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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "WeShare". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism can be made by calling Fr. Matt at extension 15.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office @ 973-627-0313.

EMERGENCY PHONE:
862-251-3914

MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am
10:45 am and 12:15 pm
5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Holydays

Vigil 4:30 pm
6:30 am, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Weekday Schedule:

Monday - Friday
6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions

Saturday @ 3:00—4:00 pm &
6:15-6:45 pm
Monday during Holy Hour
7:00—8:00 pm

Ms. Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

Mr. James Gallagher
TRUSTEE

NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass

HOLY HOUR : Monday @ 7:00 pm (Sept. to June)

OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION— FOR

ADULTS:

Please contact Sr. Diane — sdmoughan@gmail.com

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am

FEMININE GENIUS PROJECT: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 pm in the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 6:00 am in the parish office.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: 1st Wednesday of the month; 10:00 am in the church (Sept. to June)

ST. MONICA NOVENA: Last Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

Parish Summer Office Hours:

Starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30—4:00
(Lunch 12:00—1:00)
Friday: Closed

Monday, July 28, Weekday

6:30 am — Lyle Ryder req. by Bob Nielsen

8:00 am — Cecilia Ruiz req. by HR Gonzalez

Tuesday, July 29, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

6:30 am — For the Parishioners of St. Cecilia Church

8:00 am — Cecilia Ruiz req. by HR Gonzalez

Wednesday, July 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am — Cecilia Ruiz req. by HR Gonzalez

8:00 am — Terence Haran req. by Peggy McKinney

Thursday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

6:30 am — Father John Slys req. by Rev. Sigmund Peplowski

8:00 am — Kathy Deo req. by her husband, Pat

Friday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am — For the service men and women listed in our bulletin

8:00 am — Kennard Lienhardt req. by Carol & Gary McGotty

Saturday, August 2, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, August 3, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Russell Colditz req. by wife, Ana

Sarah Lombardo req. by Elizabeth Loden

7:00 pm — Lyle Ryder req. by Carol & Gary McGotty

8:00 am — Robert King

9:15 am — Martha Salvesen req. by Fr. Zig & Fr. Matt

10:45 am — Celedonia Diaz req. by Marie Wahlstrom

Newton de Raismes, Jr. req. by his Family

12:15 pm — Kennard Lienhardt req. by Marie Wahlstrom

John Starkes req. by Rosalie & Bob Marmara

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Jane Gorcica, Sam Sessa, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Jim Rattay, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Mike Murray, Michael Turner, Ruben Lorenzo, Michael Alvarez, Mina Simmons-Jones, Joe Maulbeck, Mary Merz, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cummiskey, Dennis O'Brien, Steven Simmons, Ariel, James DiStaiso, Marty Mackin, Brian Bosworth, Dennis Dilger, Robyne LaGrotta, Frieda Solow, Claudia Fontanella, Claire Wasacz, Emilio Viola, Ramiro Hinojosa, Jimmy Buckley, Clare Desmond, Craig Huffman, George Stitik, Stephen Goordman, Cecilia Donofrio, Deidra Zink, Anthony Pane, Victoria Zuber, Keith Newman, Francis Sanchez, Raymond Fullam, John Sandelli, Fran Gatzke, Bob Nielsen, Gert Taylor, Walter Zelinski, Clo Callahan, Michael McClain, David Saggioli, Michael Hafke, Tyler Bascharow, Kevin R. Bruno, II, Jeremiah O'Brien, Lanie Bruno, Joan Apgar, Richard Sala, Richard Cortese, Kira Woyce, Anthony D'Alessio, Katherine Lynn, Sophie Boylan, Michael Gatzke, Philip Colombrito, Esperanza Vertucci, Molly Mack, Michele Murray, Jimmy Olgeluie, Mark Howarth, Logan Mattesich, Harry Lusardi, Carmela Cragan, Bob Libak, Mary Lou Baumiller, Patricia Shea, Jose Castillo, Joseph Bardi, Gloria Benson, William Serafin.

St. Cecilia Church Collection Goals**Week Ending: July 21, 2025**

Due to the early publication of the bulletin,
the collections totals for the week will be
shown next week. Thank you!

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

2024 Parish Goal—\$42,885.00**Cash Received as of June 25, 2025—97,740.00****March 2025 Rebate (If applicable) - \$24,108.00****Final June 2025 Rebate Enclosed—\$3,320.00****5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ROSARY – The 5th**

Sunday of the month Rosary will be prayed on Sunday, August 31st at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street. Along with the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will also be prayed. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 3359. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

PRAY FOR ME – I invite you to take a holy card bearing the image of CHRIST THE TEACHER commemorating my 50th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood. I, and all priests, appreciate your prayers for God's blessing on our ministry. The cards are located on the table in the church vestibule. *Fr. Zig*



The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **SmE3 Andrew Clifford,**

Joseph Giannetti US Navy, Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest, Capt. Kelley E. Robbins, Pvt USMC, Diego Usma, Major Glenn E. Martinez, Sgt. Brian Whalen, Capt. Anthony Odierno, Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen, Cpl. Jim Van Valen, LCPL Anthony Eresman, Sgt. Paul J. Willson, PFC Cano Janeth, Sgt. Bob Autrey, Col. William Paliwada, Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colon, PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez, Cpl. Edward C. Thompson, Major Kevin M. Nash, Lt. Amy Cronin, Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr., Sgt. Daniel Healy, Marine Keith Leitner, Sgt. Spencer Lopez, PFC Taryn Kemp, Jeffrey Braunhausen, E7 Joseph Grimsey, Bill Maloney, Greg Bloete, Gian Carlo Bruzzese, Spc. Christopher Little, PFC Brittany Martindell, PO1 (E6) Matthew Fitzgerald, SA Justin C. White, Matthew & Daniel Rosica, Mark Leonard, Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta, Sgt. John Wisnofsky, Cpl. T.J. Finn, Sgt. Kristopher Faber, Capt. Vincent Presto, Airman First Class William Kussler, Spc. Gregory Villaneuva, PVT Jack L. Gatzke, US Army, ENS Timothy G. Smith, US Navy, We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love.

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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gos-
pel.

May those seeds transform from within both hu-
manity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

Bereavement Meeting: The Compassionate Friends-Parsippany Chapter; A Self-Help group for bereaved PARENTS, SIBLINGS, and GRANDPARENTS, ALL meetings are held every **2nd Thursday** of each month, our next in-person scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:30pm; LOCATION: 427 Franklin Road, Denville, NJ, Union Hill Presbyterian Church/School- Recreation Room (Back Entrance of Pre-School Building).** Please join our private facebook page "The Compassionate Friends Parsippany Chapter" for more information regarding in-person meetings. **Program for August 14, 2025: "Sign & Dreams"**

PEW KNEELERS—The new pew kneelers have been installed and are a great improvement as we come to participate in divine worship. I make an appeal to all those who have not yet made a contribution of \$50 per family to do so, if possible. Your support of this project is most greatly appreciated. Your donation may be placed in the offering basket on Sunday with the designation "pew kneelers". Thank you and may God bless you for supporting and loving our church! - Fr. Zig

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – His Excellency Bishop Sweeney has designated SAINT BERNARD CHURCH (22 St. Bernards Drive in Mount Hope) as a designated pilgrim site for the Diocese of Paterson. Pilgrims are welcome on Monday evenings for Holy Mass at 6:30, followed by Holy Hour and Confessions. A plenary indulgence is granted to pilgrims. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo, calls all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. A plenary indulgence is given to those who are: *truly repentant; free from any affection for sin; moved by a spirit of charity; receive the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist; and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis (1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be...).* A plenary indulgence is the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. This jubilee grace can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory through pilgrimage, whose works of mercy and penance, and visits to a Jubilee designated shrine or church, such as Saint Bernard's.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven will be observed on Friday, August 15th. The Vigil Mass for the feast will take place on Thursday afternoon, August 14th at 4:30. Holy Masses on Friday will be celebrated in the morning at 6:30 and 8 o'clock. The evening Mass will be celebrated at 7 o'clock. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and has the same status as a Sunday.

CHURCH AC UPDATE – Work should begin soon on replacing the two disabled air conditioning units stationed on the sacristy roof. Two new units will be installed with the addition of a new roof. (The roof over the two sacristies has been leaking in recent years even after numerous patch jobs.) The main ac unit which cools the nave of the church is functioning. I am most grateful to an anonymous donor who has come forward with the funds to finance this project. May Christ the Savior bless them! – Father Zig

FALL CLASSES AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE—

Assumption College for Sisters (which is not just for Sisters) is offering a fall program of studies for those interested in an undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies. The college is offering 30 credits; \$180 per credit; total \$5,400; non-credit option: \$2,700. Courses offered are: Sacred Scripture 1; Sacramental Theology; Historical Introduction to Philosophy and Spiritual Theology (Hybrid). Classes August 20—December 17. Register by August 8th. 973.957.0188 or acs350.org. (Located on the campus of Morris Catholic High School in Denville).

OUR CHILDREN – Children should be accompanied by a parent or adult when using the restrooms in the parish hall. We want to make sure that our children return to Mass promptly and safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Monday, July 28
Tuesday, July 29
 7:45 pm—*Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)*
Wednesday, July 30
Thursday, July 31
Friday, August 1
Saturday, August 2
Sunday, August 3

PLEASE DON'T FORGET! – The summer season is a time for vacation and recreation. As you venture off to a place of rest and enjoyment please remember two things. The first is that attendance at Holy Mass on Sunday is a must for every Catholic. Go to www.masstimes.org for a listing of churches and mass times near your vocation destination. ALSO, please remember that your weekly and generous Sunday offering is crucial in the payment of our expenses at Saint Cecilia's. I am grateful for your support! – Father Zig

AT STEUBENVILLE EAST – A group of Teenagers (and their chaperones) from our parish are in Springfield, Massachusetts this weekend to attend “Steubenville East” which is a weekend youth experience for Catholic teens which includes liturgical ceremonies, devotions, catechetical presentations, witness talks and more. We pray that their participation in this event, which attracts thousands of young people, may be a blessing for them. I would like to thank all those who were generous and participated in the collection the young people took last Sunday to assist them in the expenses associated with this wonderful event. May God bless you! – Father Zig

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS SEEKS WORLD CIVILIZATION INSTRUCTOR—ACS invites applications for an instructor to teach World Civilization—HI 101, a three-credit course designed for second-year international students. This course offers a global overview of major civilizations, cultural exchanges, political and economic systems, and religious traditions from ancient times to the early modern era. If interested, contact: academicdean@acs350.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION – As I had announced prior to Easter the distribution of the Precious Blood of our Lord will take place every Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Since the pandemic the number of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion has diminished. Should you feel called to serve in this ministry, especially needed at the 10:45 Mass, please speak with me or Father Matt. Training, commissioning and commitment are required. – Father Zig

Divine Mercy Academy News

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HIRING!



WE ANTICIPATE OPEN TEACHING
 POSITIONS FOR THE 2025-2026
 SCHOOL YEAR



TO LEARN MORE

www.dmarockaway.org

Faith
FORMATION
 Forming the youth and families
 of our parish community.



Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2025- 2026 is open on our web-site.

Respect Life Corner—Good News!

The Rockaway-Denville Catholic Respect Life Ministry has recently adopted a new name! We are now **The John Paul II Respect Life Ministry**, consisting of 5 parishes: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rockaway, St. Cecilia Church, St. Mary's Church, Denville, St. Clement Church and St. Catherine of Sienna Church of Mountain Lakes.

Additionally, in the last year, we have launched a new committee: “Walking with Moms in Need”, a USCCB Initiative, to assist mothers in need of information about area resources that may be helpful to them and their family.

If you know of a mother who may require such assistance, or if you would like to help us in our John Paul II Respect Life Ministry activities, you may contact Carol McGotty, through our Parish Office at 973.627.0313.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE AT MOUNT HOPE – His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney will lead a pilgrimage walk at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Church in Mount Hope on Sunday, August 17th. The pilgrimage walk begins at 9:30 am at Mount Hope Pond with the Bishop which is a 1.2 miles (about 30 minutes). The Bishop will then celebrate Holy Mass in the church at 10:30 am. A barbeque will follow at the Parish Office/Center on Mount Hope Road (Shuttle buses available). SAINT BERNARD CHURCH IS A DESIGNATED HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE SITE IN THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS – Throughout the year the food pantry of Rockaway Borough needs items for those experiencing food insecurity. Your donations may be brought to Hayes Hall which will be taken to the ecumenical food pantry which is located at the First Presbyterian Church, our good neighbors across the street. May God bless you for your generosity!

MISSIONARY TO VISIT – A priest of the Oblates of Saint Francis DeSales will speak at our Masses on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday August 10 for the Annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Father will inform us of his order's ministry and appeal for our spiritual, as well as material help.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? – Saint Cecilia's is the best parish in the Diocese of Paterson! I know that I am prejudiced but I truly believe this and I hope you do too! We welcome all people to our parish and are delighted each time new members join our faith community. My question is to all, ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER? If you are not sure, please give the parish office a call (973.627.0313) and speak with Janet or Diane to check and to update any information regarding yourself, such as phone number and e mail address, etc. This information is most helpful for me in providing pastoral care to you and your family. Your parish registration is also necessary when you may be asked to submit a "certificate of eligibility" to serve as a godparent/sponsor. If I do not have your registration information then this can become a difficulty. The Registration form may be found on line by going to the parish website or by receiving a copy from the parish office. Your completed registration form may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday. Register and be counted among those who love and support Saint Cecilia's! – FATHER ZIG

BEWARE OF SCAMS – Be on the alert of scams which say they are from me. THEY ARE NOT!!! Please call me at the office (973.627.0313x12) if you have **doubt** about a text, email, etc, which is supposedly from me asking for money, gift cards, favors, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE FOOLED!!! Fr. Zig

PROJECT: SPEAKING IN TONGUES – Our parish is composed of a variety of nationalities which I often compare Saint Cecilia's to the United Nations. The various ethnic groups which form our parish make our church family rich and vibrant. To celebrate our cultural makeup I would like to do something in September which came from our 150th Anniversary Committee, that is, to celebrate the Holy Mass in a different language. To be clear: this would take place only at the Sunday 10:45 Mass and the Mass parts which would be in the designated language are the Scripture readings and the bringing forth of the gifts at the Offertory. Therefore, I am seeking volunteers who speak their ethnic language to contact me if you are willing to assist in this effort. I would like to begin the first of these Masses on Sunday, September 21st and follow each week until we conclude. Please contact me as soon as possible so that the schedule can be made and the appropriate Scripture readings assigned. – Father Zig

HELP NEEDED—Looking for volunteers interested in helping to water the plants in the cemetery during the summer months. It would be most appreciated. Please call Diane at the parish office @ 973.627.0313 or stceciliacemetery@gmail.com

CONSIDER SAINT CECILIA – I ask that "You consider Saint Cecilia" when you are preparing your will or thinking about how you are going to distribute your assets in the future. Our parish has been your spiritual home providing you and your family with pastoral care in good times and in bad. Your financial gift will help further the mission of proclaiming the Gospel in our community, so please CONSIDER SAINT CECILIA! – Father Zig

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Support St. Cecilia Parish today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account: Visit www.st-cecilia.org and click Donate Online. Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it! **OR SCAN HERE:**





My dear parishioners,

Today we come to the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we celebrate the Lord's Day. The lection from the Book of Genesis presents Abraham's intimacy with the Lord and how he can barter with Him regarding the sparing of innocent human life. Abraham's "back and forth" with God is a very semitic way of behavior when it comes to making a deal. Those who have traveled to the Middle East know that this practice is still occurs today in the shops which are owned by local merchants. Abraham's requests secure the wellbeing of others. He asks not for himself but for the benefit of others.

The Lukan Gospel highlights PRAYER and the requests which accompany our prayers. The Lord Jesus gives His disciples the perfect prayer to be said and which we know as the "Our Father." In His instruction the Lord speaks about God's care and attentiveness to our prayers which go beyond what any parent would do for a child. God is the giver of all good things and the one who bestows "the Holy Spirit upon those who ask Him."

The same theme of God gifting us and removing that which can harm us is found in the epistle reading from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Through Jesus these infirmities have been nailed to the cross so that we might be spared the terrible consequences.

The Sacred Scriptures for this Sunday remind us of the importance of PRAYER in the life of believers. We are to approach the Lord God not in fear but with the assurance that the Lord is our Father and the giver of all good gifts. We should never think that there is something we should not bring before the Lord. The Lord is God who has created us in His image and likeness so that we might serve Him in this life and one day be happy with Him in all eternity.

Today we are encouraged to be persistent with our prayers. Our daily prayers should be a routine which are done throughout the day. Prayers should be varied such as devotional prayers, the Rosary, and extemporaneous which convey our deepest feelings. Let this summertime be an opportunity to rediscover the strength and comfort we receive from our daily conversations with the Lord.

I commend the HALLOW app which is a marvelous tool for daily prayers and meditations. You'll love it!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST-GLORY FOREVER!

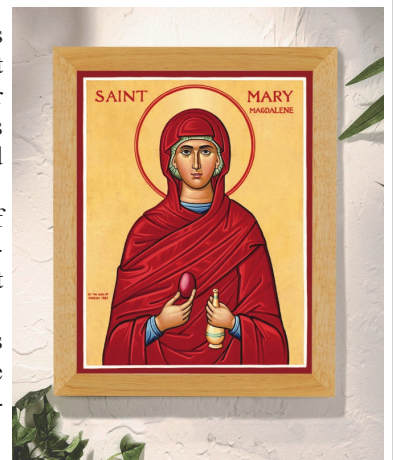
Father Zig

ST. MARY MAGDALENE
July 22

ST. MARY, whom Jesus converted, and who witnessed His last moments with Mary, His Mother, and St. John, was called Magdalene from the town of Magdala in Galilee. Clement of Alexandria and others identify her with the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears. Others regard her as Mary, the Sister of Martha and Lazarus. She followed Jesus with other devout women during His Public Life. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and then to His Apostles.

It is an ancient tradition in Provence, France, that St. Mary Magdalene or Mary the sister of Lazarus, together with Lazarus, Martha, and some other disciples of our Lord, being expelled by the Jews, put to sea and landed at Marseilles; and that St. Lazarus became the first Bishop of that See.

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is celebrated by the Greeks as well as the Latins on this date. However, in the instructions given with the latest edition of the Roman Calendar, the Latin Church has stipulated that the feast is solely that of the woman to whom Christ appeared and not that of the sister of Lazarus or the penitent woman.



PRAYER God, it was to St. Mary Magdalene before all others that Your Son committed the message of Easter joy. Through her intercession may we one day contemplate Him reigning in glory. Amen

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