

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 28, 2018



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

Greetings friend!

Yesterday I had the joy of attending a choir rehearsal for my ordination!! I was moved to tears several times as I listened to the beautiful music and felt the warmth and love that was in the room. Afterwards some one asked me to explain what this next step is like for me. One thing I said was that I'm very humbled by this calling. It's not something I sought out, nor expected. When I step back from it and reflect, I'm very aware that this is not about me, and that as I move into this new role, the most important part is to allow the Holy Spirit to work through me. As I shared with the group, I've been very moved by a song that is on the radio right now: "Always Stay Humble and Kind" by Tim McGraw. Its message is something we all need to strive for in life. It would be amazing how different our world would be, if we lived the sentiment behind this song. Thank you to all of you. Your companionship on this journey means more to me than you can ever know!!

As we prepare for the ordination there are a few details that are a bit mundane, but

will be very helpful to be aware of. First, in regards to parking: There is a city parking lot directly across the street from the Downtown United Presbyterian Church (121 North Fitzhugh St, Rochester, NY). Please be aware that lot is reserved for city employees until 5:30. There is a large parking garage (Sister Cities Garage) one block from the church. It's on the corner of Church Street and North Fitzhugh Street. There is also a small lot adjacent to the church. Parking can be challenging so one suggestion is to carpool. For those who'd like to carpool, plan to meet in the parking lot at Mary Magdalene about 5:00. That will give you adequate time to get there and find parking. There will be someone providing security in front of the church. His name is Tom Asenato. He's a great guy and gives excellent hugs! He's usually in his vehicle so that he can drive up to the parking garage and through all of the parking lots to keep an eye on things.

Please note that the ceremony will likely be about 2 hours, don't worry it won't seem that long! An ordination is a beautiful and very moving ceremony. There will be a reception of light refreshments afterwards, but I strongly suggest you catch something to eat beforehand.

Don't miss Modern Sensibility's play "Wuthering Heights." The last show is tonight, Sunday Jan 28 at 6:30 at Strong Museum. Emma adapted this play herself! It's a must see!! Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Pat Moriarty visited Lester Hover this weekend. Lester is the Mennonite who is building our steeple. He took pictures and will share those at the Parish Forum after Mass. It looks beautiful!! We will be continuing to collect your 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 week RAIHN is with us at Mary Magdalene. If you can help with overnight support tonight, Sunday January 28 that would be greatly appreciated. I'm planning to be there, but there are supposed to be two hosts at any given time. If you're able to help please let me know! And with the first floor bathroom now completed it makes it much easier than going downstairs in the middle of the night!

Feb 10 (the day after my ordination) is the feast day of St Scholastica, the twin sister of Benedict. At 9:00 am on Saturday Feb 10 you are invited to participate in a liturgy in her honor. It will be in the sanctuary of Mary Magdalene Church and after the Mass you can come downstairs for brunch!! If you have any questions seek out Peter Vietch. Peter will be joining the Benedictines of Holy Wisdom (which is part of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion) in the near future!

Everyone is invited to join us at church for Brunch on Saturday morning Feb 10 at 10:00. Many of our out of town guests will be attending as well. Chef Tom and Michel Vedora will be catering this event for us!!

The next few weeks are going to fly by!! Please keep me in prayer as I prepare for this next step in the journey!

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 February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

Sunday, January 21, 2018 Winter Picnic

Attendance: 40 people

Sunday Collection: \$90

Automatic Giving: \$1,170

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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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

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

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

Books available \$19
Love offering accepted

Teacher - Dijana Winter

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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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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)

**Last Chance to see
WUTHERING HEIGHTS**

presented by Modern Sensibilities
(Emma's theater group)

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

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Sunday, Feb 4  
No Coffee Hour

Join us for breakfast after Mass at George's  
Restaurant in Panorama Plaza

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Tickets are available online.

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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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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

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Feast of Saint Scholastica,  
The twin sister of Saint Benedict.  
9:00 at MMC

Scholastica established a religious  
community of women following her  
brother's monastic rule.

The monastic community of the  
Benedictines of Holy Wisdom,  
an ECC Religious Order,  
will celebrate the feast day with a Eucharistic  
Liturgy at 9:00 AM at Mary Magdalene  
Church.

Fr. Michael Kieran Seger, OSB, who is the  
Prior of the Benedictine Community will  
preside at the liturgy.

All are welcome to gather with the  
community for this celebration.

If you have any questions,

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  
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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please seek out  
Peter Veitch, a candidate with the  
Benedictines.

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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
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 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

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.



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