

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 14, 2018



Like the ripple on a lake
spreading out,
humanity is awakening
at an ever increasing speed
— Madisyn Taylor

Greetings friend!

Earlier today I read a post by a friend, Eileen George, about a document that was given to her to scan as a part of her business that creates digital images of documents, books and other sources for archival purposes. The document she had been handed was a handwritten bill of sale from the 1860's. The bill of sale was for the purchase of a slave by the name of Ambrose. Ambrose was identified as a "slave for life." As I read this post, I felt the chills that Eileen expressed coursed through her body. Even as I write this bulletin now, I have tears in my eyes and I feel a deep sadness.

It is true that slavery is no longer legal in this country, but racism is not dead, and shamefully it is becoming more tolerable to speak publicly in unveiled terms that reveal one's deep sinister prejudice towards certain individuals, countries, cultures and religions. What's even more distressing is when this rhetoric is coming from public officials with no retribution. This weekend we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr and I find myself searching for

the MLK Jr of our time. Yes, people are speaking out, but who is rising to the surface to lead the revolt that will result in the cataclysmic shift that is needed today?! Perhaps we are waiting for it to come from our elected officials, but this kind of reform doesn't occur from the top down. Martin Luther King Jr repeatedly spoke truth to power. You and I may not be the MLK Jr for our time, but I do believe we are all called to speak truth to power. The more we do so, the less acceptable it will be to tolerate racist statements. As I quoted Madisyn Taylor in last week's bulletin "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." Join me in dreaming of a world, where we are each recognized and respected as being a precious child of God, no matter the color of our skin, our sexual or gender identity, our race, our national heritage, our creed or level of ability!!

As you will see if you're at church this weekend, construction has begun on the 1st floor bathroom. They expect it might be done as early as the end of this week!

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.

Next 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 a dish to pass, games and outdoor accessories!! PLEASE NOTE- WE WILL NOT HAVE A 10:00 MASS AT MMC. Instead join us in Eyer Park for Mass at 10:30.

As my episcopal ordination approaches there are many ways that you can help. 1) We are in need of a host for one or two more guests. 2) Transportation for those who are staying at Fr Jim's house on Copeland St and some pick-ups from the airport. 3) We will need people to help provide some of the refreshments for the reception. This will include: cheese & crackers, veggies & dip or hummus, a crock pot of cocktail franks, or small meatballs, sliced fruit, cookies, brownies, bars, cupcakes, etc. 4) Food for brunch on Saturday at 10:00 at church, including egg casseroles, bagels, fruit. You'll find sign-up sheets on the welcoming table for all of these needs.

If you're interested in being in the Celebration Choir for my ordination please see the message below from Kathy Welch and note that there will be two rehearsals, Saturday Jan 27 & Feb 3 from 10-12 at Downtown United Presbyterian Church.

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 1st floor bathroom and a pastor's update. I hope you can join us!

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

RAIHN is right around the corner: January 28-Feb 4. We will need help with laundry, and overnight hosts for Sunday Jan 28. Please watch next week's bulletin for other needs.

Keep Deb Blonsky in your prayers as she heals from a hysterectomy. She is back in Rochester for the surgery, and will be here for 6 weeks or so as she heals before returning to Maine with Lisa. Our prayers also go out to John McHenry (Mary Beth's husband) who had a biopsy this past week, Randy as he recovers from a broken ankle, Deb Lense as she continues to heal.

I'm looking forward to the viewing of "Shoulders to Stand On" this weekend with Evelyn Bailey the executive producer after Mass.

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, (585) 739-8471).

Readings for January 21, 2018

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Attendance: 48 people

Sunday Collection: \$120

Automatic Giving: \$1,090

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities



ORDINATION WEEKEND:

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

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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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Saturday, Feb 10 at 10:00  
at Mary Magdalene Church

Brunch for out of town guests &  
parishioners

Please sign up to bring  
an egg casserole  
fruit salad  
or bagels



### CAN YOU HELP?

Preparing to welcome many out-of-town guests, wanting them to know our beautiful welcoming community, and trying to provide for their needs is both exciting and overwhelming!!!

Fortunately I'm not doing it alone!!!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We have several areas of need:

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### 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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Winter Picnic & Mass in the Park
Sunday January 21

HOUSING OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS

We still need housing for two people
please contact Lynne Hamilton
marymagdalenechurcher@gmail.com

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TRANSPORTATION FOR GUESTS

To and from the airport-
you'd be assigned one or two people only

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HELP FOR THE CEREMONY

Greeters
Eucharistic Ministers
Musicians (see announcement below)

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FINGER FOOD FOR RECEPTION

AFTER ORDINATION

Cheese & Crackers Tray
Veggies & Dip/Hummus
Fruit Tray
Crock pot of small meatballs
Crock pot of cocktail hots
Cupcakes
Brownies/Cookies/Bars

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SATURDAY BRUNCH FOR GUESTS & PARISHIONERS

Egg Bake
Fruit Salad
Bagels

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ANY QUESTIONS??

Ordination Team Members:
Lynne Hamilton, Barbara Bassett,
Ellen Moriarty, Chris O'Brien & Sue Pagano

THANKS TO ALL!

I ALREADY FEEL SO LOVED!

Eyer Park Lodge

10:30 Mass
11:30-2:00 Pot Luck & Fun
Please bring a dish to pass,
board games & outdoor accessories!!

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## Parish Community Forum

Sunday Jan 28 after Mass  
AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:  
Update on ordination weekend  
Financial Update  
Pastor's Update  
Updates on Steeple & 1st Floor  
Bathroom

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RAIHN ROTATION:

Jan 28-Feb 4

Volunteers needed:
Overnight Hosts Sunday Jan 28
Volunteers to bring laundry to laundromat
possibly other areas
watch next week's bulletin

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## MUSIC FOR REV DENISE'S ORDINATION

Two rehearsals:  
January 27 & Feb 3  
10:00-12:00  
Downtown United Presbyterian  
121 Fitzhugh St North  
Anyone who would like to participate in  
the music is welcome

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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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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 Rev Denise to
make a pastoral call



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

or hospital visit please
contact her directly:
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

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



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.

Visit our website