

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 14, 2017



Greetings friend!

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend we turn our attention to those who have given us life, loved us through the ups and the downs, protected us under their wings and cheered us on from the sidelines! I saw a commercial this weekend honoring mothers. It showed a grizzly bear walking a child across the street, a vulture spreading its large wing over a child that was sitting in the rain, a monkey grooming a boy as he sits in the cafeteria, an elephant who comes to the aid of a boy who is being picked on, and a young girl resting against a lioness. The caption at the end read "Protect like a Mother." It made me think of a beautiful picture that hangs on the wall of the library at church. It shows the Blessed Mother Mary with Jesus as a young boy, sitting among some sheep. Jesus is holding a lamb in his arms and Mary is talking to him. To me it demonstrates that Jesus first learned how to be the Good Shepherd through the example of his mother!! Our mothers are definitely our first teachers!!

A friend recently sent me a brief article by Mary Petiet on the *Four Reasons We Need to Reclaim the Divine Feminine*. She indicates that the power of the Divine Feminine taps into the power of life. 1) She is the route back to the self, is all-inclusive and embraces all of creation. 2) She is the creative force in the universe and she promotes life at every turn. 3) She proclaims collective good over individual gain. And 4) She heals

our relationship to the planet. Marypoints out the body of the Divine Feminine is the earth and all of lifespings from it.

Thisweekend we ask God to bless mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, foster-mothersand all who have in some capacity mothered us. We especially pray for those who've lost children. Angela Yarber talks about this through theeyes of Mary. She said "When I putmyself in Mary's shoes as a mother, resurrection kinda 'sucks.'" She said it must have been a comfirt to herto learn that her child was no longer dead, but it's not like Jesus stuckaround for another 33 years of family meals, laughter, and love... Jesus wasresurrected, but it wasn't like Mary was able to experience life with her childon earth anymore." Let's especially holddose in our hearts all those who've had this very same experience of life.

Saturday, May 20 East Rochester will be holding their annual Clean Sweep. It would be great to have a few people from Mary Magdalene Church helping out. Meetat the town offices on Main Street at 9:00 to receive assignments. Lunch and t-shirts are provided for allvolunteers.

On Sunday, May 28 we will have ourAnnual Memorial Day Mass. If there is adeceased veteran who you'd like remembered please contact Pat Moriarty pmoriarty936@gmail.com or add theirname to the list on the welcoming table. You may also wish to honor veterans by attending the parade in EastRochester, or the prayer service at the gazebo after the parade. I've been asked to offer a blessing duringthat prayer service so I'll see you there.

During the month of May joinus on Saturday mornings at 10:00 to pray the rosary. Wewill be joining with Catholics around the globe who will be praying the rosaryin honor of the Blessed Mother Mary. Wewill gather at 10:00 on Saturday mornings in the meditation circle on thealtar. Peter Vietch will be leadingus. No experience with the rosary isnecessary!

The Daytimer's visit to theLilac Festive is being rescheduled. Anyone who would like to receive updates on this please sign up atchurch, or send me an email.

Chris O'Brien asked me tothank all those who've made meals or been a support in any way as she isrecovering from knee replacemnt surgery. She feels very fortunate to be a part of this incredible community, andso do !!!! Thanks for being you!!!!

Withmuch love,

Rev. Denise

Readings for May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Total Attendance: 43 people

Sunday Collection: \$146

Automatic Giving: \$1,111

Room Rent: \$11

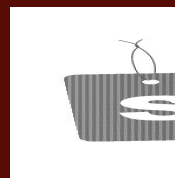
Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities



Prayingthe Rosary
Saturdaysin May at 10:00

Sinceancient times the church has set aside
May as the month for honoring Mary,
theBlessed Mother of Jesus.

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



Remember as you Spring
clean -
donate your unwanted
items.

Contact Tammy at
tdrollette@rochester.rr.com

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Monday, May 15 at 7 pm  
Next book discussion  
Discussionon Beyond Religionby the  
DalaiLama

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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 trip to the Lilac Festival is being rescheduled. Sign-up is on the welcoming table to receive any email updates.



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!

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Saturday
May 27 at
10:30

East Rochester Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Service at the Gazebo immediately after the parade.

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Sunday, May 28  
Annual Memorial Day  
Mass

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



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

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## Wanted Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

If you'd like to participate in the Sunday liturgy more fully, there are sign-up 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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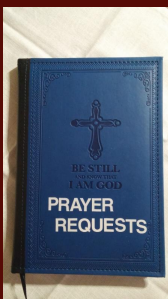
Read often - Grow Deeply



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 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.

Visit our website