

# 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

January 7, 2018



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at an ever increasing speed  
— Madisyn Taylor

Greetings friend!

I love when one of my meditational readings opens me up to looking at things in a whole new way. This past week there was a reflection I read entitled "Universal Awakenings" by Madisyn Taylor. It began with the statement "Like the ripple on a lake spreading out, humanity is awakening at an ever increasing speed." She went on to talk about there being a growing awareness & a great change in consciousness sweeping through as people are becoming more aware that there is more to life than meets the eye. She said that "it is as if the scale is about to tip in favor of higher consciousness and each of us has the power to bring humanity closer to that point with the smallest of actions." She pointed out that no matter how few people may be involved in the beginning of a positive movement, there is a potential for massive change each time we move in the direction of our dreams.

As I began to take this message in and pray with it, I realized that of late I have had a far more cynical outlook on life. I can easily focus on mass shootings, the threat of nuclear attack, genocide in parts of the world and the things I hear coming from Washington. It is so

easy to allow these things to lead to increased anxiety, depression and fear. And then I read "The beauty of living at this time is that even small actions have a powerful ripple effect, and the reverberations of what we do have the power to reach and open many minds." And then I thought about the Women's March last January and what is happening as a result of the "Me Too" movement. These two movements that both started very small have powerful effects. As Madisyn Taylor said "We can count ourselves blessed to be living at a time when the awareness of humanity seems to be at a tipping point." This is a much better attitude to carry into 2018, and it allows us to be open to the power of the Holy Spirit and God's Grace to first work within our souls and then empower us all to do our part in making this world a better place.

For the next few months we will be collecting prayers for the prayer capsule that will be installed in the new steeple. You'll find a box adjacent to the door going into the sanctuary, along with slips of paper to write your intentions on. Please feel free to add as many intentions as you want!! These prayers may be hopes and dreams for our world, prayers of healing for loved ones, prayers of forgiveness or anything near and dear to your heart. You can sign your name to the prayer request or not.

We are missing Randy as he is out having broken his ankle on Christmas Eve. There are areas that we need help with in his absence. This winter especially that includes shoveling the back sidewalk during the week as well as Sunday. If you are able to volunteer to shovel on an occasional basis there is a sign up sheet at church. Please let us know if texting or email is better for you and we'll try to set up a communication tree for the times we need someone to shove.

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 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.

As my episcopal ordination approaches there are many ways that you can help. 1) We are in need of a couple of families that may be able to house one or two out of town guests for a couple of nights. 2) We will need people to help provide some of the refreshments for the reception. This will include: cheese & crackers, veggies & dip or hummus, a crockpot of cocktail franks (or similar) sliced fruit, cookies, brownies, bars, cupcakes, etc. You'll find sign up sheets on the welcoming table for both of these needs. 3) We also we need people who'd like to be in the choir. There will be two rehearsals, Saturday Jan 27 & Feb 3 from 10-12 at Downtown United Presbyterian Church. Please, see the note at the end of this letter from Kathy Welch about this.

Sunday, January 28 will be our next Parish Community Forum after mass. This will give us an opportunity to discuss plans for my ordination, as well as finances, updates on the steeple and 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom and a pastor's update. I hope you can join us!

Please note that A Course in Miracles will meet again Thursday, Jan 18 from 7:00-8:30, and will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month after that.

With much love & deep appreciation

*Rev Denise*

From Kathy Welch:

Love to sing? Love Rev. Denise? Well then, come and be in the Celebration Choir as Rev. Denise Donato is ordained as a Bishop on Friday evening February 9th! The celebration will take place at 6pm at DUPC. Choir rehearsals will be held in Taylor Chapel at DUPC on two Saturday mornings: January 27th and February 3rd, from 10am - 12 noon. Members from both Mary Magdalene and Spiritus Christi are welcome. You do not have to be a member of any particular choir, or any choir at all, to come and participate. Please let me know of your interest by email, text or phone no later than January 19th so that I can prepare music for everyone ([kawelch3@gmail.com](mailto:kawelch3@gmail.com), (585) 739-8471).

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**Readings for January 14, 2018**  
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, December 31, 2017  
Attendance: 30 people  
Sunday Collection: \$87  
Automatic Giving: \$1,275  
Ordination: \$50

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## Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities

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SAVE THE DATE:  
Friday,  
Feb 9, 2018

Rev Denise's  
Consecration as a  
Bishop

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

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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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**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.

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**ATTENTION..ATTENTION**

**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!!

Music for Rev Denise's Ordination  
Two rehearsals:  
January 27 & Feb 3  
10:00-12:00  
Downtown United Presbyterian Church  
121 Fitzhugh St North  
Anyone who would like to participate in  
the music is invited

Parish Community Forum  
Sunday Jan 28 after Mass  
Agenda will include  
Update on Rev Denise's ordination  
plans  
Financial Update  
Pastor's Update  
Updates on Steeple & 1st Floor  
Bathroom

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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

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

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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)



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### 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!!

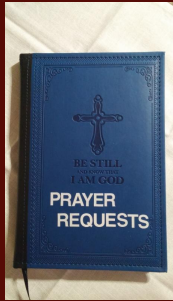
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### Prayer Book

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

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