



# 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 24, 2020

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May today there be peace within.  
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May you trust God that you are  
exactly where you are meant to be.  
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May you not forget the infinite  
possibilities that are born of faith.  
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May you use those gifts that you have  
received and pass on the love  
that has been given you.  
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May you be content knowing  
you are a child of God.  
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Let this presence settle into your bones  
and allow your soul the freedom  
to sing, dance, praise and love.  
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It is there for each and every one of us.

-Saint Teresa of Avila

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Greetings!

I hope many of you will be able to join us for our Sunday Morning Liturgy at 10:00. I am very pleased to say that we seem to have found a solution for our problem with volume! I know some of you had a bit of difficulty hearing me when I was at the pulpit, but we made some minor changes and I think we'll be better this week! The link for Mass is: [Facebook Live](#). Our musicians this week will be Marcy Casilio, Kathleen Bailey and Beth Dooher Anthony. If you'd like a song sheet you'll find that here: [Song Sheet 5/24/20](#)

While COVID has slowed life down in some ways, there has been a lot of work continuing to happen within and among the various teams at MMC!! The trustees and ministry team have not only been talking about how best to lead the community through this pandemic, we also have been talking about who we are as a Faith Community, and how we plan for our future, not only our immediate future, but for our longevity. One of MMC's Guiding Principles is Continuity, which reads: ***Mary Magdalene Church is meant to be a community that will thrive beyond its original founders. A community that will serve not only today's generation but also will be there to serve our children and our children's children.***

Talking and planning for our future is a very important part of stewardship. What will MMC look like in the next 3 years, 5 years and 10 years? As a part of this planning, we've assembled a team that is beginning to look at the important aspects of our continuation from the standpoint of leadership. Please note that this is a part of our stewardship as a community and not related to any imminent change in our staffing, i.e.- I'm not going anywhere anytime

soon!! But of course, after saying that tongue-in-cheek, we also know that none of us knows what tomorrow may bring, and if a catastrophic event were to occur, it is important to have a plan in place. As such, the Succession Planning Team will be developing a plan both in the event of something unforeseen, as well as a succession process we plan for. This team will be offering some opportunities for informal discussion, and you will be hearing more about their work at our Zoom Parish Community Forum that is currently scheduled for Sunday, June 28 after Mass. In the interim, they are available for questions, thoughts, concerns or feedback: Regine Calvar [rnacalvar@gmail.com](mailto:rnacalvar@gmail.com), Pat Moriarty [pmoriarty936@gmail.com](mailto:pmoriarty936@gmail.com), Chris O'Brien [cobrien66530@gmail.com](mailto:cobrien66530@gmail.com), Bob Pizzutiello [bobpizz55@gmail.com](mailto:bobpizz55@gmail.com), Binnie Thompson: [binnie.thmpsn@gmail.com](mailto:binnie.thmpsn@gmail.com), Mimi Youngman: [myoungman56@gmail.com](mailto:myoungman56@gmail.com)

Above all else, we look to the Holy Spirit to guide the work of not only this team, but of our community. She has not failed us yet, and I pray that we continue to seek her guidance in every aspect of our community life!!

Our Board of Trustees are looking for some help. First, they are looking for someone who would be willing to act as a secretary for our meetings. The meetings are normally held once a month for about 2 hours. In addition to taking notes and distributing them to the Board, the secretary is also responsible for putting a copy of the minutes in the trustee notebook at church. If this is something you might be interested in please reach out to Chris O'Brien [cobrien66530@gmail.com](mailto:cobrien66530@gmail.com)

Another need we have is for a CPA to help us with our books. If you have are a CPA or have strong accounting skills please reach out to Mimi Youngman: [myoungman56@gmail.com](mailto:myoungman56@gmail.com) or myself [revdenised@gmail.com](mailto:revdenised@gmail.com)

Sandy McNamara will be available on Wednesday this week, May 27 from 10:00-10:30 to receive donations of food, toiletries and cleaning supplies for the East Rochester Community Resource Center. She provides a contact free opportunity with her trunk open to receive your donations!!

Join us for Zoom Bingo on Wednesday, June 10 at 3:30 pm. Please contact Chris and Sharon Cassidy at [mscassidy123@gmail.com](mailto:mscassidy123@gmail.com) for all of the details. They will send you a PDF file with a bingo card. You may want to use M&Ms, buttons, or coins as your markers so that you can use the same card for each game. If you don't have a printer, they can mail you a card, you can make a card, or if you have a bingo game at home you can use one of those cards. RSVP to Chris and Sharon Cassidy at [mscassidy123@gmail.com](mailto:mscassidy123@gmail.com) They will send you the Zoom link to join the game and give you all the details.

Thank you for all of the prayers for my mother! She said she could feel the prayers. She had been very nervous, but when she got on the table she immediately felt peace! Her surgery went well and we are very hopeful that this will provide relief from the extreme pain she's been in of late. She has her follow-up appointment this Wednesday morning, so please note that Mimi will be covering Wednesday Morning Coffee & Prayer. The link will be the same: <https://zoom.us/j/711544832>

Please continue to keep a few others in your prayers: JenniferInterlichia-Markham will be having a biopsy on her lung on Tuesday, May 26. Tammy is one week down in her quarantine for COVID. Outside of the symptom of loss of taste and smell, she has been asymptomatic. Rev Philip is still recuperating.

This week's Saturday Night Check-in with Kevin Beckford was very inspirational. We have invited him back for another session and will keep you posted on that. This next week the speaker will be Margot Fass, an activist, artist, author, educator, presenter, psychiatrist, and founder of A Frog House. She has a passion for endangered species, especially frogs. Join in the discussion: [Saturday Night Check-In](#) every Saturday evening at 7pm.

If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to register for the DIGITAL march on Washington (June 20, 2020) 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. 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!](#)

Did you know that Mary Magdalene Church has our own YouTube Channel? You will find the video's for past liturgies there at any time, so check it out!!  
[Mary Magdalene Church YouTube Channel](#)

Do you find yourself wanting to connect with others after Mass, like we usually do on Sunday mornings? Join us for [Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour](#), every Sunday right after Mass.

Finally, I'd like to add a note of thanks for your tremendous generosity! We have continued to receive your automatic donations, checks in the mail, and generous gifts from those who are with us on Facebook Live on Sunday mornings!! Your generosity and support touch our hearts every day!! You're the best!!!

This is Memorial Day weekend. Please join me in praying for all who serve our country and remember those who lost their lives doing so. But please don't stop your prayers there. Please pray for all those in the Armed Forces who experienced the loss of a friend they served with, as well as those who carry the impacts of their service in their hearts and souls.

With Much Love

**Bishop Denise**

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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!

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**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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psychiatrist, and founder of A Frog House.  
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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:  
Christine Kaiser [cmkaiser@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cmkaiser@rochester.rr.com)  
Or Joann Corso at 223-5682

If you'd like to connect with Rev Denise directly:  
[revdenised@gmail.com](mailto: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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