

# 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

July 30, 2017



When we honestly ask ourselves  
which person in our lives means the most to us,  
we often find that it is those who,  
instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures,  
have chosen rather to share our pain  
and touch our wounds  
with a warm and tender hand.

— Henri Nouwen

Happy Friendship day

Greetings friend!

Philand I just returned from our annual camping trip to Rollins Pond State Park in the Adirondacks. Rollins Pond is a place that centers me every single year. I experience such tranquility sitting by the still water, breathing in the mountain air, watching the clouds nestle in among the high peaks, witnessing God's majesty in the sunsets, laughing around the campfire with family and enjoying homemade ice cream from Donnelly's!

It also allows me some time to read. This year, at the recommendation of Marj Chapin-Parker, I'm reading "The Dark Night of the Soul" by Gerald G. May. I've read several of Gerald May's books before including "Addiction & Grace," "Will & Spirit," and "Simply Sane." (I highly recommend his books - Addiction & Grace is one I've read several times!)

In "The Dark Night of the Soul," May focuses on the work of Saints John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila (Teresa of Avila's book "Interior Castle" was one of my favorites during my seminary education). May points out that both Sts. John & Teresa believed that finding God and growing toward union with God is not something that could be achieved because "union with God already exists (!) Everyone always has been and always will be in union with God... We are born in union with God and we 'live and move and have our being' in God (Acts 17:28) throughout our lives." They say that "The problem for most of us is that we don't *realize* how united we are with God." May points out that a simple prayer at the opening of a meeting that begins "God be with us" makes it sound as if God might be in attendance at another meeting! He points out that our life journey is not really about seeking God, but it's more a journey of raising our consciousness and realizing that deep intimacy and union with God already exist! He points out that there is a seed of desire in each of us, a longing or yearning for intimacy with God that is intended to make us more aware of our fundamental union with God. In other words - it's a myth to believe that we are ever really apart from God!! "All human beings are created in and from the love of God, with an inborn love for God that continually arises from God and constantly seeks God. This love is meant to flow for all people and all creation. THIS IS OUR TRUE HUMAN NATURE. It is who we are." p. 51

(emphasis added.) I highly recommend you pick up *The Dark Night of the Soul* or *Addiction & Grace*. All of his books are very accessible and easy to follow.

The concepts May presents brought to mind "A Course in Miracles." So much of what I just described within Gerald May's book are basic tenets of the Course. This Fall we will be offering an opportunity to study "A Course in Miracles" together. Dijana Winter has been leading study groups on "A Course in Miracles" since 1992. Watch for information about the course in the bulletins, and Dijana will present some information on it at a coffee hour tentatively scheduled for October 22.

On Saturday, August 5 we are invited to the home of Philip & Gary for a Garden Party in their home: 34 Forest Avenue, beginning at 5:00, with dinner around 6:00. They love gardening and they excel at it! We had a wonderful time last year and I'm sure this year will be just as enjoyable! (We do hope the weather is better this year, last year we visited the gardens between raindrops!) Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chair. Please sign up at church or by emailing Gary at [gjh98gjh@yahoo.com](mailto:gjh98gjh@yahoo.com) Please mention Garden Party in the subject line.

Next weekend is also your last chance to see "The Tempest" a Shakespearean play brought to life by the teens of Modern Sensibilities, a theatre company founded by our own Emma Milligan. The teens have been rehearsing at Mary Magdalene Church for the past couple of months and I'm anxious to see the production as the rehearsals have been intriguing. The last performances are Friday August 4 at 7:30 and Saturday August 5 at 2:00 at the Strong Museum. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/children & seniors and can be purchased at the door or online: [Tickets](#)

Also, next Sunday, August 6 everyone is invited to join the Daytimers for a trip to Cobblestone Art Center for "Aging Ain't a Laughing Matter... Or is it?" played by Phyllis Contestable. The cost is \$15. Sign up at church or by contacting Sue Pagano: [suepagano@gmail.com](mailto:suepagano@gmail.com)

Finally, please notice the time change for the Annual Pet Blessing. It will be at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday August 13. Please note this will NOT be an afternoon Mass as in year's past. We love our outdoor sanctuary but in the late afternoon it is in full sun and might be tough for our furry friends!! Instead we will have our pet blessing at our 10:00 Mass which will be held outdoors. After Mass we'll have our hot dog roast and ice cream social. All are welcome!

With Love,  
*Rev Denise*

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#### Readings for August 6, 2017

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord [1 Dn](#)

[7:9-10, 13-14,](#)

[2 Pt 1:16-19](#) [3 Jn](#)

[Mt 17:1-9](#)

Sunday, July 16, 2017 &

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Attendance and Collection information will be reported next week.

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## Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

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#### DAYTIMERS GROUP

August 6, Theatre Sunday, at 2:00 pm

Cobblestone Arts Center

Route 332 Canandaigua, NY

"Aging Ain't A Laughing Matter...or is it?"

Played by Phyllis Contestable

Cost \$15.00

Car pool from church after coffee hour or meet there.

Tickets will be on hold. Pay at door.

Free wine and cheese!

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An Evening in the Garden

Saturday, August 5

5:00 Gather

6:00 Dish to Pass Dinner

Home of Philip & Gary

34 Forest Avenue, Rochester 14622

Please sign up at church or by emailing Gary:

[gjh98gjh@yahoo.com](mailto:gjh98gjh@yahoo.com)

mention Garden Party in the Subject line

**RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN.**  
Steve Harvey said, "Summer is no fun when you are hungry, let's feed our children".

Needs are great during the summer  
Cereal, tuna fish, Mayo, jelly, snacks, soups, crackers, graham crackers, pasta and pasta sauce, and paper goods.

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**Maintenance:**  
Lawn Mowing If you can help by mowing the grass a few times this summer please sign up at church for weeks you are available.  
**THERE'S A LAWN MOWER IN THE SHED**

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**PLEASE NOTICE**  
**THE CHANGE IN TIME:**  
August 13 during the 10:00 Mass

Pet Blessing followed by  
Hot Dog Roast  
& Ice Cream Social

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2nd Annual MMC Scramble Golf  
Tournament to benefit the  
ER Community Resource Center

Sunday, Sept 17 at 1:00  
Southern Meadows in Rush

Invite your golfing friends!  
Details to follow

**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!! However, if you want to learn how to pronounce words and names, see Kathy.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THOSE WHO  
ARE ALREADY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
AND LECTORS:**

Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Write your name in for the week that you are available.

Blessings to you.

Our community is so gifted.

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**New Team at Mary Magdalene  
Gaia (Earth) Team**  
Next meeting  
Friday August 4 at 10:30  
If you have any ideas of ways to reduce our environmental footprint contact:

Sue Pagano: [suepagano@gmail.com](mailto:suepagano@gmail.com)

Dory Deisenroth [deisdor@aol.com](mailto:deisdor@aol.com)

Regine Calvar [rnacalvar@gmail.com](mailto:rnacalvar@gmail.com)

Kathy Mrzywka [kamrzywaka@gmail.com](mailto:kamrzywaka@gmail.com)



Sept 2nd  
2nd Annual Community Day  
at Country Charm Campground  
Middlesex, NY  
(just south of Canandaigua)

This is an opportunity for those who aren't campers at heart to spend the day with those of us who are camping Labor Day Weekend.

Dish to Pass supper  
Mass around the campfire

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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

See the Coliseum, Roman Forum, Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museum receive a papal blessing, and the Basilica's of Sts Francis & Clare in Assisi.

Special focus on evidence of ordained women in the early church.

Friday, Feb 16 - Sunday, Feb 25

\$1,750 + airfare

If you are interested please let Rev Denise know.  
Information Meeting Sunday Sept 10 after Mass.

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.

**Read often - Grow Deeply**



#### Prayer Book

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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