

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 in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$15.00. Contact persons are Najimah McKenzie, Ken Harrison, and Price Olivier.



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 .



STMM LITURGICAL DANCERS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TO BATTLE BREAST CANCER. DRAWING HELD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AFTER THE 11:00AM MASS.

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



St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

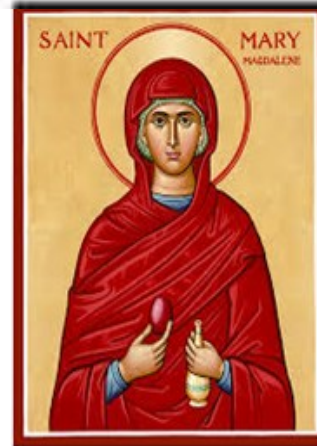
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SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent



December 10, 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.



John the Baptist appeared in the desert

*proclaiming a baptism of
repentance ([Gospel](#))*

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



Second Sunday In Advent B

December 10, 2023

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-25

Tuesday: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Zec

2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a;10ab;Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-37/

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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, Louise Aguilera, Lonny Chattergoon, Dr. Phillip Clifton, Ashanti Rimes, Grace Mogul, Roberto Giscomb



Sun. Dec. 10, 2023

8:45 AM: Deceased of the Parish (+)

11:00 AM: Deceased of the Parish (+)

Sat. Dec. 16, 2023

9:00 AM: James C. Southward (+)

Req. by: Miriam & Taryn N. Bettis

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 4,400.00

TODAY 2nd COLLECTION for the Religious Retirement Fund

This fund enables distribution of critical needs to hundreds of religious orders

(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.
- 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.



Monday, December 18th | Advent Reconciliation

Monday:

After Morning Mass and 4 PM – 8 PM in the Rectory

Sunday, December 24th | 4th Sunday of Advent:

8:45 AM & 11:00 AM Mass

Christmas Eve Vigil:

7:00 PM Caroling & Pageant

8:00 PM Mass

Monday, December 25th | Christmas Day:

10:00 AM Mass



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.



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



VOCATION BLURBS

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023 "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock." Consider following

Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life.

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 the Sick, at home.



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