



Mary Magdalene Church

March 17, 2020

Greetings!

I hope that you are all well and dealing with this time of uncertainty. As you are probably aware the Department of Health guidelines are now calling for heightened restrictions. In light of this, and in the interest of the health and well-being of not only our community members but also your families and the general public, it seems incumbent upon us to suspend any in-person meetings. Consequently, our Wednesday night Lenten program and all in-person gatherings including Sunday Mass are on-hold until further notice.

However, please reserve Sunday morning at 10:00 for us to gather virtually. I will advise you of the format for that very soon, possibly Facebook Live, but we are also exploring options that would allow for social interaction between us as opposed to just "tuning in." While we may not be able to be together in person for a time, we will find ways to connect. Community, spirituality, and prayer are all very important for us!!

At this time, Mimi and I are both working from home, but you can definitely reach either one of us. Myself revdenised@gmail.com or 585-329-0895 or Mimi marymagdalenechurher@gmail.com of 585-797-4707.

In addition, at this time we will be conducting all of our meetings via Zoom or other video-conferencing. If you have a scheduled meeting please watch your email for the Zoom meeting link.

Finally, our Ministry Team will be meeting Thursday and we will be exploring ways to make sure that every member of our community remains connected and no one wonders if they are forgotten.

I'd like to reiterate that we are connected through the Holy Spirit and prayer whether we are physically together or not!!! And there are a couple of people I'd like to remind us all to hold in our prayers:

Jennifer Interlichia-Markum has heard back from her oncologist that the the mass on her left lung is suspicious. She will need to have a biopsy and PET scan next. Please keep Jen and her mom Sandy McNamara in your prayers.

Also please continue to keep Jerry Janas in your prayers. The tumor on his left kidney is cancerous. It is a low-grade, slow-growing cancer and fortunately has not spread to anywhere else. His surgeon will be working with his cardiologist to ensure that his heart is strong enough. Once this has been approved his surgery will be scheduled sometime in the next 4-6 weeks.

Please remember as we enter this time that the love that we share, the faith that we carry in our hearts, and the experiences we've already shared (and that we will share again) will continue to hold us together. Watch for updates via this bulletin as well as our [Facebook Page](#) about different options to connect.

You can also share thoughts, ideas, inspiration, and needs with one another via the [Facebook Group](#). This would be a great place to post any meaningful virtual options for prayer or inspiration that you'd like to share with others. Please note the difference between these two Facebook sites is that anyone who is a member can post to the Facebook Group. The Facebook Page can only be updated by the administrators. It is important to **join** the [Facebook Group](#) and to **like** the [Facebook Page](#) to get updates from both sites.

Peter Veitch shared one source of inspiration with me earlier today. If you're up at 12:30 am any day of the week you can watch morning mass from the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, Italy. Mind you, it will be in Italian, but he assures me it's beautiful and centering, and he added it might help one fall asleep!

<https://www.facebook.com/sanfrancescoassisi/videos/610801283095482/?vh=e>

Let's not allow this crisis to cause further alienation and isolation!! Make sure you reach out, share love, and build bridges even if we can't get together!!

And remember, if you find yourself feeling a bit stir-crazy, visit our outdoor chapel or Labyrinth (behind the parking lot) or the Meditation Garden (to the left of the front door.) These can provide spaces you can spend some time connecting with God and you can also gather with one or two friends, while maintaining social distance!

With Much Love

Bishop Denise

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

There is also a prayer book on the welcoming table
for your intentions

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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