experience for all, especially the older adults, many of whom live alone. It has been a pleasure to see them able to socialize and take advantage of all the free classes and lunches provided here." - Francesca Spinner, President

Community Food Panty: "The Community Food Pantry deeply appreciates the generosity of your gift (\$5,000). Friends such as you help to make up the difference in our fundraising and our delivery of services. Your empowerment of the food pantry's essential work makes an enormous difference for many. Your charity and kindness enable the food pantry to supply meals to more than 500 of your neighbors and their immediate families."

- Madeline S. Goff, Corresponding Secretary

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY: a Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. See bulletin board for further information.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

- **Saint Dominic, Priest (August 8)**, founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). Unlike the officials of his day, Dominic's community preached by means of simplicity of life, personal and communal prayer, community life, and study. Their preaching method would include dialogue with those considered outside of accepted Church teaching. Like Jesus, Dominic invited people to change their hearts.
- **Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (August 10)**, was arrested during a time of persecution. He sold the community's possessions to care for the poor and left nothing for his captors. Enraged, they roasted his body over an open fire, forcing the poor to watch. Legend holds that Lawrence cried out: "I'm done on this side, turn me over."
- **Saint Clare, Virgin (August 11)**, was a friend and follower of St. Francis of Assisi. She was from a wealthy family and sold all she had to serve the poor. Many women came to join Clare's Poor Ladies. Clare served her sisters, like Christ, the Servant King.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Thank you for your support of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in faith in Africa.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Rev. Peter C. Scaramuzzo, Rev. John C. Kostek, Gary Martin, Sheila G. Cooney

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 Richard Chulla at 914-631-1243.

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 on September 25, please contact Fr. Tim.

SUMMER PRAYER

Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

And just a few guidelines for the sun...

- *The sun is at its hottest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. so keep that in mind when going outside for errands and to the beach and pool*
- *Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater one hour before going out in the sun and reapply every one to two hours and always after swimming.*
- *Sun Protective Clothing is now available in some clothing stores or online for adults as well as children.*
- *Wear a wide brimmed hat that protects ears and neck; sunglasses to prevent cataracts.*
- *Be sure not to get a sunburn because it increases the chance of skin cancer, especially melanoma, which can be deadly.*

- *Finally, it is recommended to get to a dermatologist to have a full body check for skin cancer prevention.*

Continue to have a safe and relaxing summer.

A TRIPLE THANK YOU! On behalf of the parish, I wish to thank:

~ Deacon Anthony Cassaneta for being with us last weekend on behalf of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. His efforts yielded \$1,500.

~Jean and Ed Sudol, Denise Perrigino, Dottie Meehan, Paul Heck for the organizing, the setting and the cleanup of the Parish Reception for Anne Holland and Jim Hynes after the 11:00 am Mass on July 31.

~Anne and Jim for their Music Ministry here at The Magdalene. Their incredible organ and trumpet playing will be missed at our Masses.

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.

SOME THOUGHTS ON FAITH

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

~St. Thomas Aquinas

“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”

~St. Bruno

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

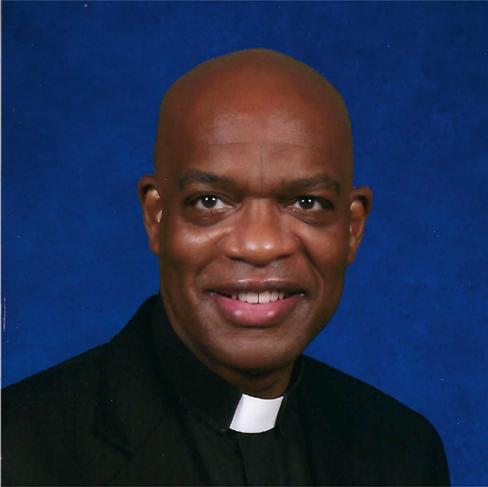
~St. Augustine

SOME HUMOR ON FAITH

Nuns in the Country

Two nuns were driving down a country road when they ran out of gas. They walked to a farmhouse and a farmer gave them some gasoline; but the only container he had was an old bedpan. The nuns were happy to take whatever they were offered and returned to their car. As they were pouring the gasoline from the bedpan into the tank of their car, a minister drove by. He stopped, rolled down his window and said, "Excuse me, sisters. I'm not of your religion, but I couldn't help admiring your faith."

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.