

# Mary Magdalene Church

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 16, 2017



Greetings friend!

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!!** Imagine where we would be if it had all ended on Good Friday. Jesus came into our world to carry the message of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. John 3:16-17 **For God so loved the world** so as to send the Anointed One into the world, that whoever believes shall not perish but have eternal life. For God sent Jesus into the world, **not to condemn the world**, but that the world might be saved." Perfect love, undying love- could not be killed on a cross, could not be held in a grave. Love couldn't help but rise from that horrible death filled with love and peace to share with all.

Jesus suffered from a world that was not ready for his radical message of love. He saw the writing on the wall, the religious authorities had it out for him. He could have stopped, recanted all he had stood for and faded into the background. That would have said there are limits to God's love- I will only go so far, when push comes to shove, when the price is too great- I'll pull out. We would have been abandoned! It could have all ended on the cross. Jesus could have said "you had your chance. You rejected me, abandoned me, ridiculed me, beat me and hung me on a tree to die." It could have all ended on Good Friday- no Easter Sunday, no resurrection, no new life, no forgiveness. We could have been left to our own devices- but God so loved the world! **Humanity killed the man, but could not kill the Love of our great God!**

**God transformed our darkest moment into the greatest act of love the world has ever known! God's Shining Moment!** Jesus would rather give up his life and endure tremendous suffering rather than give up on us! God turned the suffering of his son into the gift of eternal life!

What is God's meaning in Easter Sunday? **It's all about love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, hope and life.** It was all poured out on the cross and it's been flowing ever since that first Easter morning, when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to anoint her beloved Jesus' body. Instead she encountered the risen Christ. The love she encountered is a love that sustains, a love that transforms, a love that encourages us, even in the face of the troubles, anxieties and questions of our lives. **Now that's love!! In fact, that's exquisite love!!!! A love that knows no bounds, a love beyond all conditions, a love from which we can never be separated!**

Are you interested in becoming more involved in MMC? We will have an opening this year for one more trustee to come onboard. We'll get the nominations form out soon, but wanted to get the wheels spinning. Please note that you need to be a part of the community for at least a year to qualify. Watch the bulletin for more updates or ask one of us about it!

Are you relatively new to Mary Magdalene Church? Join us for a special luncheon on Sunday April 30 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Any and all who joined us since January of 2016 are invited.

Mark your calendars for our next Acoustic Soul Concert. Friday night April 28 at 7:00. Bill Welch has

been offering this concerts for us for the past several years and I've never been disappointed. He brings different musicians with him every time. It is an evening of great music, community and joy!! The concert is free, but please consider bringing a donation of nonperishable food, cleaning supplies or toiletries to benefit the East Rochester Resource Center.

Are you 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. We'd love to have you! No special training needed.

Are you interested in visiting places that show evidence of ordained women in the early years of the church? I will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy in 2018. The date is not yet set, but please let me know if you are tentatively interested. I will be offering an evening to see some of the sites we will be visiting and share more information. Watch the bulletin for that meeting, but also let me know if you're interested in possibly joining me.

Our cookbook: Sweet Sundays at Mary Magdalene Church is done! You can pick up your copy the next time you join us for Mass!

Next week we'll begin receiving donations for the Rummage Sale. If you have any particular questions feel free to reach out to Tammy Drollette at [tdrollette@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tdrollette@rochester.rr.com)

Be sure to check out the welcoming table. There are sign-up sheets for everything from camping to Italy to coffee hour hosts!

**Know that God loves you more than you can ever imagine and let that love transform you!!!  
Have a blessed Easter!**

With love, Rev Denise

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**Readings for April 23, 2017  
Second Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**  
Total Attendance: 49 people  
Sunday Collection: \$244  
Automatic Giving: \$1,111  
Rent: \$59  
Memorial Gifts: \$70

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## Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

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Acoustic Soul Concert  
Friday, April 28, at 7:00

Join us for fabulous music  
and terrific company!

Mary Magdalene Daytimers Group  
Save the Date  
Monday May 15  
Daytimer's will attend the  
Lilac Festival  
with a stop at  
Lamberton Conservatory  
Details to Follow



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Monday, April 17, at 7:00  
Book Discussion on Beyond Religion  
by the Dalai Lama  
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Hot off the Press!

Sweet Sundays at  
Mary Magdalene Church Cookbook

New Parishioner Lunch  
Sunday, April 30 at Noon  
Fellowship Hall

Let's gather together, talk about the  
history of MMC and share our stories.

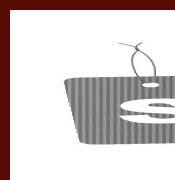
Open to all who joined the community  
since Jan 2016.  
Please RSVP by Monday April 24  
to Rev Denise 320-0895

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Thursday, May 11, 3 pm  
Afternoon Tea & Mini Retreat  
with  
Knit, Pearl, Crochet & Pray  
All Knitters and Knitter Wannabes  
are invited

For more information contact  
Barbara at 377-3818  
or Ronnie at 377-7536  
RSVP by Sunday, May 7

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OH MY  
Could our Annual  
Rummage Sale be coming  
up again?  
"YES"

Remember as you Spring clean -  
donate your unwanted items.  
Contact Tammy at  
[tdrollette@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tdrollette@rochester.rr.com)  
Items will be welcome after the  
RHAIN rotation.

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is available to pick up at Church!

## 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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**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 TOO 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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### "CHECK OUT" OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

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**



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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### Prayer Book

Please write names of people  
you are praying for in the Prayer

### Resource Center Update

On the bulletin board, by the welcoming table, are  
tags with



Request Book on the Welcoming Table.

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.

[Visit our website](#)