

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

December 3, 2017



Advent is a time to wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only son as a baby to save us.

Pause and spend some time this season reflecting on God's gift of love.

Greetings friend!

Dear friends

This week I found myself returning several times to one of Richard Rohr's reflections on some of what is most essential (and often missing) in churches today. He shared a list of qualities based upon a book by Philip Gulley who is a Quaker pastor. I thought I'd share this list with you.

1. Jesus is a model for living more than an object of worship.
2. Affirming people's potential is more important than reminding them of their brokenness.
3. The work of reconciliation should be valued over making judgments.

4. Gracious behavior is more important than right belief.
5. Inviting questions is more valuable than supplying answers.
6. Encouraging the personal search is more important than group uniformity.
7. Meeting actual needs is more important than maintaining institutions.
8. Peacemaking is more important than power.
9. We should care more about love and less about sex.
10. Life in this world is more important than the afterlife (eternity is God's work anyway).

If you're interested in receiving Fr. Richard Rohr's meditations you can sign up at www.cac.org

Join us tonight (Sunday, Dec 3) at 5:00 for the Advent tree lighting in the park. This is always an inspirational way to begin the season!! Children are invited to be in the live manger scene. Families are invited to meet me at church at 4:30 to pick costumes and then we'll have a candle light procession 1½ blocks to the park.

On the Fridays of Advent, you are invited to Advent Vespers at Mary Magdalene 5:30-6:30. This will include a communion service and song, followed by quiet meditation led by Peter Veitch and Pat Moriarty. You're invited to come for the hour or stop by for 10 minutes.

If you are on Facebook please like our Mary Magdalene Church Facebook page.

[MMC Facebook](#) You also might want to share the most recent post inviting people to check out Mary Magdalene Church during the holidays.

Join us Wednesday of this week Dec 6 for our Spirituality Group at ROCovery. It begins at 7:00. This week will be an hour of music & song.

All children and youth who are interested in being a part of the Nativity Play are encouraged to let Rev Denise know. revdenised@gmail.com or 585-329-0895. We will have two brief rehearsals on Sat Dec 9 & Dec 16 from 12-1. The play will be on Sunday Dec 17 at 10:00 Mass. If your children are not sure of their desire to participate, please encourage them to come and pick out a costume. If they get cold feet they can still sit in the pew with you dressed as a shepherd- after all, we're called to serve from wherever we are!!!

Next Saturday is the Advent Bake Sale!!! Bake, bake, bake!! There are sign up sheets on the welcoming table at church and details are found in the announcement below!!

Next Sunday, Dec 10 is our next Children's Liturgy of the Word, and after Mass we will be showing the movie the Polar Express! There will be hot cocoa and Santa hats. Encourage another family to join you, or have your son/daughter invite a friend to accompany them!!

Remember the Giving Tree. We've adopted 4 families this year. You'll find ornaments on the tree. You'll also see the list of names and gift wishes from the men and women from Parkside Manor listed on the bulletin board. We encourage you to pick a name or two to help bring a smile or two to some faces this year!!

Please check our Advent Calendar for all kinds of other activities during this Advent Season!! You'll find this calendar on the website, as well.
This comes with love and deep appreciation!!!
With love, Rev Denise

Note from Stewardship: There's still time to return your stewardship campaign pledge forms and time & talent sheets! You make Mary Magdalene the vibrant community we are!!
Thanks for your generosity!!!

Readings for December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

[Is 40:1-5, 9-11](#)

[2 Pt 3:8-14](#)

[Mk 1:1-8](#)

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Attendance: 58 people

Sunday Collection: \$154

Automatic Giving: \$409

Acoustic Soul Concert: \$218

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!

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A COURSE IN MIRACLES  
Thursdays through December 21

7:00-8:30

Books available \$19  
Love offering accepted

Teacher - Dijana Winter

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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.

Donations accepted at the sale or before.

E-mail Sandy for pick-up
sandram66@aol.com

Sign up on Welcoming Table
Also help is needed for set-up and clean-
up. This consists of taking tables from
church and back to church.

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Sunday, Dec 3 After Mass  
Parish Community Forum

Agenda includes:  
Steeple Update  
Stewardship & Financial Update  
Comfort & Caring Team  
ECC Delegates  
Pastor's Update  
Trustee Board Appointment

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Sunday, Dec 3 at 5:00
East Rochester Advent Tree Lighting
Edmund Lyon Park

This is a beautiful ER tradition
& includes Christmas Carols
and a live manger scene.



Beginning Dec. 1
Fridays 5:30-6:30
Advent Communion Service,
Music & Meditation

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Wanted- Winter Coats  
Dory is accepting donations of  
winter coats, hats & gloves for  
the homeless.

Donations will be collected  
through Dec 23  
and distributed through the House of Mercy

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Giving Tree

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ROcovery Spirituality Group  
Wednesday, Dec 6 at 7:00  
Join us for Advent music & song  
1035 Dewey Ave, Rochester  
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Sunday Dec 10
after Mass

PIZZA & A MOVIE:
POLAR EXPRESS
Kids- Wear your Pajamas to church!!

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:

Wed Dec 13  
7:00 Bereavement Mass  
Is there someone you miss  
this time of year?  
Or someone who passed recently?  
Your loved ones will be prayed for by name  
& you can light a candle in their memory.

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Sunday Dec 17
10:00 Nativity Mass
& Nativity Coffee Hour

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Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec 24  
3:30 Christmas Carols in Sanctuary  
4:00 Christmas Eve Mass

MMC will again be adopting a few  
East Rochester families for Christmas  
Watch for the giving tree

In addition check the bulletin board for  
individuals from Parkside Manor.  
Please write your name down next to each  
individual so we can follow up if  
Please return all gifts by Sunday Dec 17  
so they can be delivered  
in time for Christmas!!  
Thanks for your generosity!



Nativity Play  
Children & youth  
are invited to  
participate in the  
play.  
Please let Rev

Denise know & join us for two brief  
rehearsals:

Saturday Dec 9 12:00-1:00  
Saturday Dec 16 12:00 - 1:00

Nativity Play

Sunday Nov 17 at 10:00 Mass

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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



WANTED:  
DONUTS, MUFFINS,  
COFFEE!!!!

Consider hosting an upcoming coffee hour!

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")

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 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

If you'd like to join our team of "pray-ers"  
and be notified where there are some prayer  
needs, please send an email to Christine  
Kaiser:  
[cmkaiser@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cmkaiser@rochester.rr.com)

COMFORT & CARING TEAM:  
If there's a member of the community in  
need of encouragement, meals or a card.

Enjoy friends over a cup of coffee

Please contact Marj & Jean Chapin-Parker  
[mchapin2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mchapin2@rochester.rr.com)

And stay to clean-up!!



## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES

Thursdays 6:45-7:30

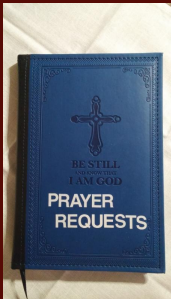
Jim Bridges and Kathy Welch lead these services providing prayer, contemplation and music.

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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