



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 Last Judgment Ministry is collecting new toys and clothing for Hour Children Shelter and Catholic Charities. The collection is for babies 0-3 years and children 6-10 years old. A bin has placed in the vestibule for all donations.



As we prepare for Christmas, the Faith Formation Program is seeking participants for the Christmas Pageant. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule. All are welcome!



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. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, December 17, 2023.

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



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.

Thank
You!

To everyone who donated turkeys to the needy for Thanksgiving!



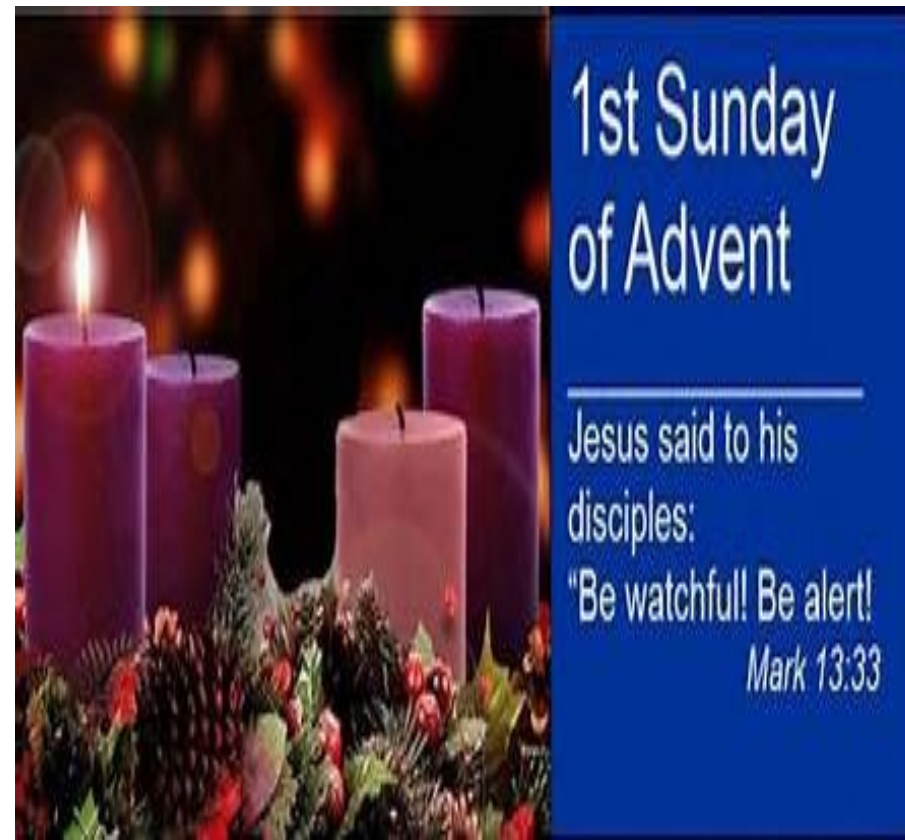
CELEBRATE WITH THE SMM WOMEN'S GROUP AT HUNTERDON HILLS DINNER THEATER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023 PRICE: \$120 PER PERSON FIRST PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 12, 2023. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: STANLEE RICHARDS - 917-402-9178 BETTYE WILLIAMS - 718-978-2480. BUS DEPARTS AT 8:30 AM FROM THE CHURCH 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

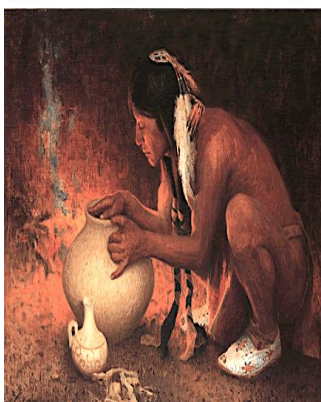
136-20 219th Street Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

Rectory/Parish office: 218-12 136th Avenue

Phone: 718-949-4311 - Fax: 718-528-7208 - Website: www.stmarymagdalene-queens.org



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.



Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands. ([First Reading](#))



December 3, 2023

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
Choir Director:	Marc Phillip
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

First Sunday In Advent B

December 03, 2023

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6:10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15,20/eph1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8



**PRAY FORTHE 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, Louise Aguilera, 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. Dec. 3, 2023

8:45 AM: Alma Sheafe (+)

Req. by: DE borough Family

11:00 AM: Mathias Falade (+)

Req. by: Rufine Agbata

Mon. Dec. 4, 2023

8:30 AM: Mary Marthe B. Francois (+)

Req. by: Lucie Bernard Rigaud

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$1,767.00

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

**2nd COLLECTION: December 10, 2023 for the Religious
Retirement Fund** This fund enables distribution of critical
needs to hundreds of religious orders.

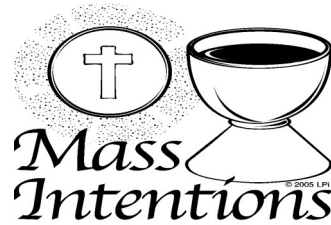
Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality and
sustainability of our parishes to carry out the Mission of
Jesus Christ. We are always thankful for the continuing
generosity of our parishioners, and during this difficult
time we ask that you please continue to support your
parish to the extent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

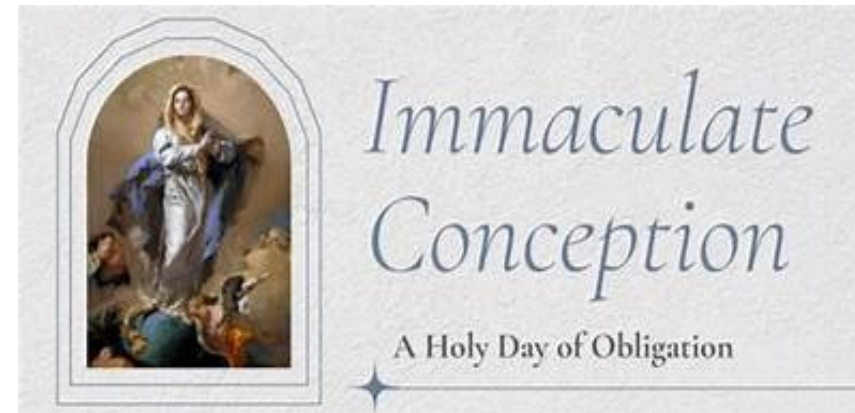
- Go to give central: www.givecentral.org/dob
- Follow instructions on page: In search bar type in St. Mary
Magdalene, click on St. Mary Magdalene and complete
form
- **Again, thank everyone for their continued generosity** and
ask if they could, to please consider increasing their
weekly offering.



is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes
from the 1st December to Christmas Day!). **Advent** means 'Coming' in
Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four
Sundays and weeks of **Advent** to prepare and remember the real **meaning**
of Christmas.

Weeks of Advent: HOPE | LOVE | JOY | PEACE = CHRIST

Friday: December 8th, 2023 – 8:30 AM Mass



**Mary, please
pray for us, now and at
the hour of our death!**

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.**

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 Dr.
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 Sick, at home.