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An Inclusive Church in the Catholic Tradition



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Mary Magdalene Church is an inclusive church in the Catholic tradition, where people from all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to the Lord's Table. We strive to live the values that Jesus taught, to honor and respect each individual and to share the joy of God's unconditional love, in our community and beyond.

Join Us for Worship

ALL are always welcome to our Eucharistic Table!

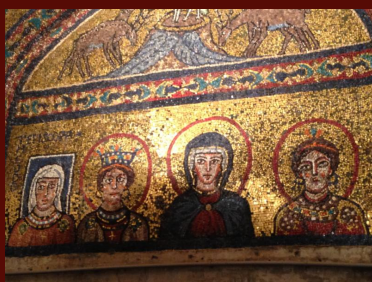
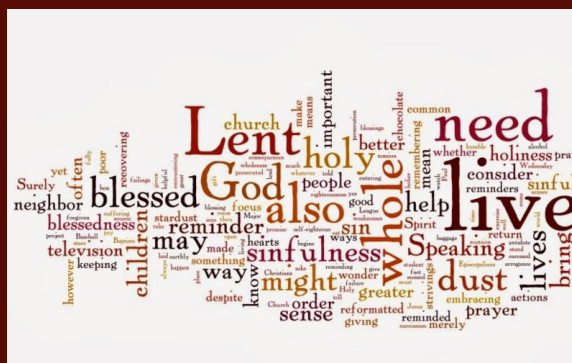
Mary Magdalene Church Bulletin

April 2, 2017

Make This Lent Meaningful

"We need to take time to connect with the poor, resist our unceasing cravings, and pray. But we also need to gather with friends and family, share in God's good provision, eat delicious food, tell stories that encourage us all, and celebrate the risen Lord."

Chris Seay, *A Place at the Table: 40 Days of Solidarity with the Poor*



Greetings friend!

I'll never forget my trip to Italy in September of 2014! One of my greatest desires was to see some of the lesser known sites-the sites that give evidence to the fact that women were ordained in the early church. From that standpoint, the highlight was going into the Church of St Praxedis and seeing a mosaic of 4 women: the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Praxedis, St Pudentiana, and St Theodora "Episcopa." Praxedis and Pudentiana are sisters who were priests, and Theodora was a bishop (i.e. Episcopa). As I walked through that beautiful church, which had other mosaics depicting women, I could feel the Spirit's presence so very powerfully and there was joy in my heart. Phil looked at me at one point and told me that my face looked the same as it did the day of my ordination.

It was a spiritually powerful experience for me, and I said then that I had to "lead a pilgrimage" to Italy. I felt compelled to share these mosaics and images with others. Ever since that time, some of you have told me that you're waiting for me to take you to Italy! So...how does 7 days in Rome, and 3 days in Assisi in 2018 sound?! This is in a very preliminary stage, but I'm considering sometime between March- May of 2018. We had a fabulous tour guide when we were in Rome. I had told her then of my desire to bring a group on a pilgrimage and that I would be contacting her. I sent her an email this last week, not sure if she would remember me, but not only did she remember me, she told me she had been waiting for this email! While we don't yet have any of the details, I'm trying to determine who might be interested in going. We need an idea of a group size before we can even begin to get details together. There is a sign-up sheet at church, or you can send me an email. Sometime after Easter I'll have an information meeting to share a little more. Hopefully I'll find my pictures and we'll have a slide show!! I look forward to sharing this trip with some of you.

I hope you'll join us on Wednesday night for our Lenten Reconciliation Service. If you've never been to one of our Reconciliation Services I encourage you to come. This is not "Confession" and it's not "Penance." Instead it is a guided meditation- I will lead you through a reflection on your life and an opportunity to offer to God any areas that need healing or forgiveness. I will also encourage you to experience God's love and forgiveness in return. It is a beautiful experience of remembering that there's nothing that can separate us from

God! The service will begin at 7:00. Join us before the service at 6:15 for simple meal of soup and bread.

Our next rotation of RAIHN is right around the corner- the families will be joining us on Easter Sunday. This week there will be an orientation/training for RAIHN volunteers on Thursday, April 6 from 6:30-8:30. This is strongly encouraged for all those who provide support for our RAIHN families, whether it's entertaining kids, providing a meal or spending an overnight. The orientation will be very helpful in giving you some of the basics of the program, as well as some information about how to handle different scenarios. I hope many of you will join us. Please sign up so we know how many will be coming. Given that it's Easter, we thought it would be sweet to have an Easter Basket for each of the kids. We invite you to bring an item or two for this. Suggestions include: an Easter Basket, grass, chocolate bunny or other critter, peanut butter eggs and other wrapped candy, peeps and jelly beans. While we don't yet know who the families will be for that week we do know we will have somewhere between 6-10 kids. I know the tremendous generosity of this community, so I remind you that you don't need to bring enough to make all of the baskets!! Please bring these items next Sunday (Palm Sunday) so we can make sure we're all set for Easter.

Speaking of RAIHN- we really need to replace the very old TV that is in the play area of Fellowship Hall. If you have a flat screen TV, or a DVD player, that you no longer use please consider donating it. Please note that we are asking for a flatscreen TV, not a TV with a picture tube. The Daytimer's Group invites you to join us on Monday afternoon for a Movie at Pittsford Cinema, followed by dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. You can choose from three movies: Beauty and the Beast (2:10), The Last Word (2:30) or the Zookeeper's Wife at 1:35. Dinner will be approximately 4:45 at Cheesecake Factory. Sign up on the welcoming table or by contacting Ronnie McCallum: mccallumrhonda@gmail.com

Also on Monday night from 7:00-8:30 the Book Discussion Group is meeting and reading the book Beyond Religion by the Dalai Lama. All are welcome.

If you're interested in being more involved at the Sunday liturgy. If you'd like read or share communion with others. Just put your name on the schedule on the bulletin board.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel Monfredo for the gift of her leadership with the music program at Mary Magdalene. While Rachel was providing this support we have reached the point where we now have music every weekend! Thanks Rachel for your love and dedication!! I'd also like to welcome Gerard and Jeanne Weber. Gerard and Jeanne came to MMC when we were at 401 Main Street, but they were also providing music for a downtown. It's great to have them back with us! Please see the note from them below.

Caio & Amore!
Rev. Denise

From Jeanne & Gerard: Music ministry at Mary Magdalene is a welcoming ministry with a mission to encourage the congregation to participate fully in the liturgy through songs, psalms and sung prayers. It is an awesome responsibility and a joyful commitment.

If you have musical gifts and you are feeling called to use them in the service of the congregation, please click on (or copy & paste) this short URL link: goo.gl/KSY8ep and fill out the form to let us know a little bit about yourself. You may also call/text/email Gerard and Jeanne Weber directly at:

585-764-3894 Gerard
585-281-3016 Jeanne
MaryMagdaleneERMUSIC@gmail.com

Readings for April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14—27:66

Sunday, March 26, 2017
Total Attendance: 47
Sunday Collection: \$214
Automatic Giving: \$524
Rent: \$100
Bottle return: \$54.42

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

RAIHN OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8:30
RAIHN Volunteer Orientation
Mary Magdalene Church
This is for all volunteers who are
involved with RAIHN

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RAIHN Rotation April 16-23

Watch the bulletin for specific needs,  
or talk with Rev. Denise  
or email Lynne Hamilton [equalrall@aol.com](mailto:equalrall@aol.com)

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Mary Magdalene Daytimers Group

Movie & Dinner
April 3 at Pittsford Cinema
Beauty & the Beast at 2:10
The Last Word at 2:30
The Zookeeper's Wife 1:35
Cheese Cake Factory around 4:45
Sign up at church for dinner or email Ronnie:
mccallumrhonda@gmail.com

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Monday, April 3 at 7:00  
Book Discussion on Beyond Religion  
by the Dalai Lama

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Wanted: Flat Screen TV
This would be especially helpful for RAIHN

The one we have is quite old
Please note flat screen only.



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Easter Baskets for RAIHN children  
RAIHN guests arrive on Easter Sunday  
Please bring in one or two items for an Easter Basket  
Suggestions: Basket, Grass, Chocolate bunny, Peanut Butter Cups,  
Bag of Jelly Beans, Peeps, etc.

Please keep in mind we will only have 6-10 children.

### Wanted Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

If you'd like to participate in the Sunday liturgy more fully, there are signup sheets on the bulletin board. Simply write your name in on a week or two when you know you'll be here!  
No special training needed!!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 5
6:15 Supper
7:00 Program begins

There is a sign-up sheet at church to bring a pot of soup or bread for our meal together.

Rev. Denise & Kathy Welch will lead us through the journey of Lent.



April 5: Reconciliation Service

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SILENT MEDITATION



Every Friday Evening
5:30-7:30

He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Mark 6:31 NRSV

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayer
Luke 5:16, NIV

Each week during Lent our church will be open on Friday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm for silent prayer and meditation.

You are welcome to join us for the whole evening, or just a short visit.

The Eucharist will be available for those who choose to receive communion.

Come and spend a little quiet time with the Lord during this season of reflection, centering and anticipation of the holiest week in the year.

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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 14, 3:00 Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:00 Mass of the Resurrection



Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

7 days in Rome

3 days in Assisi

Rev Denise will be leading this tour in 2018  
Special focus on evidence of ordained women in early church

Possibly Feb/March or October/Nov

If you are interested please let Rev Denise know



## NEVER TO SOON TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

MMC 2nd Annual Camp-out  
Labor Day Weekend  
September 1-4  
Country Charm Campground

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside my office!



## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES

Thursdays 6:45-7:30

Jim Bridges and Kathy Welch lead these services providing prayer, contemplation and music.

What a beautiful way to begin the day!  
All are welcome!!



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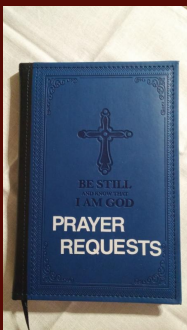
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Rich books for Spiritual Growth.  
Sign Out books by writing your name  
in the Yellow Book.

No Return Date Required-  
After a few months we'll check to see if you're done  
reading.

**Read often - Grow Deeply**



Please write names of people  
you are praying for in the Prayer  
Request Book on the  
Welcoming Table.



Here at MMC Coffee hour after Mass is something  
we look forward to.

Please sign up to host. Duties are light -prepare a  
simple snack, make coffee, clean up.  
Sign-up sheet is on Welcome Table

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Resource Center Update
On the bulletin board, by the welcoming table, are
tags with
the needs for the Resource Center.
Please feel free to take one so we can continue to
fulfill our communities needs.
They are so THANKFUL.

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