

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

October 1, 2017



LET US MAKE HUMAN BEING
IN OUR OWN
IMAGE AND LIKENESS

AND GOD SAW
THAT IT WAS GOOD!

Greetings friend!

As you may remember, this year Mary Magdalene Church voted to affiliate with the Ecumenical Catholic Communion (ECC). We spent quite some time exploring, questioning and discerning. We came to recognize the value and importance of being connected with other like-minded communities, while valuing the significance of our autonomy as a community that would not desire to have outside forces dictate how we are to function. The ECC is a "Communion of Communities" that recognizes and upholds both our desire for connectedness and our need for autonomy.

One of the values of the ECC is the recognition that each person is an equal member of the Church, as such, lay people play an important and prominent role in the governance of the Church. The ECC follows a synodal form of governance that is comprised of a House of Laity (HOL), House of Pastors (HOP) and Episcopal Council. Each church has the right to have delegates in both houses. (2 in the HOP and 2 or more in the HOL dependent upon the size of the community.) Mary Magdalene Church is entitled to 3 lay delegates.

The role of the lay delegates is to attend and participate in the HOL during the synod

that is held every other year, and remain connected to the HOL electronically outside of synod. Outside of synod the lay delegates will receive updates and information about the ECC and it is their responsibility to bring that information to Mary Magdalene. If there are issues that must be voted on, the delegates bring the info back to the faith community and then place their vote based on the community's desire.

MMC has not yet selected delegates for the HOL. If this is of interest to you and you are able and willing to travel every other year for a period of 3-4 days please let me know asap. While the next synod is not until Sept 2018, the ECC has just begun the process of accepting nominations for an auxiliary bishop to assist our Presiding Bishop Francis Krebs. They hope to hold the election in mid-December. If we get our delegates on board in time, they will be able to vote during this election. We will discuss this more at our Parish Community Forum on Oct 15. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a delegate or have any questions.

Last Sunday we had a beautiful, uplifting Family Mass! It's beautiful to see the number of families with young children who have become a part of the church in the last year and the enthusiasm they bring!! We will be having a Family Mass monthly on the 4th Sunday of the month, and the families are joining forces to provide Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd Sunday of the month as well.

We had a beautiful concert last night! Thanks again Bill Welch for your exquisite love and support, as well as the inspirational music you share with us. Thanks to all who came and for the generosity of support. Concert-goers gave \$520 to Serenity House.

October 15 is our next Parish Community Forum. We have much to update the community on, including plans to put a bathroom on the first floor, an update on replacing the steeple, designating delegates to the ECC, finance report and pastors update among other things.

On the Feast of St Francis (Wed, Oct 4) we will have our next ROCovery group beginning at 7:00. Craig Bullock will be with us. All who are impacted by addiction and/or recovery are welcome to join us!

I'm looking forward to exploring a Course in Miracles beginning in November. Please see the information below from Dijana Winter who will be leading this course.

This comes with love,
Rev Denise

From Dijana Winter who will lead us in A Course in Miracles:

The *Course* assures us that our guiltless and holy nature can be remembered and lived *now*. It teaches us how and why we resist our sacred nature. It teaches us that our core nature *is* Love. It teaches that we can never be outside of Love.

God's certainty that our spiritual essence, the exquisite expression - the image and likeness - of His Own Selfhood, i.e., Love, Spirit, Light, Life, Holiness, Kindness, Strength, *can* become our very own. As our perception shifts about *what* we are, our lives begin to change. Peace, calm, happiness, fulfillment, trust and laughter become more and more available as we apply the teachings in the *Course* and turn within for guidance.

We *can* learn to see ourselves and the world differently. We *can* live with real trust, face the world's threats without fear, laugh more often than we might expect, and we *can* become certain of our inner and only 'good enough.'

We *can* awaken to the Divine.

I hope you can join us. The Introduction to the Course and what to expect on Sunday, October 29 could help you to decide.

Through study of the text and practice of the lessons, we learn to distinguish between the truth of what we *are* and that which we can never be. We *can* learn to recognize ways in which we resist our own happiness in order to support a false sense of identity, how to let go of misperceptions about ourselves and our world, and how to apply what we are learning in our daily experiences. Our time together will include reading, teaching, discussion and sharing questions as well as insight.

Feel free to call or text for further information: 585-703-1914 or email: winterdijana@gmail.com

Dijana Winter:

Introduced to *the Course* in the '80s, I have been leading Study-Groups, Retreats and Workshops since 1992 in the Boston area and since 2001 in the

Rochester/Finger Lakes Region of NY.

A Course in Miracles gave me a context for understanding spiritual experiences that began in 1988. They, in turn, provide me with a spiritual understanding of the teaching.

A willingness to listen to a knowledge beyond my own guides my work. A Psychotherapist since 1986 and Course facilitator since 1992, all my work with men and women is grounded in my acknowledgement of their innate Completeness and my commitment to their Awakened sense of their Wholeness.

Readings for October 8, 2017

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Attendance: 65 people

Sunday Collection: \$231

Automatic Giving: \$434

Rent: \$40

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

October 1,

Altar candles will be blessed and dedicated in memory of Barb Basset's Mother
2017

and a dear friend of Binnie and Kathy
after the procession to the altar and before the readings.

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**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING:**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

2nd Sunday of each Month

Family Mass

4th Sunday of each month

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Oct 15, 2017

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Parish Community Forum

Sunday Oct 15 after Mass

Agenda to include:

Financial Report, ECC Delegates

Steeple update, Pastor's update

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**A COURSE IN MIRACLES**

Sunday 10/29 Coffee Hour presentation

This is a wonderful opportunity  
to learn a bit about the Course!

Course begins Thursday Nov 2, 6:45-8:30

We will be lead by Dijana Winter, who's been leading  
groups through a Course in Miracles since 1992

All are Welcome.

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ROCovery Spirituality Group

First Wed of every month at 7:00

at ROCovery Fitness Center

1035 Dewey Ave, Rochester

Led by Rev Denise & Peter Veitch

This group is open to all who are impacted by recovery or addiction, including recovering individuals, parents, family or friends.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Our Gaia Team invites you to
Bring Your Mug to Church!!
You will find a rack on the wall in Fellowship Hall for you to hang your own mug. Bring in a funny mug, or one that you enjoy.

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#### RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

"Please review the list of needs for the center. The tags are located on the bulletin board near the welcome table. These are the goods that are needed on a regular basis. Thank you in advance for your generosity."  
Your brother in Christ - Jerry Janas

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ECC DELEGATES

Would you be interested in representing Mary Magdalene Church at the ECC Synod every other year?

Would you be willing to keep our community updated on information coming from the ECC?

MMC is entitled to 3 lay delegates to be a part of the House of Laity.

If this is of interest to you or if you have any questions please let Rev Denise know.

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Do you have someone you want us to pray for?

To add someone to the prayer chain contact:  
Christine Kaiser  
[cmkaiser@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cmkaiser@rochester.rr.com)  
Or Joann Corso at 223-5682

If you'd like a prayer intention mentioned in the bulletin please send names and a short description of the prayer intention to:

Sandy McNamara  
[sandram66@aol.com](mailto:sandram66@aol.com)  
by Friday of each week.

If you'd like Rev Denise to make a pastoral call or hospital visit please contact her directly:

[revdenised@gmail.com](mailto:revdenised@gmail.com) Or  
585-329-0895



WANTED:  
DONUTS, MUFFINS,  
COFFEE!!!!

Coffee Hour needs your help!!

If you can host an upcoming coffee hour your reward will be great in heaven!!!

It's very easy:  
Stop at Wegmans on the way to church...  
(or bake the night before)

Make sure the coffee is started.....  
(Many thanks to Michael Conley:  
"our faithful coffee maker")

Come up for Mass

Enjoy friends over a cup of coffee

And stay to clean-up!!



#### 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

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 and she'll send you a detailed itinerary and information packet.



## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES

Thursdays 6:45-7:30

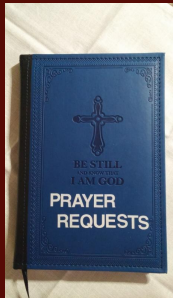
Jim Bridges and Kathy Welch lead these services providing prayer, contemplation and music.

What a beautiful way to begin the day!  
All are welcome!!



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## Prayer Book

Please write names of people you are praying for in the Prayer Request Book on the Welcoming Table.

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