

# Mary Magdalene Church

An Inclusive Church in the Catholic Tradition



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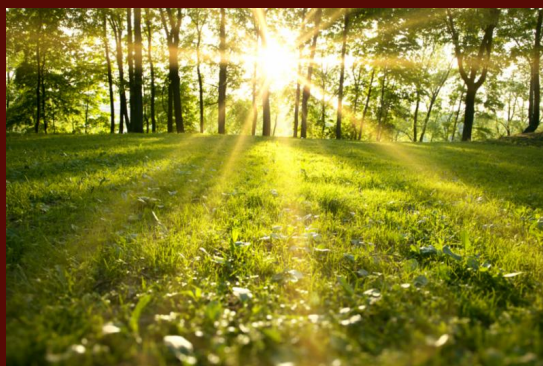
Mary Magdalene Church is an inclusive church in the Catholic tradition, where people from all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to the Lord's Table. We strive to live the values that Jesus taught, to honor and respect each individual and to share the joy of God's unconditional love, in our community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

Join Us for Worship

**ALL are always welcome to our Eucharistic Table!**

Mary Magdalene Church Bulletin

May 7, 2017



Greetings friend!

The gospel this week is from the Gospel of John and is one of the parables about the Good Shepherd. As I read this reading for today, I recalled a recent gathering with some of our youth at Mary Magdalene Church. Brian Kennedy, a veteran and wonderful young man was there to sketch the kids and share various aspects about his life. One of the things he talked about was the importance of supporting & standing up for others. He indicated that there are three kinds of people in the world and he used animals to symbolize this. He said there are sheep, sheep dogs and wolves. He said the wolves are the people who attack, bully, victimize or harm the sheep. He said that most people fall into the category of sheep, but the sheep dogs are the ones who protect the sheep. He said it takes a lot of courage to be a sheep dog, but he encouraged our young people to do just that. If they see someone being bullied or picked on, to stand up for them, or befriend them, or in some way make a difference in the situation. In recent years, the incidence of suicide among youth has grown by alarming rates. The most recent suicide in Penfield touched one of our youth very deeply as they were on some of the same sports teams. It is so tragic to realize how desperate and hopeless some of our youth are in today's world. Please join me in praying for our youth.

Saturday, May 20 East Rochester will be holding their annual Clean Sweep. It would be great to have a team from Mary Magdalene Church helping out. Phil and I will be out of town that weekend celebrating my mom's 80th birthday, so participation in this event will need someone to spearhead it. If there's anyone who would be willing to help organize this please let me know.

On Sunday, May 28 we will have our Annual Memorial Day Mass. If there is a deceased veteran who you'd like remembered please contact Pat Moriarty [pmoriarty936@gmail.com](mailto:pmoriarty936@gmail.com) or add their name to the list on the welcoming table. You may also wish to honor veterans by attending the parade in East Rochester, or the prayer service at the gazebo after the parade. I've been asked to offer a blessing during that prayer service so I'll see you there.

During the month of May join us on Saturday mornings at 10:00 to pray the rosary. We will be joining with Catholics around the globe who will be praying the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother Mary. We will gather at 10:00 on Saturday mornings in the meditation circle on the altar. Peter Vietch will be leading us. No experience with the rosary is necessary!

All knitters, knitter wannabees, and any who donated yarn, shawls, chemo capsets. Join us this Thursday, May 11 at 3:00 for an afternoon tea and mini retreat. Please bring any yarn you might be interested in donating as we have someone in East Rochester who knits scarfs, mittens and hats for those in need. Any donated yarn will be going to good use! Please RSVP by May 8th, so we can plan accordingly!

Monday May 15 the Daytimers are going to the Lilac Festive. Anyone who is available during the day is invited to join us. This will include a visit to Lamberth Conservatory. Save the date, details to follow.

As the weather gets nicer remember our labyrinth in the back area of the Church. It's a wonderful way to spend some time in prayer!

With much love,

Rev. Denise

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### Readings for May 14, 2017

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

Total Attendance: 60 people

Sunday Collection: \$207

Automatic Giving: \$1,479

Room Rent: \$40

Acoustic Soul Concert: \$167

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## Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

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Praying the Rosary  
Saturdays in May at 10:00

Since ancient times the church has set aside May as the month for honoring Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

Each Saturday morning in May all are welcome to gather at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary to pray the rosary together.

We will be praying for the intentions of our church community, please write your special intentions and place them in the basket on the altar. Rosaries will be available for those who need one, so please participate whether you are just learning to pray the rosary, or you have been praying it all your life. It is a very simple prayer, anyone can pray the rosary.

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### Mary Magdalene Daytimers Group

Save the Date

Monday May 15

Daytimers will attend the

Lilac Festival

with a stop at

Lamberton Conservatory

Details to Follow



### Sunday, May 28 Annual Memorial Day Mass

If there is a deceased veteran you'd like to remember please give us their name.



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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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Meal Train for  
Chris O'Brien

As some of you, Chris is going to have knee replacement surgery this week.

If you'd like to support her by preparing a meal please visit the website to schedule ourselves.

<https://mealtrain.com/5neqnk>

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Nominations For Board of Trustees:  
Beginning in June we will have two vacancies on the board and are seeking two individuals who are interested in being involved in the inner workings of Mary Magdalene Church.

We are seeking nominations for two positions:

- fully participating trustee. This is a three year term
- trustee alternate (this person will attend all meetings but will only have a vote when there is not a quorum present. This is ideal for individuals who think they would be interested in being on the board but would prefer to "test the waters" first.)

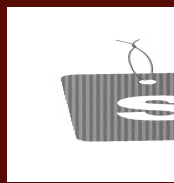
Deadline for nominations is May 15?

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Saturday May 20  
East Rochester Clean Sweep  
Let's be good neighbors, get a team together and do our part to help out.

They will be honored with a flag in front of the church.

Please let Pat Moriarty know  
[pmoriarty936@gmail.com](mailto:pmoriarty936@gmail.com) Or write their name on the list on the welcoming table



Remember as you Spring clean - donate your unwanted items.

Contact Tammy at [tdrollette@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tdrollette@rochester.rr.com)

### 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 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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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.



Here at MMC Coffee hour after Mass is something we look forward to.  
Please sign up to host. Duties are light -prepare a

Read often - Grow Deeply

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 Request Book on the Welcoming Table.

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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