

## LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **ST. MARY MAGDALENE R.C. CHURCH**

#### Stations of the Cross:

Fridays: 7:00 PM All are invited!

**Palm Sunday:** March 24th – 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

**Reconciliation Monday:** March 25th — 2PM to 4PM and 6PM to 9PM

(Or call the Rectory for an appointment)

## Holy Week Schedule:

**Holy Thursday:** March 28th – Mass at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday:** March 29th — 3:00 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Stations & Veneration of the Cross

#### Easter Schedule:

**Holy Saturday** (Easter Vigil): March 30th – Mass 7:30 PM

**Easter Sunday:** March 31st — 8:45 & 11:00 AM Masses



### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday for donation. Please change coins to bills and or checks (Written out to St. Mary Magdalene).



This year's theme is centered on “**Women who advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion.**” During 2024, we recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity.

G.I.F.T. Program – For the Lenten season, the youth in the G.I.F.T. program is collecting unexpired can goods until March 24th. A bin is in the vestibule for all donations which will be delivered to the Christ The King food pantry.



**St. Mary Magdalene and Brother Raymond Blixt Scholarship** application for academic year is available. Application deadline is May 3, 2024. Please contact Dr. Marva Chevalier at the parish office for more information and questions.



**LENTEN PILGRIMAGE – FEBRUARY 14th – MARCH 27th, 2024.** This Pilgrimage is an opportunity to visit the beautiful and historic churches of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens. For questions: 718-965-7313 or [PILGRIMAGE@DIOBROOK.ORG](mailto:PILGRIMAGE@DIOBROOK.ORG)



Our Last Judgment Ministry presents *Women's History Month Art Contest*. Theme: A Famous Female Scientist or Inventor Who Inspires You. Artwork can be a painting, drawing, collage, or sketch. Please include a brief blurb about the person and her invention or contribution. Children in 4th – 8th grades are eligible to participate. **Submission Deadline is Sunday, March 24th.**

Christ the King is hosting a Seder Supper on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

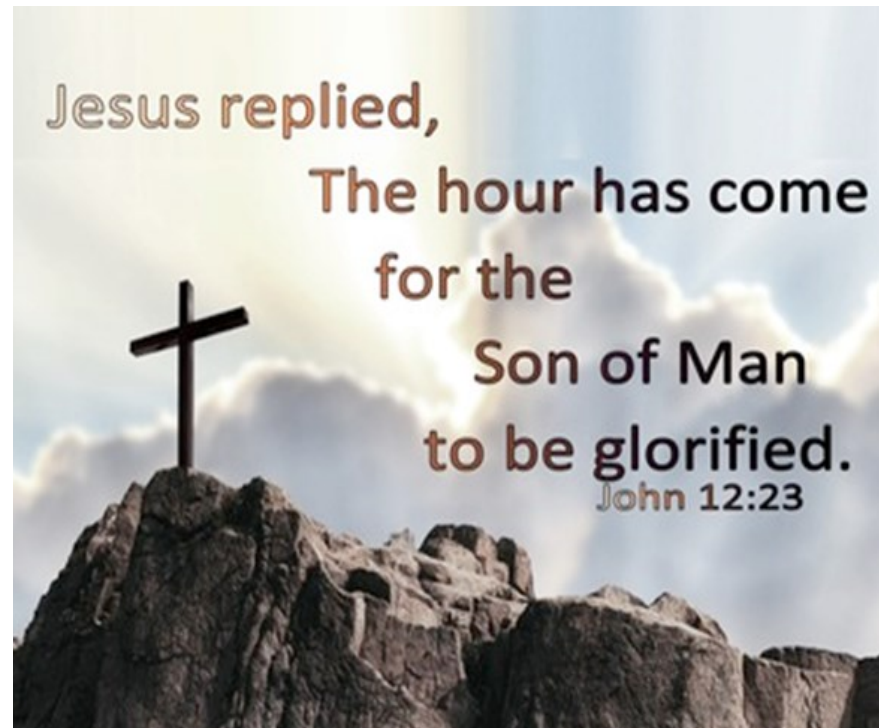


# *St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church*

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**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.



March 17, 2024

***A grain of wheat must die if it is to bear fruit***

*John 12:24*



### 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

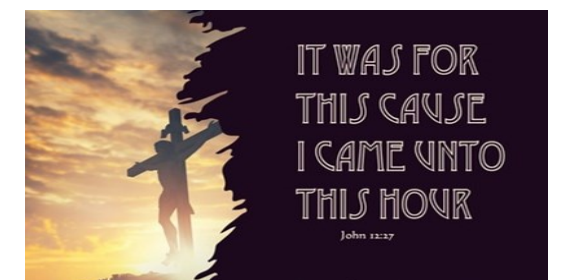
Deacon Lee Williams  
Deacon Ernie Hart

### Parish Staff

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

### Liturgical Ministries & Coordinators

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Lorna McKenzie, Miriam Bettis
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b>	Doris & Price Olivier
<b>Consolation Ministry:</b>	Mikki Maynard
<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





# Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

March 17, 2024

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Monday, Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, Dt 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Friday, Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, Palm Sunday: Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7,  
Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27



**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,  
Andre Chase, Aleem Shoucair, Alma Sweeney,  
Marjorie Moore



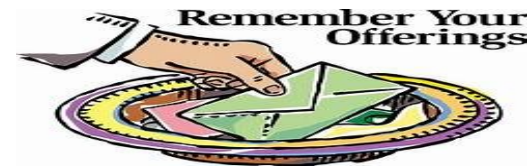
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

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

**11:00 AM: Sara & St. Clair Burnett (+)**

**Req. by: Burnett Family**

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



**COLLECTIONS: MARCH 10, 2024**

**REGULAR COLLECTION: \$2,621.00**

**\*2ND COLLECTION: \$529.00 FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:**

**SUPPORTS ALL THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Sunday collections totals do not include on-line giving,  
which is reported at the end of the month. 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.



**—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—**

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).

**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
- **Again, we thank everyone for their continued  
generosity** and ask if they could, to please consider  
increasing their weekly offering.

Dear Parishioners:

**Re: CHRIST THE KING / ST. MARY MAGDALENE R.C. CHURCH MERGER**

As you may have heard, Christ the King R.C. Church and St. Mary Magdalene R.C.  
Church will merge to become one church. The rationale behind the merger as  
explained by the pastor includes the following: Added financial and pastoral viability,  
Streamlining administration, Sharing current financial and human resources and  
Decreasing priest burnout.

As part of engaging with our parishioners, this announcement will continue for four weeks. Anyone who has any  
need for clarity can contact the rectory. The proposed start date is September 1, 2024. Let us remain in prayer,  
asking God to give us the wisdom and grace required as we continue with this process.

Yours in Christ,

***Rev. Fr. Gordon Kusi***



Welcome to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: a journey of faith, unity, and  
purpose. This year, we are *Called to Communion, Participation, and Mission* – a  
powerful theme that encapsulates the essence of our shared commitment to  
make a meaningful impact. We thank you for your continued support and  
generosity during the 2024 Appeal.

## **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 the Sick, at home.