

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 31, 2017



"Each New Year, we have before us a brand new book containing 365 blank pages.

Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year: the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer."

— Peggy Toney Horton

Greetings friend!

As one year ends and a new one begins, we often use it as an opportunity to reflect on where we've been and envision where we want to go, and how we're going to get there. We set goals, dream dreams and make resolutions. As people of faith this often involves prayer. This seems the perfect time to share with you a vision we have for the new steeple. As you may have heard or read about in a previous bulletin, our steeple needs to be replaced. The wood inside of the steeple is deteriorating. Before last winter we took the cross off of the top of the steeple as it was listing and had become unstable. We capped the

steeple so it would keep the elements out and buy us a bit of time. We are now seeing deterioration at the base of the steeple, right along the roof line. We have contracted with a Mennonite craftsman named Lester Hoover to build a new steeple for us.

One of the ideas that Pat Moriarty had was to place a prayer capsule in the new steeple. This capsule will contain the prayers of the community, but not just our community- we will open this up to others who would like to add their prayers as well. We've invited Lester to let his community know about this so that they can add their prayers as well. In addition, I will write a letter for the prayer capsule that will describe a bit about who we are and our history as a community. We will also include any pertinent news articles, esp. if there are any that come out about my ordination as a bishop. It is our thought that years down the road, when the steeple again needs to be replaced, the community will open the prayer capsule and learn something about us, our thoughts and prayers.

For the next few months we will be collecting prayers for the prayer capsule. You will find a box at church that has a steeple on top of it, this was made by Kathy Mrzywka, for collecting your prayers. There will also be forms to be used for those prayers right beside it. Please feel free to add any intentions you have to the box!! These prayers may be hopes and dreams for our world, prayers of healing for loved ones, or anything that is near and dear to your heart. You can sign your name to the prayer request or not, that's completely up to you.

I know some of you have been missing Randy this week- unfortunately he slipped on ice on Christmas Eve and broke his ankle. He was in the hospital for a few days over the holiday as he needed surgery to stabilize the ankle with a plate and screws. He will be laid up for some time, although there is no holding Randy down entirely! He anticipates being around in the next few weeks to do what he can. We love you Randy!! We want you to take the time you need so that you don't compromise your ankle! We are praying for healing, freedom from pain and sanity during this recovery period!!

While we are sending our love and prayers out to Randy, I'm also aware of how much we will be missing him and the areas we will clearly need help with!! For starters- there is shoveling the walks!! I will do what I can on days I'm at church, and Phil will try to keep up with it as well. If this is something others can help with please let us know! Perhaps we can set up a communication tree of some sort so that we know we have it covered any particular day. I'll put out a sign up for this or you contact me via email: revdenised@gmail.com or phone 585-329-0895 or Phil by text or phone: 585-880-9308 (Phil doesn't email). In addition, RAIHN is coming up (Jan 28-Feb 4). As it approaches we will let you know our needs.

My episcopal ordination is going to be here before we know it (Feb 9). If you are able to house any of our out of town guests for a few days please let Lynne Hamilton know, or sign-up at church. It would be helpful to know how many guests you can accommodate (i.e. a couple, an individual, etc) and whether you have any pets. Lynne: equalrall@aol.com or 585-755-9370. As it gets closer we will also ask people to sign up to bring desserts or finger food for the reception after the ordination.

Mark your calendars for Sunday January 14 after Mass, we will have a movie & discussion during coffee hour. The movie "Shoulders to Stand On" documents the significant history of advocacy for the LGBTQ history in Rochester, NY. We are not just known for women's suffrage, the underground railroad and civil rights. Rochester was in the forefront of advocacy for the gay community as well. Evelyn Bailey, the executive producer of this documentary will be with us for this viewing and discussion. Her film is very educational and enlightening.

Sunday, January 21 is our annual winter picnic!! As in years past, we will not have our 10:00 Mass at church, instead we will have Mass in the lodge in Eyer Park at 10:30, followed by a potluck dinner and fun. Bring games and out door accessories!! I will need help with this- Randy usually gets supplies together and helps with set-up at the park. Please note that A Course in Miracles will meet again Thursday, Jan 18 from 7:00-8:30, and will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month after that.

The next meeting of the Spirituality Group at ROCovery will be Wednesday Jan 3 at 7:00. This group meets the first Wednesday of every month and it focuses on the role of faith in the recovery process. It is open to anyone in recovery or anyone impacted by the addiction or recovery of another.

We've had several parishioners traveling this past week. Lisa & Deb arrived safely in Maine. (Deb will be coming back to Rochester for some surgery January 10.) Kathy & Binnie made it to their friends in Georgia and will be traveling the rest of the way to Florida from there. And Lynne & Marianne are safely in Florida!

With much love & deep appreciation

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 Dec 31, 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 January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, December 24, 2017 (Christmas Eve)

Attendance: 97 people
Regular Collection: \$552
Automatic Giving: \$415
Capital Fund: \$600

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE:
Friday,
Feb 9, 2018

Rev Denise's
Consecration as a
Bishop

ROCovery Spirituality Group
ROCovery Fitness 1035 Dewey Ave

next meeting:
Wednesday, Jan 3 at 7:00

What a great way to start the new year!

Downtown United Presbyterian Church
6:00-8:00 Ordination Ceremony
8:00-9:00 Light Refreshments
More details to follow.

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**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

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A COURSE IN MIRACLES

Next meeting: Thursday Jan 18
7:00-8:30

Then will continue on the 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month

Books available \$19
Love offering accepted

Teacher - Dijana Winter

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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.

**PRAYER CAPSULE:**

We will be placing a prayer capsule in our new steeple.

It will hold the prayers and intentions of any and all.

You will find a box in the front vestibule along with prayer forms. Please add your prayer

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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!!

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

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

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**WANTED:  
DONUTS, MUFFINS,  
COFFEE!!!!**

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

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!!

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!



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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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