

# 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

August 6, 2017



We have assigned to each of you  
a law and a way of life.  
If God had wanted, God could have made all of you a  
single community,  
but instead God is testing you,  
by means of what God has revealed to you.  
So compete in doing what is good.  
You will all return to God, and God will clarify these  
matters about which you have differed.

Quran 5:48

Greetings friend!

This week I had the opportunity to participate in a conference that was going on at Nazareth College, entitled Sacred Texts in Human Contexts: An Interfaith Symposium on Women and Gender. It was a terrific conference with Imams, Muslim men and women, Rabbi's, Jewish men and women, Buddhists and those of us from Christian faiths!! The quote that you see above from the Quran was used many times over, pointing out the richness and opportunities that lie in the diversity of faith traditions. It is difficult to try to capture this experience in this letter as I know the concepts, ideas, and encounters I had are going to continue to unfold within me over time, but here I will note some of the things which resonated within me.

During our opening keynote the Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi spoke of the concept of "holy envy" which means to have such a deep respect for other faith traditions that we may actually be envious of some aspects of those other traditions. This concept so captures what I've felt within my heart for years! There is a richness in learning about other faith traditions that can touch us deeply and open our eyes to entirely new realizations!

She also talked about the Jewish concept of "baseless hatred" that led to the destruction of the Holy Temple. Sadly, I find this term would rightly define so much of the tensions and distrust of those that are rampant in today's world! This same woman said we must be people who instead spread **BASELESS LOVE!!**

A Muslim woman did a talk entitled "Three Sisters and a Necklace. She spoke of three women that are talked about in all three Holy Books that are a part of the Abrahamic Faith traditions: the Quran, the Torah and the Bible. She tied together the stories of Hagar (handmaiden of Sarah who bore Abraham's first son Ishmael- I will say more about her in a minute), the Pharaoh's daughter (who raised Moses as her own) and Mary the mother of Jesus. She pointed out the strength of each of these women, the key roles they played historically, and stated that although they were born centuries apart they were cosmically bound through the **Divine Matrix of Consciousness!**

I learned a great deal about Hagar. In the book of Genesis, after Sarah gave birth to

Isaac was turned on Hagar and ordered Abraham to "get rid of her." Hagar and Ishmael were sent into the desert and while it is known that Ishmael lived to provide other descendants of Abraham, very little importance is given to them in our scriptures. However, in the Quran their story continues and Hagar is credited with founding a new civilization and the land where she settled becomes Mecca (the holiest city in the Islamic religion)!!!

In addition, Jesus' mother Mary is just as revered (and possibly more) in Islam than she is by Catholics, as she is seen as the manifestation of Divine Love. In addition, her story is much more pronounced in the Quran than in the Bible!

I also learned that in the Jewish tradition one of the names that is sometimes used for God is also the same word that is translated as womb! It refers to the life-giving force and honoring of all life! This is just a small mattering of the things that touched me, moved me and caused me to go "AHA" this past week. I'm sure you will hear even more in homilies in the future!!

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!

Check with your golfing friends and hold the date for our 2nd Annual MMCS Scramble Golf Tournament. Sunday, Sept 17 at 1:00 at Southern Meadows Golf Course in Rush. The proceeds of this event will go to the East Rochester Community Resource Center. We had a great time last year, don't miss out on the fun!!

This week I will be sending out some more detailed information about the Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi Feb 16-25, 2018. We are going during break week so those whose schedules are impacted by the school schedule will be able to join us. The cost of the land portion of the trip is \$1,750 (not including airfare). If you would like to be on the list to receive information and updates on this trip please email me at [revdenised@gmail.com](mailto:revdenised@gmail.com). I know it is going to be a very meaningful trip! You are also invited to attend a slide presentation and information meeting on Sunday, Sept 10 after Mass. Whether you're mildly curious or completely on board please join us for this meeting as it can help to answer any questions you may have.

There are a few people to keep in your prayers this week. Please keep John & Kim Taddonio in your prayers. Their 31 year-old nephew Rob Grasta died unexpectedly this past week. Also this week we had RAIHN at Mary Magdalene Church. One of our guests "Q" lost his grandfather and 42 year old cousin the same day. Please keep the family of Monica Sherman in your prayers.

With Love,

*Rev Denise*

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**Readings for August 13, 2017**  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a  
Rom 9:1-5  
Mt 14:22-33

Sunday, July 23, 2017  
Attendance: 26 people  
Sunday Collection: \$13  
Automatic Giving: \$264  
Rummage Sale: \$25

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Sunday, July 16, 2017  
Attendance: 38 people  
Sunday Collection: \$90  
Automatic Giving: \$1,069  
Donation from Spiritus Christi: \$1,000  
Room Rent: \$40

Sunday, July 30, 2017  
Attendance: 35 People  
Sunday Collection: \$135  
Automatic Giving: \$964  
Misc Donation: \$500

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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!

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  
**ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

**DONATE  
CEREAL  
SOUP  
BEANS  
MAC & CHEESE**

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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

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**Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi  
Slide Presentation  
& Information Meeting  
Sunday, Sept 10 after Mass**

This is for anyone who is interested, thinking  
about it, "I'd love to... but"  
or just curious!!

Feel free to invite others who  
may be interested.

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**Save the Dates:**  
Enneagram Workshop  
Saturday mornings  
Sept 23, Sept 30 & Oct 14  
details to follow

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Sunday Sept 24 after Mass  
An Inconvenient Truth  
Movie & Discussion  
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 your  
are available.  
Blessings to you.  
Our community is so gifted.

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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 RevDenise know.  
Information Meeting Sunday Sept 10 after Mass.



## 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.

**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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