

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, \$26,617.50 has been pledged and \$22,477.58 has been paid. A total of 83 families have participated which reflect 30% of the congregation. Thanks for your generosity and continued support.**

*Thank You!*

Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

The Youth Ministry, in conjunction with the Men’s Ministry, is sponsoring an **Advent Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, December 23 with Mass at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$15.00. Contact persons are Najimah McKenzie, Ken Harrison, and Price Olivier.



**Mark your Calendar:** July 17-21, 2024: Diocese of Brooklyn 5-Day Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

**THE PARISH OF MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD-STs SIMON AND JUDE IS HONORED TO HOST THE RELIC OF THE ARM OF ST. JUDE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. MASS AT 3 PM FOLLOWED BY VENERATION OF THE RELIC UNTIL 9 PM.**



Our Small Christian Community prayer group will commence the first week in Advent for four weeks. Classes are conducted via zoom. Sign-up cards are on the table in the vestibule.



**Christ The King is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Anton's. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule.



**CELEBRATE WITH THE SMM WOMEN’S GROUP AT HUNTERDON HILLS DINNER THEATER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023** PRICE: \$120 PER PERSON FIRST PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 12, 2023. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: STANLEE RICHARDS - 917-402-9178 BETTYE WILLIAMS - 718-978-2480. BUS DEPARTS AT 8:30 AM FROM THE CHURCH PARKING LOT. PLEASE JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR A GREAT DINNER AND A GREAT SHOWING OF: “A PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS 2023.” MASKS SUGGESTED and seats limited.

# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

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*I knew you were a demanding person, so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. **Matthew 25:14-30***



November 19, 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

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





# 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

November 19, 2023

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63

/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary/2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40



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

Janet Brown, Georgina Smith, Teneshia  
MaxDixon, Martha Benjamin, Pelham Jolly,  
Winnifred Smith, Ellington Jeffrey, Inga Watson,  
Cecile Augustin, 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, Roberto Giscomb



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



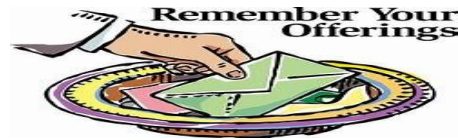
Sun. Nov. 19, 2023

8:45 AM: Faye Hyman (+)

11:00 AM: Kyle M. Williams (+) (7th yr. Memorial)

Req. by: Betty Williams - Mother

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$4,040.00

(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.**

- **E-Giving info for online giving**
- Go to give central: [www.givecentral.org/dob](http://www.givecentral.org/dob).
- Follow instructions on page: In search bar type in St. Mary Magdalene, click on St. Mary Magdalene and complete form

**2nd COLLECTION TODAY, NOVEMBER 19,2023 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.** This collection supports working to end poverty and injustice in the United States.



Fr. Gordon, Fr. Cosmas, Fr. Mark, Deacon Hart, Mary Harris, Marva Chevalier, Mikki Maynard



**THANKSGIVING EVE MASS:**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 7:00 PM

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023 8:30 AM



**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.**



**Advent Prayer Breakfast**

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

**9AM Mass | 10AM Breakfast**

**Tickets: \$15**

**Contact persons: Najimah McKenzie, Ken  
Harrison, and Price Olivier**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance by  
Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**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.