



The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries: **Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.**

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. **Through your prayerful consideration and reflection, you are invited to respond in faith, hope and charity by making a gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.** *The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.* **ACA Update** – The parish goal for the Annual catholic Appeal is \$21,020.00. Thus far, \$25,980.00 has been pledged. \$19,868.20 has been paid and there is a balance of \$6,111.80. Thanks for your generosity and continued support.

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

- THERE IS A PPC MEETING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 11:00 MASS.
- **WE ARE RECRUITING NEW ALTAR SERVERS. Information Sessions, TODAY, Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**SESSION 1** After 11:00 AM Mass - Parish Hall / **SESSION 2** Zoom Session 3:00 PM  
Interested parties only need to attend ONE session.
- **St. Mary Magdalene presents “Sounds of Glory”** - an evening of Praise, Fellowship and Worship on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Free will donation. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Mary Magdalene & Brother Raymond Blixt Scholarship Fund.
- **Christ The King is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 1 PM to 6 PM at Anton's. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule.
- **The Diocesan Eucharistic Revival is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Maimonides Park, Brooklyn.** The event commences at 8:00 AM and concludes at 3:00 PM. Signup sheets are available on the table in the vestibule.
- The Women’s Group is sponsoring a Fall trip to Foxwoods Casino on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The cost is \$60.00, and the contacts are Bettye Williams and Stanlee Richards. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule.
- **UPCOMING CRAFT CLASS:** Any adult Parishioner interested in learning to make indoor or outdoor Christmas Wreaths should use the signup sheet in the Church vestibule. The class will be held sometime in November.
- **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and the Last Judgment Ministry is sharing information on breast cancer facts. Breast Cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer whereby 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with cancer, hence it is important to have an annual mammogram . Additionally, the disease does not discriminate and men are also at risk of getting breast cancer although the occurrence is 1 in 833 men. Informational flyers are included in the bulletin.

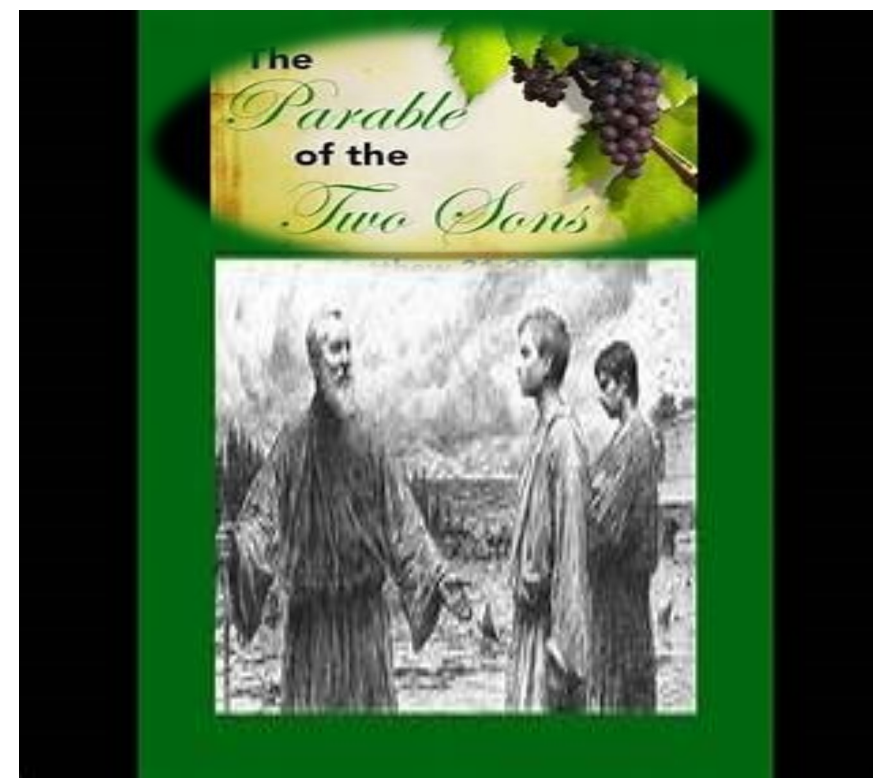


# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

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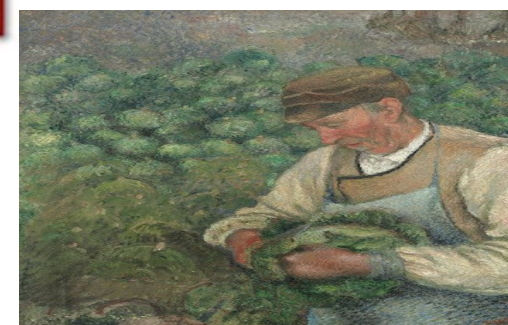
***Two sons were asked to work in the vineyard of their father. One of them did what the father wanted. (Gospel)***



*He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not.'*

**October 1, 2023**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Mary Magdalene Parish is a welcoming Faith Community of followers of Jesus Christ bonded by the Eucharist. We go forth from this table into the larger community sharing our gifts and talents in order to bring about God’s reign through works of justice and responsible stewardship.



### Masses

Sunday	8:45 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekday	8:30 AM
Saturday	9:00 AM

### Parish Clergy

Rev. Fr. Gordon P. Kusi – Administrator  
Rev. Fr. Cosmas C. Nzeabalu –Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Fr. Mark Cregan – Sunday Assistant

Deacon Lee Williams  
Deacon Ernie Hart

### Parish Staff

Mary Harris – Pastoral Associate  
Aminta Maynard – Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Marva Chevalier— Director of Religious Education

### Liturgical Ministries & Coordinators

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Miriam Bettis
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b>	Doris & Price Olivier
<b>Consolation Ministry:</b>	Mikki Maynard
<b>Evangelization:</b>	Betty Williams
<b>Last Judgment</b>	
<b>Ministry/Social Justice:</b>	Miriam Bettis
<b>Liturgical Dance:</b>	Stephanie Simeon
<b>Men’s Ministry:</b>	Ken Harrison
<b>Musician:</b>	Gary Fisher
<b>Pastoral Care/</b>	
<b>Homebound:</b>	Fr. Cosmas
<b>Prayer:</b>	Velma Samuels
<b>O.C.I.A.:</b>	Dr. Marva Chevalier
<b>Social Media:</b>	Taryn Bettis, Cara Elie
<b>Women’s Ministry:</b>	Stanlee Richards
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Najimah McKenzie





26th Sunday of Ordinary  
Time Year A

October 1, 2023

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-4  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-52  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Lk 10:17-24



PRAY FOR ....THE SICK, WHO ARE ILL IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY:

Janet Brown, Georgina Smith, Teneshia MaxDixon,  
Errol Osborne, Martha Benjamin, Pelham Jolly,  
Winnifred Smith, Ellington Jeffrey, Inga Watson,  
Cecile Augustin, Roberto Giscombe, Lennox  
Hypolite, Louise Roberts, Geraldine Kelley, Roy  
Henry, Lisa Moore, Thaddeus Scott, Jason Trotman,  
Lynette Bass, Cecile Rivers, Magalie Bloncourt,  
Lonny Chattergoon, Dr. Phillip Clifton, Ashanti Rimes,  
Grace Mogul



Masses are lived streamed  
for your viewing on our  
website, YouTube and  
on our Facebook page.



Sun. October 1, 2023

**8:45 AM:** *Grace Mogul for Healing*

Req. by: STMM Parish Family

**11:00 AM:** *Florentine Gbovi (+)*

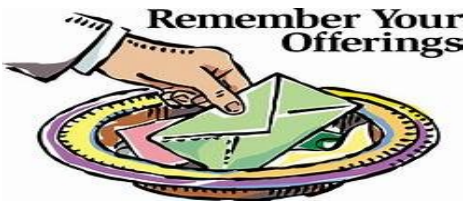
Req. by: Rufine Agbata

Thur. October 5, 2023

**8:30 AM:** *James C. Southward (+) (In Loving Memory B'day)*

Req. by: Miriam Bettis

Your intentions are being remembered at Mass and we  
are praying for everyone's health and well-being.



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**REGULAR COLLECTION: \$ 2,135.00**

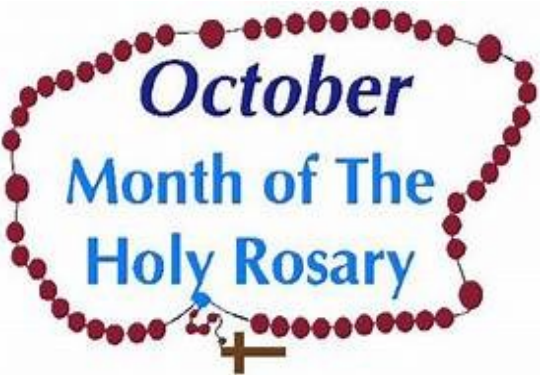
(excluding on-line giving, which is reported at the  
end of the month). We thank you in advance for  
your consideration and generosity

Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality  
and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the  
Mission of Jesus Christ. We are always thankful  
for the continuing generosity of our parishioners,  
and during this difficult time we ask that you  
please continue to support your parish to the extent  
that you are able.



Please remember your parish. Donations can be  
mailed to the rectory or you can use on-line giving at:  
[www.givecentral.org/dob](http://www.givecentral.org/dob).

*Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!*



**SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION**

**Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:**

**(Infants—3 years old):**

Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month  
(Exception: There are no Baptisms in December or March).  
Please register your child at least one month in advance by  
coming to the rectory. You must complete the registration  
form and submit the child's birth certificate. In addition,  
parents and Godparents MUST attend preparation class  
PRIOR to Baptism.

**Religious Education -**  
**(Faith Formation for young people):**

Our classes have begun! **Classes begin at 9:30 AM.** This  
will allow our young people and Catechist to participate in  
our 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM Mass Celebration.

For registration and/or further information, please call the  
rectory or see Dr. Marva Chevalier after Mass.

**Diocesan guideline:**

**A two year sacramental preparation is required to  
receive Sacraments of Holy Eucharist/Communion  
and Confirmation.**



**MINISTRY PULPIT TALKS SCHEDULE**

<b><u>GROUPS</u></b>	<b><u>DATES</u></b>
Altar Servers:	10/15/23
Catechesis/Baptism, OCIA, Prayer Group:	10/1/23
Rel Ed. Adult/FF, Youth Ministry G.I.F.T.:	10/1/23
Consolation:	10/29/23
Evangelization:	10/15/23
Liturgical Dance	10/22/23
Last Judgment Ministry:	10/22/23
Men's Ministry:	10/8/23
Pastoral Care/Homebound:	10/29/23
Social Media:	10/29/23
Women's Ministry:	10/8/23
Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Min, Ushers)	10/15/23

**OCIA INVITATION**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.):**

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation for Adults

We welcome Adult members into full communion  
through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We  
welcome all who worship with us who are not baptized  
or were baptized in a different Christian tradition to join  
us as full members of the Catholic Christian Community  
through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and  
Eucharist. Please speak with Marva Chevalier for more  
information. We also welcome baptized Catholics who  
have not been confirmed or received the Eucharist.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires a time of six  
months before the proposed date of the wedding for  
the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered  
participating Parish members should contact the parish  
office to begin the process.

**Funerals:** Please call the parish office when planning  
the Wake. All funeral arrangements are made through  
the Funeral Director who notifies the church.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office  
to arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation,  
Communion, and Anointing of the Sick, at home.