

Mary Magdalene Church

An Inclusive Church in the Catholic Tradition



Mary Magdalene Church

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 17, 2017



*Today is born our
Savior,
Christ the Lord*

Greetings friend!

I have always loved a poem by James Weldon Johnson entitled "The Creation." It begins with God saying, "I'm lonely- I'll make me a world." After creating the earth, all its elements and its creatures, God says "I'm lonely still." It is then that God creates humanity. The book of Genesis tells us that humanity was created in the image and likeness of God. This imagery, in and of itself, should give us reason to pause in our world today, and help us to love and respect all people.

Being created in the image of the divine, in and of itself is an incredible thing, but then God takes it one step further and takes on human form in the most humble of settings, born into poverty, in a stable, laid to rest in a feed trough, and before the age of two he became a refuge. God took on human form to show us how significant and precious humanity is. In

other words, after humanity was created in the image of the divine, the divine one then took on human form- the divine was created in the image of humanity!! All of this to show us that human in form, with all our shortcomings, we are loved, NOT despite who we are, but because of who we are. We are loved, we are blessed and so is our neighbor, our sister, our brother, and yes- even the ones we find challenging to get along with!! We are loved, and we are called to love one another! Merry Christmas!!

I'm always blown away by the incredible generosity of this community and this holiday season even more so! Thank you for your giving! Thanks to your generosity: 24 homeless men and women have winter coats! (Dory- thank you for organizing this drive that collected 24 winter coats & 17 hats, as well as gloves, scarves and socks for the House of Mercy!) This year we also adopted 39 people through our Giving Tree- 23 residents from Parkside Manor, and four families which included 16 adults and children! (And Lynne reminded me that with the families, each member of the family- including the parents- received 4 gifts each!!) Thank you to Lynne for organizing this each year, and to Lynne, Tammy & Wanda who did the deliveries!! All of this came from a community that has approximately 50-60 people in the pews each Sunday!! You're the best!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I'd also like to thank Peter Veitch & Pat Moriarty who organized the Friday night Advent Vespers, as well as Jim Bridges and Kathy Welch who organize the Thursday morning contemplative services faithfully every week for several years now!!!

Finally, I'd like to thank Jeanne & Gerard Weber who helped to organize our music ministry this past year! Your loving spirit and enthusiasm have been such a gift!

Have a blessed Christmas everyone!! I look forward to seeing some of you at our 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass tonight!!

With much love & deep appreciation

Rev Denise

From the trustees: Although fundraising for the Capital Building Fund will not begin until after Denise's ordination in February, some people may want to donate before the end of the tax year, in order to get the tax advantage. If you would like to do this, there are some special envelopes on the welcoming table. Please make your check out to Mary Magdalene Church and writing Capital Building Fund on the memo line. Please note that any donations received up to and including next Sunday, New years Eve will be deposited at Citizen's Bank that day (our branch is open seven days a week.) Consequently, they can be used as a deduction for this tax year.

Readings for December 31, 2017

Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2:22-49

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Attendance: 63 people

Sunday Collection: \$332

Automatic Giving: \$1,405

Rent: \$90

Ordination Donation: \$1,500

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE:

Friday,
Feb 9, 2018

Rev Denise's
Consecration as a
Bishop

Downtown United Presbyterian Church

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

Thursdays in January
Watch Bulletin for details

7:00-8:30

Books available \$19
Love offering accepted

Teacher - Dijana Winter

6:00-8:00 Ordination Ceremony
8:00-9:00 Light Refreshments
More details to follow.

~~~~~

**NEEDED FOR THE ORDINATION:**

Housing for out of town guests  
If you can welcome a guest or two  
into your home

please contact Lynne Hamilton  
[marymagdalenechurcher@gmail.com](mailto:marymagdalenechurcher@gmail.com)

Please let her know  
how many guests you can accommodate,  
whether you have any pets,  
and any other pertinent information

~~~~~



Sunday, January 14
Coffee Hour Documentary
& Discussion

"SHOULDERS TO STAND ON"

This is a documentary highlighting the
significant and rich history of
advocacy in the GLBT community
in Rochester.

Evelyn Bailey, the executive producer of this
documentary will be with us
for this showing.

~~~~~

Sunday January 21  
Winter Picnic & Mass in the Park  
Eyer Park Lodge  
10:30 Mass  
11:30-2:00 Pot Luck & Fun  
Please bring a dish to pass,  
board games & outdoor accessories!!



Advent Communion Service,  
Music & Meditation

Many thanks to Peter Veitch who organized  
and facilitated these services!

~~~~~



Winter Coat Collection

Dory- thank you for organizing
this drive!!

Through the generosity of this
community we contributed a total of
24 Winter Coats, 17 hats, 7 pairs of gloves,
3 scarves and socks
that were contributed to warm these less
fortunate on the outside and the inside.

~~~~~



Giving Tree

Mary Magdalene Church came through  
yet again!

As a result of your generosity  
we provided gifts  
for 39 people!!!!

There were 4 families with a total of 16 family members (please note that each of those individuals received 4 gifts).

We also gifted 23 residents of Parkside Manor

~~~~~

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")

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



---

### **CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES**

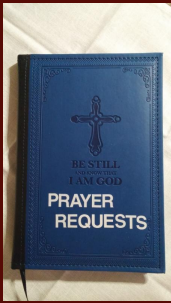
Thursdays 6:45-7:30

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

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



**Rev. Denise Donato**  
**Mary Magdalene Church**  
1008 Main Street  
East Rochester, NY 14445  
Phone: (585) 586-4104  
Email: [revdenised@gmail.com](mailto:revdenised@gmail.com)



## Prayer Book

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

---

[Visit our website](#)

---