



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



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.

Please contact the rectory about joining any ministry

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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. Nzeabalu –Parochial Vicar
Rev. Fr. Mark Cregan – Sunday Assistant

Deacon Lee Williams
Deacon Ernest Hart

Parish Staff

Mary Harris – Pastoral Associate
Aminta Maynard – Administrative Assistant

Liturgical Ministries & Coordinators

- Altar Servers:** Miriam Bettis
- Baptism Preparation:** Doris & Price Olivier
- Choir Director:** Nnecka Boyd
- Consolation 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

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.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck." (Gospel)

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

September 26, 2021

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29

Reading II: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: St. Vincent de Paul:

Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: St Jerome:

Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus:

Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Mt 18:1-5, 10



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, Pelham Jolly, Winnifred Smith, Ellington Jeffrey, Arnold W. Sweeney, Inga Watson, Sara Burnett, Cecile Augustin, Roberto Giscombe, Lennox Hypolite, Magalie Bloncourt, Mariano Bernuire, Louise Roberts, Arty Williams, Vernon Gilmore



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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

8:45 AM: HAROLD WILLIAMS (+)

REQ. BY: PARISH FAMILY

11:00 AM: FLORENTINE GBOVI (+)

REQ. BY: RUFINE AGBATA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

8:30 AM: CLEMENCIA PIERRE (+)

REQ. BY: THE FAMILY

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

9/19/21 Sunday Collection: \$2,473.00

9/19/21 2nd Collection \$432.00 – St. Elizabeth Seton Trust Fund to support Catholic education in the Diocese

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.

FOR UPDATED CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

- Please check our parish website (www.stmarymagdalene-queens.org) and our Facebook page often for updates and spiritual help and guidance. Additional information is available at the Brooklyn diocese website: <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/>



"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).



All Faith Formation classes are back in session!

- If you need to sign up a child for religious education, please do so ASAP. Forms are on table in vestibule, or you can see Mary Harris after mass
- If you are a teenager or an adult needing Sacraments, please contact the rectory for information on our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program

IMPORTANT CALENDAR MEETING:



There will be a calendar meeting in October for all liturgical ministry coordinators or representatives. At this meeting we are asking all coordinators or representatives to bring their intended plans and dates for the upcoming liturgical calendar. This means your ministries should plan a meeting now in preparation for the calendar meeting so all ministries are prepared for the calendar meeting. We will announce the calendar meeting date within the 1st week of October; so please do your planning and preparation now.

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 fully participate in our 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM Mass Celebration.

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.

R.C.I.A. INVITATION

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.