



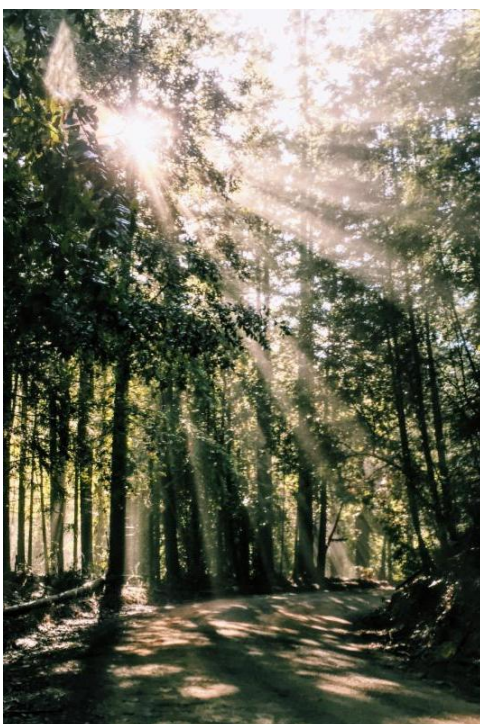
## Mary Magdalene Church

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.

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### Mary Magdalene Church Bulletin Sunday, May 17, 2020

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#### A PRAYER FOR HUMANITY from Baha'i Tradition

You have created all humanity  
from the same stock.  
You have decreed that all shall  
belong to the same household.

In Your Holy Presence  
they are all Your servants,  
and all humanity is sheltered  
beneath Your Tabernacle;  
all have gathered together  
at Your Table of Bounty;  
all are illumined through  
the light of Thy Providence.

-written by *Abdu'l Baha* during WWI  
-translated by *Shoghi Effendi* during WWII

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Greetings!

I hope many of you will be able to join us for our Sunday Morning Liturgy at 10:00. You will be very happy to know that, thanks to Bob Pizzutiello, we have found a solution for the problem with the volume on our liturgies!! Let us know how it sounds on your end! 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 5/17/20](#)

Tonight I had the opportunity to be online for Rebecca's graduation from FLCC with a degree in Massage Therapy! Congratulations Rebecca!! Her wife, Lori Vail is a professor at FLCC and she gave the final prayer. I found it very moving and wanted to share it with all of you:

Creator God:

We know our time is in your hands, and yet  
you mean for us to build the world in which we are to live.

So when the worries of the day settle on us  
and feel like the weight of the world,  
may our eyes find the horizon  
and the hopefulness it holds.

When we are tempted by easy answers of yes and no,  
either/or, us and them,  
may we remember also the path of "yes...and"  
as we travel alongside each other.

When we struggle to find the meaning  
or to remain open to the joy,  
may we trust that our contributions  
are how creation is made whole.

Oh God,  
grant us comfort in our sorrows;  
grant us fortitude for our work;  
grant us gratitude for our blessings  
today and in days to come.

In the name of all that is holy...Amen

Thank you for this beautiful prayer Lori! And Rebecca congratulations on your graduation!! We are so glad the two of you are part of our MMC family!

Perhaps you, like me, have been hearing rumors about that churches may be allowed to reopen in a few weeks when Rochester enters Phase 2 of the governor's plan for opening NY State. I think it's very important for you to know that even if churches are allowed to reopen in Phase 2, this is not something we will be rushing into. While we await with great anticipation the opportunity to gather together again in our sanctuary, it is very important that the health and well-being of our community is our top priority.

Over the past two months I have been regularly connecting with pastors in other parts of our country, reading the guidelines that have been prepared from various church councils, talking with Fr Don Pachuta (a retired infectious disease doctor) about recommendations, and engaging in conversations with our Ministry Team, and our Trustees. We know that when we do gather again things will look different for awhile. Conversations about how it will look and when it will happen will be continuing. Two things I can assure you is that 1) we will not be rushing ahead of the recommendations, and 2) we will not reopen until we have developed a plan that takes all of the precautions into account. Over the summer months we may be able to find a way to gather outside with masks and practicing social distance, but we're not there yet.

In the interim, I'm very thankful that we have found ways to come together through our online liturgy and our zoom sessions! I hope you are connecting with us virtually. Please know that if for some reason you can't be with us on a Sunday morning for our liturgy, you can access it later, both on our Facebook page, and on our website! And- if you haven't joined us on Zoom, please get in touch with me or Mimi and we'll help you get on Zoom. [revdenised@gmail.com](mailto:revdenised@gmail.com) phone: 585-329-0895 or Mimi: [marymagdalenechurcher@gmail.com](mailto:marymagdalenechurcher@gmail.com) Or 585-797-4707. I'm on Zoom every Wednesday morning for coffee and prayer at 10:00. I get on Zoom at 9:45 especially for people who've not joined before, so I can help you figure it out. I'd love to have you join me!!

Another zoom opportunity is now being offered by Peter Veitch. Please join us for the Saturday Night Check-In, an inspirational conversation every Saturday evening at 7pm, as we welcome guests from different cultural traditions and faith backgrounds who are trying to make a difference. Our guests share their unique personal histories and perspectives and about the work they are currently doing as a result of their life long spiritual journeys.

Our guest next week, May 23, will be Kevin Beckford, who will share his personal journey leading to becoming the first elected Democrat and person of color in Pittsford. Kevin will help us reflect on identifying and confronting racism in ourselves and in our culture in light of the most recent murder of Ahmaud Arbery, as well as offer some strategies for positive engagement and working toward change. [Saturday Night Check-In](#)

We have to build a better tomorrow than we have today!! We all have to be involved in whatever way we can. On June 20, 2020 there will be a DIGITAL march on Washington for poor and low-wealth people from across the United States. The Poor People's Campaign, organized by Rev Dr William Barber (Repairers of the Breach), is a continuation of Martin Luther King's plan to unite people from all across the country to demand economic and social justice. Please spread the word and register today. Even if you can only participate for part of the day, it is very important to register, so that you are counted and so that you are informed! [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

We have several members of our community who need your prayers. Please

continue to keep Rev Philip Benier in your prayers. He has developed an infection in the tissue around his surgery site. Continue to keep Kathy Mrzywka in your prayers as she continues to undergo tests on her liver. And please add Tammy & Wanda in your prayers. Tammy tested positive yesterday for COVID-19. She is currently asymptomatic.

As surgery centers and health care start back up, please keep my mom, Joann Corso, in your prayers. She will have surgery this Thursday, May 21, for her back. Jennifer Interlichia-Markham will be having a biopsy on the area of density in her lung on Tuesday, May 26.

Finally, keep Jen & Steve Baxter and their family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Steve's father to COVID. Also hold Peter Militello in your prayers as he nears the end of his life.

On a very positive note- see the note of thanks from Jerry & Ginny Janas. Jerry is now cancer free!!

With Much Love

**Bishop Denise**

What a true blessing our church community is. We are in awe of the generous gifts of food given to us during Jerry 's recouping from kidney cancer. Many thanks to Chef Tom and Michele for their delicious food preparation! Heartfelt thanks for all your prayers, cards and support! The kidney is out and Jerry is cancer free!!

God bless you all,

**Ginny and Jerry**

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**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](mailto: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](#)**



**Virtual Coffee Hours**

Bring your coffee & join us!

**[Sunday after Mass 11:00](#)**  
**[Coffee Hour](#)**

**[Friday 1:00 Coffee Hour](#)**

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**[Saturday Night Check-In](#)**  
**[Saturdays at 7:00 pm](#)**

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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](#)

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### **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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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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