

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 29, 2017



*Many Buddhist teachers advise their students that there are three virtues required to travel the sacred path:
Great Faith, Great Doubt
and Great Courage.*

Greetings friend!

I learned this week that I am the sole candidate for the position of auxiliary bishop of the ECC. Being the sole candidate, assuming that people vote favorably, I will be ordained (or consecrated- these terms are used interchangeably when referring to the ceremony by which one becomes a bishop.) Someone asked me recently if an auxiliary bishop does the same things as a bishop and I realized that others might be confused about this as well. I

will be fully ordained as a bishop. The term auxiliary is simply identifying the fact that I will not be assigned to a particular diocese, but instead I will assist Bishop Frank in serving the regions in the ECC that do not currently have a local bishop. This will hopefully free him up a bit more to focus on his role as a presiding bishop.

Being aware that I would be moving forward in this spiritual journey has brought up many feelings within me. These were very clearly identified in an article Arlene Helget sent to me on Friday. She said it made her think of me and my call to be a bishop. The article entitled Great Courage comes from Starcross Monastic Community. Brother Toby is writing the final article in a series that he began focused on the three virtues Buddhist teachers indicate are required to travel the sacred path: Great Faith, Great Doubt and Great Courage. In the article he lists six attributes of courage:

- 1) Feeling Fear Yet Choosing to Act,
- 2) Following Your Heart
- 3) Persevering in the Face of Adversity
- 4) Standing Up for What is Right
- 5) Expanding Your Horizons – Let Go of the Familiar
- 6) Facing Suffering with Dignity or Faith

I especially identify with the first two of these, feeling fear yet choosing to act and following your heart. I also came across a quote the other day, on a site I go to for daily inspiration. Madisyn Taylor said “Often we get anxiety for no reason, as we are almost always stronger and more capable than we believe ourselves to be.” Now I would say that strength and capability does not come from ourselves alone, but from the presence of the Holy Spirit working within us. I love the line Brother Toby closes his article with: “Perhaps the root of courage is hearing the divine music that is within each of us.” I would ask that you hold me in prayer in the weeks and months ahead that I may stay tuned into the divine music within, and not get caught up in anxiety about how daunting this path feels at times!

Recently Pope Francis declared Nov 19 as the first World Day of the Poor. Locally St Joseph’s House of Hospitality and the House of Mercy are holding events all week long in anticipation of this day. Please join me on Wednesday November 15 for an interfaith prayer service and candlelight vigil at 7:00 at the House of Mercy (285 Ormond Street). We can carpool from church. We’ll meet in the parking lot by 6:15. Please sign up so I know how many to expect.

RAIHN guests will be with us beginning Sunday Oct 29- Nov 5. As such our coffee hour is cancelled on Sunday Nov 5. Instead please join us for so breakfast at George’s restaurant in Panorama Plaza. Please sign up so we can call for reservations!!

If at all possible, our Stewardship Team asks that you return your pledge form and your time and talents sheet before Nov 4! They are meeting on Nov 4 to begin to do some budgeting for the upcoming year and it would be especially helpful to them to know what to expect in regard to finances!

I look forward to the beginning of the Course in Miracles. Please join us Thursday night at 7:00.

Finally, you are invited to spread the word about ROCovery for this week. We will be remembering loved ones that we lost. As it’s been such a difficult year of overdoses, we will also pray for all those in active addiction or struggling in their recovery.

Thanks, I’m feeling surrounded by your love and prayers!
With love, Rev Denise

Readings for November 5, 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Attendance: 49 people

Sunday Collection: \$161

Automatic Giving: \$859

Rent: \$115

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

▶ PLEDGE NOW

2017

Stewardship Campaign

Pledge Forms are available
at church or online

Thank you for your generosity
and your giving heart!

Deadline for Pledge Forms:
Sunday Nov 5

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No Coffee Hour on Nov 5  
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George's Restaurant  
in Panorama Plaza  
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reservation

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## ANNUAL EAST ROCHESTER CRAFT AND BAKED FOOD SALE SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Kay and Sandy will be accepting  
donations of  
LOTS OF BAKED GOODS  
WATER (new this year)  
JUICE BOXES (new this year)

This year's raffle will be the BEST ever!  
If you are unable to attend the sale, you can  
purchase tickets for the raffle on Sunday,  
December 3. The raffle prize will be on  
display in Fellowship hall.

Starting Sunday, November 12 you can pick  
up containers to put your goodies in. They  
will be on a table  
in Fellowship hall.

Please bring your donations to church the  
Week of December 3, 5, or 7th.

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Pope Francis proclaimed Nov 19, 2017
the FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
In anticipation of this day
Join MMC in participating in an
Interfaith Prayer Service & Candlelight Vigil
Wednesday, Nov 15 at 7:00
House of Mercy 285 Ormond Street

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## A COURSE IN MIRACLES

Sunday 10/29

Coffee Hour Introduction to Course  
A Course in Miracles Begins Nov 2 on  
Thursday nights 7:00-8:30  
Sign up sheet on the welcoming table

One of the teachings of  
A Course in Miracles:  
You are altogether irreplaceable  
in the Mind of God.

Come explore how truths like these  
shape us

Course begins Thursday Nov 2, 7:00-8:30  
Teacher - Dijana Winter  
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

Wednesday, Nov 1: Remembering Those We've Lost

(This year has been particularly tragic
in the recovery community. This is an
opportunity to come together
and remember)

Participants are invited to bring a
picture of the person/people
you're missing

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

ALL ARE WELCOME

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## Fund Raiser for The Healing Place Sunday, Nov 19 2:00-6:00

Italian American Center  
Spaghetti Dinner & Lots of Fun

\$25/person

\$175/table of 8

The Healing Place is Phyl Contestable's  
Lake Home which provides respite for  
cancer patients, survivors & caretakers

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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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**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")

Enjoy friends over a cup of coffee

And stay to clean-up!!

Do you have someone you want us to pray for?

To add someone to the prayer chain contact:
Christine Kaiser
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
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 Or
585-329-0895



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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