

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 21, 2018



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

Greetings friend!

Thank you!!! This past Sunday, Ellen Moriarty and Chris O'Brien, on behalf of the community gave me a monetary gift from all of you for the purchase of a Bishop's Ring. The symbol of the ring is a sign of the Bishop's fidelity, dedication and love for the church. Many years ago when I was growing up in the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport, Fr Bob Kreckle taught us that the church is not the building, it's not the institution and it is not the dogma. "We are the church!" is a concept that I still hold dear, so it is quite literal that I will think of the ring as a sign of my fidelity, dedication and love for all of you!! In presenting this ring, Ellen turned this around. She indicated that I answered God's call in 2003 when I became a priest. She then said that I responded again to God's call in 2009, this time to begin a new community, and she pointed out that I am now again responding to God's

call. She indicated that the ring that all of you are giving to me is a symbol of how much I'm loved by the community. I'm blessed, honored and very grateful!!

While I know that some of you may be concerned that this new calling is going to pull me away from Mary Magdalene, that is impossible, as I will be carrying your love in my heart everywhere I go!! Yes, there will be times when I'll be out of town a little more, but Mary Magdalene Church is a very high priority in my life and I will not allow that to be jeopardized. In actuality, my role as a bishop will allow me to practice what I preach, which is to carry the love that we experience at MMC out into the world. As a bishop I will be able to do that in a new way, to a different group of people than I would otherwise encounter. What we have is quite unique, and it's needed in our world now more than ever. It is only with your blessing that I can take this next step, and I ask for your prayers every step of the way!!

Jason Hall and his crew have been moving right along putting in the first floor bathroom! We have a usable bathroom on the first floor!! They have a couple of tiny things to finish up with it but outside of that it's good to go!!! This next week flooring will be laid in my office and we'll be able to put things back together again! 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.

This Sunday, January 21 is our annual winter picnic!! 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 several ways that you can help. 1) Transportation for those who are staying at Fr Jim's house on Copeland St and some pick-ups from the airport. 2) Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters at the church and 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 crockpot of cocktail franks, or small meatballs, sliced fruit, cookies, brownies, bars, cupcakes, etc. 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.

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.

RAIHN is right around the corner: January 28-Feb 4. We will need help with laundry, and overnight hosts for Sunday Jan 28. Please note that on Sunday, Feb 4 we will not have coffee hour, instead join us for breakfast at George's.

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.

Finally, don't miss Wuthering Heights this coming weekend: Thursday, Jan 25-Sunday, Jan 28. All shows are at 7:30 at the Strong Museum. Tickets can be purchased in advance on the internet and the night of the performance at the door.

Blessings and love

Denise

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.

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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 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Attendance: 37 people

Sunday Collection: \$248

Automatic Giving: \$980

Rent: \$40

T-Shirts: \$50

Happenings, Events, Celebrations & Opportunities



**ORDINATION
WEEKEND:
Friday,
Feb 9, 2018
Rev Denise's**

Consecration as a Bishop

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month
7:00-8:30

Books available \$19
Love offering accepted

Teacher - Dijana Winter

Downtown United Presbyterian Church
6:00-8:00 Ordination Ceremony
8:00-9:00 Light Refreshments

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

Brunch for out of town guests  
& parishioners  
catered by Chef Tom

Please sign up  
so we know how many to expect



### 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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### 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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### ANY QUESTIONS??

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

*THANKS TO ALL!*

*I ALREADY FEEL SO LOVED!*

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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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WUTHERING HEIGHTS

presented by Modern Sensibilities
(Emma's theater group)

Thursday-Sunday Jan 25-28 at 7:30
Strong Museum

Tickets are available online.
You can purchase tickets at
<https://modernsensibilities.ticketspice.com/wuthering-heights> for \$11.50 (including the service fee).
They can also be purchased at the door.

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Acoustic Soul Concert is  
Friday 2/16 at 7:00

Bring your sweetheart or your best friend

Sign up to bring your favorite  
chocolate dessert.

Bring a donation of non-perishable food,  
cleaning supplies or toiletries for  
ER Community Resource Center

Let's come out to celebrate the love  
in our lives and in our community!!

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Parish Community Forum
Sunday Jan 28 after Mass
AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:
Update on ordination weekend
Financial Update

**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

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

Please note: Feb 4 no coffee hour  
Join us for breakfast after Mass at George's  
in Panorama Plaza

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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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**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

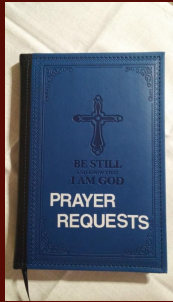
Jim Bridges and Kathy Welch lead these services providing  
prayer, contemplation and music.

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



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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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[Visit our website](#)

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