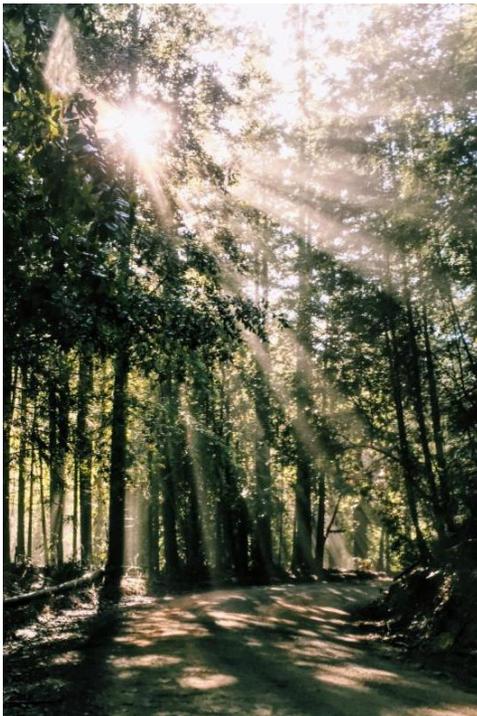




Mary Magdalene Church

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.

Mary Magdalene Church Bulletin Sunday, May , 2020



We will not go back to normal.
Normal never was.

Our pre-corona existence was
not normal other than
we normalize greed,
Inequity, exhaustion, depletion,
extraction, disconnection,
Confusing, age, hoarding,
hate and lack.

We should not long to return,
my friends.

We are being given the opportunity to
stitch a new garment.

One that fits
all of humanity and nature.

-- Brene Brown

Greetings!

I know we had a problem with the volume for my homily on Sunday and in fact I noticed that the volume was lower than usual when I was at the altar as well. We've been working on trying to figure that out and I believe we have that fixed for this week. We're going to do a sound check when we go online tomorrow morning at 9:50 to make sure. Mass will begin at 10:00. The link for Mass is: [Facebook Live](#). This link should take you right to us. If it's before 10:00 and you don't find us immediately wait another minute or two and try again. Our musicians this week will be Marcy, Kathleen Bailey and Beth Dooher-Anthony. If you'd like a song sheet you'll find that here: [Song Sheet 5/3/20](#)

This past week a small group comprised of members of our Board of Trustees and our Ministry Team gathered together to form a "Task Force" to explore the issue of our virtual presence at MMC. We have identified that, while it was initially intended to provide us a way to gather for liturgy on Sunday mornings, in the age of social distancing, our liturgies on Facebook Live have reached people who cannot physically be with us for various reasons. We also realize that when restrictions are lifted, and we can slowly begin to gather again, there will likely be some who cannot or should not congregate at all. As such it makes sense for us to think about and plan for the days ahead, so that we can continue to provide opportunities for people to feel connected, but we **must** be intentional about the decisions we make.

We had a terrific first meeting. Not only did we talk about the ways that the internet can help us reach people across the miles, but we also talked about making sure that reaching out to those who can't be in the pews doesn't detract, compromise, inhibit or negatively impact the experience for the community gathered! For example, we want to make sure no one feels inhibited from expressing their prayers around the altar, or feels like their privacy is compromised. We want to be certain that our focus remains on our spiritual experience of celebrating a mass and being together at Mary Magdalene Church, and doesn't become "cleaning things up" for the camera. There is an informality at MMC that adds to the feeling of "being at home" and allows us to "be real" with one another. None of us wants that to change! We want there to be a simplicity in what we do! We're not into hiring someone to sit at a sound booth or orchestrating things for the camera, in fact we don't even want to see "the camera."

Bob Pizzutiello has reached out to a friend's son, Joey Greco. He's a student in Penn State who is currently living back at home and he has experience in this area. He is going to be meeting with us to explore our options, based upon the criteria that is of the utmost importance for us. If you have any thoughts, concerns, questions or ideas our team would love to hear from you: Bob Pizzutiello, Kathy English, Pat Moriarty, Jim Kerg, Kathy Mrzywka, Binnie Thompson, Regine Calvar and myself. You will find their email addresses further down in this bulletin.

In these days of COVID with so many people out of work, people are struggling. Sandy McNamara continues the beautiful ministry she began several years ago of collecting non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products, etc for the East Rochester Resource Center. She will be in the parking lot at church again this week from 10:00-10:30 with her truck open for a contact free way to collect your donations!!

Please keep Michael Clark in your prayers. Michael's sister passed away this week after being on a ventilator for several days. She tested negative for COVID. She had severe asthma, issue with bronchitis and a compromised respiratory system. Michael and one of his siblings then had to tell their 86 year-old mother this very sad news. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers!

Also, please continue to keep Jerry Janas in your prayers. He had his kidney removed on Wednesday and was in the hospital longer than expected because of the level of pain he was in. Ginny indicated he's not ready to receive phone calls yet, but one way you can help is with some meals. Please see this note

from Sandy McNamara.

Love and assistance is needed for a MMC family. Jerry Janas is home from the hospital and Ginny is taking good care of him. I would like to extend our blessings by providing meals. There are a couple of ways we can do this, only if you are able. We have to make this simple because of social distancing. One option is to send them a gift card so they can order a meal and have it delivered. Ginny also mentioned that our own Chef Tom Vedora & his wife Michele live just a couple minutes from their house! If you can send me a check I will do the ordering. My phone number is 507-5292

Thank you and God's blessing,
Sandra McNamara

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Below and in our bulletin you'll find the links for prayer opportunities and virtual coffee hours, and there's a rumor that our growth team may be organizing some opportunities for "Zoom Bingo" or "Virtual Dinner Parties." Watch for developments!!

Be well everyone. In the words of Brene Brown: in these times "we need to allow ourselves some grace and compassion." And "we have to be intentional about choosing kindness and generosity."

With Much Love

Bishop Denise

Note from Our Board:

Friends, we want to thank you for your thoughtful and generous love, support and donations through the years! We have set up a donation button through our bulletin for those who would like to donate. We understand these are difficult times, so if you have the need to change your automatic donation as there's been a change in your finances we completely understand. Please just reach out to our treasurer, Sue Pagano suepagano@gmail.com

Many blessings,

Odysseus Adamides, Regine Calvar, Chris O'Brien, Sue Pagano, Bill Smith, Binnie Thompson, Jim Kerg (alternate), Pat Moriarty (Parish Moderator)

Donate!



Opportunities to Pray:

[Praying the Rosary:](#)
[8:00 a.m. Daily](#)

[Coffee & Prayer:](#)
[Wednesdays at 10:00](#)

[Stations of the Cross:](#)
[Fridays at 3:00](#)

Virtual Coffee Hours

Social Distancing may prevent us from gathering together in person, but we can find other ways of being together

[Sunday 11:00 Coffee Hour](#)

[Friday 1:00 Coffee Hour](#)

For those of you who would like to understand a bit more about our Communal Blessing we participate in during our Live Stream liturgy you'll find a document explaining on our website. It's entitled [We are a Eucharistic People](#)

FOR MEETINGS: USING ZOOM

1. Click on the link in the bulletin
2. When "Zoom" asks if it is OK to download and install on your computer, each time say "Yes!"

Zoom will do the rest.

Smart Phone or Tablet:

Click on the link in the bulletin

Zoom will direct you to download the App

The App is free.
Zoom will do the rest.

FOR SUNDAY MASS FACEBOOK LIVE

You don't need a Facebook account.

Click on the link in the bulletin

You will be directed to the Mary Magdalene FB page you don't have to join Facebook just click "not at this time"

Look for the "Live" button on the upper left corner of the page to join.

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 to connect with Rev Denise directly:

revdenised@gmail.com

Or 585-329-0895

If you'd like to join our team of "prayers"
and be notified where there are some prayer needs,
please send an email to Christine Kaiser:

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