

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 27 – September 4

Saturday	5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners	
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Jonas	Brian & Denise Perrigino
	11:00 AM	William Bauer	His Family
Monday	8:00 AM	William Buer	Gaultiere Family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Ruth Perrigino	Her Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners	
Thursday	8:00 AM	Dorothy Festa	Denise Perrigino
Friday	8:00 AM	Intentions of Kristen Barry & Joseph Namy	Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	George Morrow	His Family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Joseph Radelich	His Family
	11:00 AM	Constance Lowe	Anne & Karl Muenzinger

Weekend Celebrants (Aug. 27 – Aug. 28)

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.20-21

5:00PM		
9:00AM	Information	
11:00AM	will be	
Mail	available	
WeShare	next weekend	
TOTAL		

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. 19, 2022, there are 119 participants with a total of \$75,221.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sept. 3 (Sat.)		Men’s AA – 7:45-8:45 & 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Sept. 5 (Mon.)		Labor Day – no 8:00am Mass
Sept. 20 (Tues.)		Religious Education Classes Begin
Sept. 25 (Sun.)	11:30 a.m.	Installation Mass for Fr. Timothy S. Wiggins Followed by Parish Picnic – Pierson Park

*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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 28, 2022

Dear Parishioners & Friends of The Magdalene:

The Governance here at The Magdalene is shaping up nicely. We now have our two newly installed Trustees: Mr. Michael Bassett and Mrs. Roberta Ruppel. A Finance Council meeting was held Tuesday, August 16. Members serving are: Mr. William McCabe (Chair), Mrs. Mimi Godwin (Vice Chair), Mr. Edward Sudol, and Mrs. Roberta Ruppel (Trustee). Mr. David Yawman, Esq. has accepted the position as the Parish Advocate. All members will be assigned terms.

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, September 19. Due to the composition, Mr. David Impastato (current President) and I have agreed to call a reorganizational meeting. (Please read the separate announcement in this weekend's bulletin for further information.) It is imperative that those who are in leadership positions attend; at which time, we kindly ask that changes in leadership positions and recommendations be presented.

The Council is one of the most critical components of the Parish. Taking its lead from the 1992 papal exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, the document sees the priest's primary task as the enabler to communion. "As a servant of communion, he builds up the unity of the church community in the harmony of diverse vocations, charisms and services."

Overall, we are doing well. Collaboration and communication are very important. I pray for the grace of persuasiveness when asking for new leadership. The changes that may come due to new leadership will require courage and hard work to implement so as to have a vibrant and welcoming parish, "rejoicing and exulting before God." (Today's Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 68)

There is a story of a priest on a flight to America and over the Atlantic, the plane hit a patch of violent turbulence. The flight became rather frightening as the pilots found it increasingly difficult to retain control and flight attendants tried to comfort the passengers. Reassuringly, one said to the priest, "Don't worry. We are in God's hands." "Oh, dear," he said, "Are things that bad?" We here at The Magdalene are in God's hands and things are that good.

A.s.a.p
Fr. Tim

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 2nd 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.

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. See website.

WEDDING BANNS III: Joseph F. Namy & Kristen M. Barry

TWO SIGNIFICANT MEMORIALS

- **Passion of St. John the Baptist (August 29)** John pointed the way to Jesus, calling people to reorient their lives and follow Christ. John's words challenged many, including Herodias, Herod's wife. Rather than listening, she looked for an opportunity to have him killed. It came when Herod made a promise he wished he would never have made.
- **St. Gregory the Great (September 3)** Gregory was responsible for promoting monasticism, patronizing the development of Gregorian chant, commissioning evangelists to Britain, and writing many theological and catechetical works. Pope Gregory led Rome and the church through plagues, invasions, and political confusion, placing his talents for organization and leadership in the service of both political peace and the spread of Christianity.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68:4-7,10-11

The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1,7-14

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet. Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At this meeting, we will officially welcome our new Pastor, Fr. Tim. We will also discuss the possibility of how to reorganize the Parish Council due to the Pandemic and for overall collaboration.

Coming from Vatican II all of us are people of God, with gifts we must share for the good of one another, and with responsibility for accomplishing the mission of the church. Councils have been proving themselves to be very helpful to the parish and to the pastor, and they give wisdom and credibility to necessary decisions. In short, they are consultative; the final decision is left to the pastor. As written in the Book of Proverbs (11:14): "for lack of guidance, a people fall; security lies in many counselors." Members serve the whole parish and it is just one part of it. The Council

should always be and act as a Christian community; they serve for the 'good of the parish' which should be the litmus test for all our motivations and reasons.

Council meetings are held approximately six times a year and will be held on a weekday evening. Members usually serve for three years, although as we anticipate this reorganization, some members might be assigned for just one or two years so that we can get the balance of the Council to where it should be. There are two categories of members, all of whom can vote: ex officio members (e.g. the pastor, parochial vicars, deacons, principal and director of religious education, trustees, and chairperson of the finance committee) and those who are appointed, elected, or selected.

An invitation is hereby extended to those parishioners who are: at least 18 years old, have been an active member of the parish for at least 3 years (including regular attendance at Mass), having an overview of the entire life of the parish in the light of the Gospel, and be a year-round resident. Please prayerfully consider if this might be something that you would like to be involved in here at The Magdalene.

David Impastato, Council President

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The RCIA is the process by which men and women become members of the Catholic Church. The process begins in the fall and culminates at the Easter Vigil with the reception of the Sacrament of Initiation. Within an informal setting, formation includes

- ~ Scripture: the stories of God's people.
- ~ Teaching; what Catholics believe.
- ~ Prayer: how we communicate with God.
- ~ Liturgy: how the community worships through the Mass
- ~ Mission: how we live out what we believe.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please call the Rectory at 914-631-0529 and speak to Fr. Tim.

The regular collection for the weekend of August 21 was not available at the time of submission. It will appear next weekend.

PRAY FOR DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Msgr. Jeffrey Conway, Fr. Bart Daly. Fr. Peter Scaramuzzo, and Vincent V. Gramuglia. May perpetual light shine upon them.

“We ask Jesus, the Victor over death, to lighten the suffering of our many brothers and sisters who are persecuted for his name, and for all those who suffer injustice as a result of ongoing conflicts and violence. There are so many of them!” ~Pope Francis

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is in loving memory of Thomas Love requested by his family.

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.