



The 2021 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. *The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.*



Appeal Prayer

God and Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all who we are. Teach us to acknowledge always with generous gratitude the many good things your infinite love has given us, as together we support the work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens. Open our hearts that we may answer your call to follow the message of the Gospel as disciples in love and service, so that all may come to know You by the example of our faith and good works. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

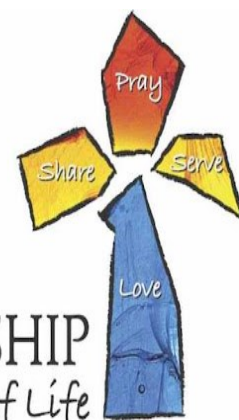


Updates for Parish and Liturgical Guidelines:

COVID-19 REMINDERS

With the delta variant so much in the news, Pastors are reminded to be attentive to some safeguards while our parishioners are inside the church

- Unvaccinated individuals should continue to be responsible for wearing masks in accordance with Federal Centers for Disease Control guidance and should maintain social distancing
- **The preferred method of receiving Holy Communion is suggested in the hand** and not on the tongue. Please keep your mask on while approaching for communion
 - Church buildings can benefit from sanitizing several times each week



STEWARDSHIP
A way of Life

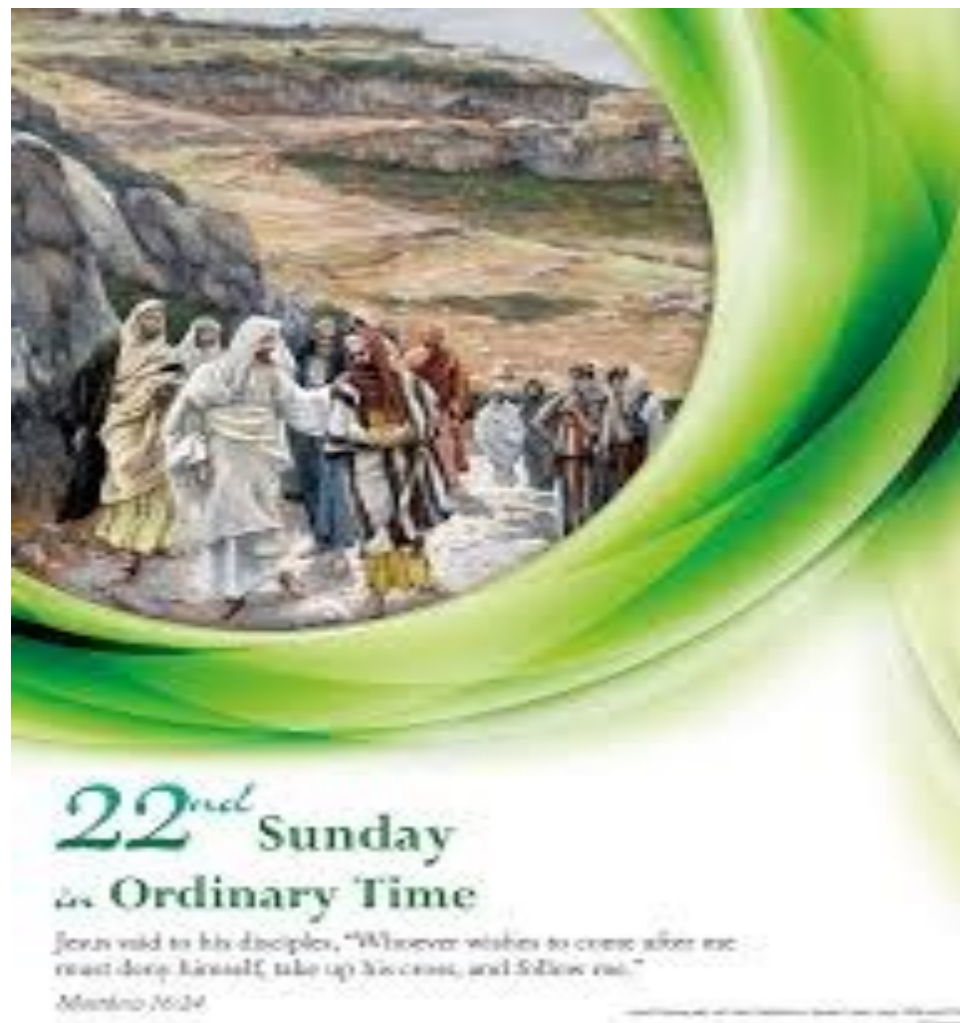
As we begin a new liturgical year, we encourage you to reflect on your Christian stewardship. Are you a good steward and what identifies a steward? The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. That means, safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly. It means generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. So let us each reflect, consider, and pray, that we can work towards remaining or becoming good Christian stewards.

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.

They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

[\(Gospel\)](#)

Masses

Sundays 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekdays 8:30 AM
Saturdays 9:00 AM

Parish Clergy

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

Deacon Lee Williams
Deacon Ernest Hart

Parish Staff

Mary Harris – Pastoral Associate
Aminta Maynard – Administrative Assistant

Parish Representatives:

Parish Trustee's: Ernest Hart, Price Olivier
Finance Council: Michael Dockett, Dr. Marva Chevalier

Liturgical Ministries & Coordinators

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

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

August 29, 2021

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday 8/30: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 8/31: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 /Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 9/1: Gal 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44/**World Day of
Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Thursday 9/2: Gal 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

First Friday: 9/3: **Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church**

Gal 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday 9/4: Gal 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5



Sun. Aug. 29, 2021 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM:

**Most Rev. Guy A. Sansaricq (+) - Retired Auxiliary
Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn**

Please pray for the repose of his Soul and for the
consolation of his family and friends. May he rest in the
peace of Christ, the Risen Lord.



8/22/21 Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1,571.00

(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. Thank you.



Special Collection

2nd Collection Today! For the aid and support of our brothers
and sisters in Haiti. This collection will be sent to the Diocese
for distribution and direct assistance to the affected in Haiti.

Thank you the Faithful for your continued compassion.



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



Masses are LIVE STREAMED for your viewing
on our website, YouTube, and on our Facebook
page



Faith Formation

- Faith Formation/religious education sessions begin September 12th at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the registration/re-registration forms ASAP (forms are on table in vestibule).
- If you are an adult needing Sacraments, please contact the rectory for information on our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.
- Our diocese will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19th. That is when all our Catechist, those that teach and/or instruct on the Word of God will be commissioned. Also, we as Christians, will be reminded of our mission to evangelize where we too must teach and preach the Word of God making missionary disciples so that others will know, love, and serve the Lord our God.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one

another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)



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):

**Classes for the 2021—2022 calendar year will
begin September 12th, 2021 at 9:30 am in person.**

For registration and/or further information, please call the
rectory or see Mrs. Harris after Mass.

Diocesan guideline:

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.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.



**PRAY FORTHE SICK, WHO ARE ILL IN BODY, MIND
OR SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY:**

Janet Brown, Barbara Weisenfeld, Ida Theodore, Alma
Sheafe, Rosetta Hitchen, Tom De Rosa, Louise Aguilera,
Georgina Smith, Teneshia MaxDixon, Errol Osborne,
Martha Benjamin, Harold Williams, Pelham Jolly,
Winnifred Smith, Ellington Jeffrey, Arnold W. Sweeney,
Inga Watson, Sara Burnett, Cecile Augustin, Luisa
Giscombe, Roberto Giscombe, Lennox Hypolite, Magalie
Bloncourt, Mariano Bernuire, Ruby Thomas, Cecile
Rivers, Vernon Gilmore, Louise Roberts, Arty Williams,
Joan Butler, Robin Johnson