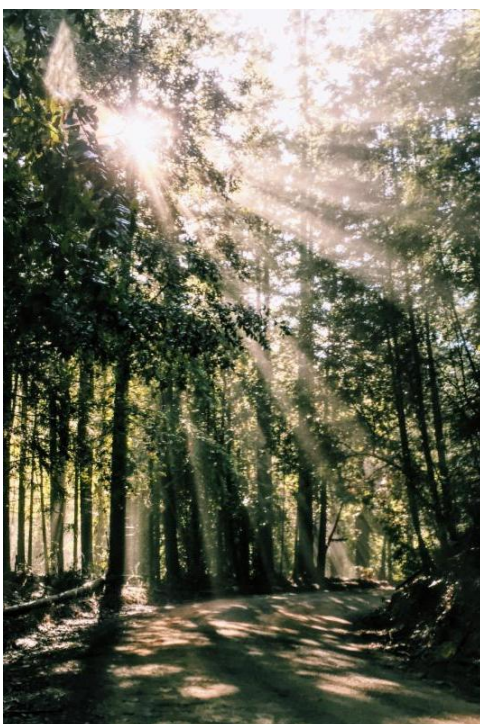




Mary Magdalene Church

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 10, 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 hope many of you will be able to join us for our Sunday Morning Liturgy at 10:00, we will again go live about 10 minutes early so everyone can find us. Tammy Drollette will be our preacher and she will share some of her experiences as a front-line worker, caring for some of the most vulnerable in our community! The link for Mass is: [Facebook Live](#). Our musicians this week will be Kathy English, Bob Pizzutiello, and Randy Jones. If you'd like a song sheet you'll find that here: [Song Sheet 5/10/20](#)

Perhaps some of you heard this week about Ahmaud Arbery, a 26 year-old black man who was gunned down while jogging in broad daylight in a neighborhood in Georgia. While this incident occurred in Feb, there were no arrests in the case (despite the fact that law enforcement knew who was responsible for this crime, and had a video of the incident) until this video was leaked to the press this week. Don Lemon on CNN has been reporting on this story, and this week he had two guests, Van Jones, a political commentator and Dr Camara Jones, an epidemiologist and family physician, all three of them are black.

I was moved and saddened to hear the experiences of each of them. Don Lemon opened "With the Coronavirus pandemic exacerbating issues facing the black community in the U.S. [As well as] issues like basic access to healthcare, economic security and fair policing. [I ask] How much more of this can we take all at once?"

I listened as Van Jones asked "What is it OK for a black man to do?" He spoke

about how poor underlying health conditions are at issue with COVID. "It's our fault...you know you should be in better health!" This young man was out jogging and he got killed!" Van went on to share how fearful he is for his teenage sons. "They put on a mask and I tell them to take it off again. I'm more afraid of someone shooting them or arresting them for looking like "gang members" than I'm afraid of this virus."

Dr. Camara Jones spoke of the same fear, and she said she's not just afraid for her kids, but also for her husband. "I worry about him going out at night in our neighborhood, which is a predominantly white neighborhood, to take the trash down to the street. And I say, well, let me do it... You know, our lives are not valued in this country. And our stories are not believed in this country. Our reality is not believed. Our voices are not heard. It's an "invisibilization" of our full humanity."

She went on to say "Our lives aren't valued by the meat packing plants. You know, our lives aren't valued or don't seem to be valued by these governors that are opening prematurely. [We fill] essential roles that have not been fully recognized or valued. We still don't have the PPE. We still don't have hazard pay. It's as if we are really, really, really seen as dispensable as animals."

My heart broke as I listened to each of them speak. Friends, we have to do better in this country!! I find these stories so heart-wrenching because they are the reality for far too many of our citizens. We have to build a better tomorrow than we have today!! We all have to be involved in whatever way we can. I encourage you to watch upcoming bulletins for information about the Poor People's Campaign. It was originally going to be a march on Washington on June 20 but will now be a virtual event. Our Social Justice Team will be sharing more information with us as it gets closer but you can certainly begin to check it out: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

We got a beautiful note in the mail accompanied by a donation this week:

Dear Church Friends, Last fall I was looking for a place to rest and replenish myself, then I found your labyrinth. It has become a welcome place for me to slow myself down a bit, to rest and find center. Thank you for building it and being willing to share it with others. I would like to give a little something, and give it forward to the next person who may find the grace, peace and love that I have found while walking the labyrinth. May God continue to bless you! Monika Robertson If any of you know Monika please reach out to her! I will definitely send her a thank you myself!!

The Virtual Presence Task Force had a very productive meeting this week with Joey Greco, a Penn State student who is offering us some guidance as we think about and plan for continuing to stream our Liturgies, even after restrictions are lifted and we are able to again gather in our sanctuary together. He will come up with some options for us and we will continue to keep you posted as we have more information.

Be well everyone. In the words of Brene Brown: Let's 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.

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you don't have to join Facebook
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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:
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Or Joann Corso at 223-5682

If you'd like to connect with Rev Denise directly:
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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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