

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Lion's Pause

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Rector's Ramblings with Fr. RJ

July 22 was the commemoration of Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene has often been conflated with other women in the gospel accounts, including Mary the sister of Martha (Luke 10:38-42), the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11), and the sinful woman at Simon the Pharisee's house (Luke 7:50). However, there is no reason to believe that she was the same woman as any of these. It is always safest to check scripture rather than believing what we read in a novel based on a conspiracy theory based on extra-biblical tradition.

The gospel accounts do give us a few details about Mary Magdalene. First, we know that she was one of the early followers of Jesus. Luke tells us that she was among the women who were with Jesus and the apostles. These women provided for Jesus and the apostles from their own wealth.

Luke also tells us that Jesus had cast seven demons out of Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-3). This is probably the reason that she was conflated with the woman caught in adultery and the sinful woman at Simon the Pharisee's house.

Both Mark and John record that Mary Magdalene was present at the crucifixion of Jesus (Mark 15:40 and John 19:25). All four accounts of the gospel tell us that Mary Magdalene was among those who went to the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:10, and John 20:1). Mark and John both tell us that Mary Magdalene was the first person

to see the resurrected Jesus (Mark 16:9 and John 20:11). Mary was also sent to tell the apostles that Jesus had been resurrected (Matthew 28:10 and John 20:17).

Mary Magdalene is an example for all Christians for several reasons. First she is an example of devotion. It must have been very difficult for her to watch the crucifixion, yet, she and several of the other women remained at the cross to offer what comfort they could. Second, Mary is an example of sharing the good news. Even though the apostles initially rejected her message that Jesus had been resurrected (Luke 24:11), she was willing to tell them the good news she had experienced. Finally, we find an example of the equality of women in God's Kingdom. She was chosen as the apostle to the apostles. Jesus expected the apostles to listen to the good news that Mary shared with them.

Fr. RJ

A hearty thanks to all of you for wearing our new and improved name tags! Fr RJ specifically requested them as he began his ministry with us. And since we hadn't seen each other for over a year, they are especially helpful. *And* several visitors have filled out a sticky back name tag. It's helpful for all of us to share our names. Keep up the good work. Please return them to your mailbox at the end of the service.

MaryAnn Kiesling

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SAVE THE DATE



Outreach: Blessing Box at Hope Outreach Ministry

Volunteers have built a unit to provide for the homeless when the shelter is not open. "The Blessing Box" will be filled with personal items and some food and emergency items.

Items we can help with: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, deodorants, band-aids, and other personal care products, cans of fruit, applesauce, tuna fish, crackers, and any ready-to-eat items. Remember that anything in a can should have a pull top since can openers are not necessarily available. Please place them in or near the Hope Chest, located across from the coatroom.

Please remember to bring in personal care items for Blessing Box at Hope Outreach. The need is great. Special thanks to Marilyn and Barrie Thorp who sent in a bag of 300+ hotel items gathered up by their family.



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Friday, July 23

Katie Out of Office

Sunday, July 25

Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream (*inside*)

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

Monday, July 26

Knitting, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27th

Lunch Bunch, 1:00 p.m.

Bueller's (Fulton Dr. & Wales Rd.)

Wednesday, July 28

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

July 30 - August 9, Fr. RJ will be on vacation.

On the Schedule? Keep track [here](#).



Bob's Music Notes

A lot was happening in the fall of 1997. Father Sloan had issued an invitation for me to be the parish musician at St. Mark's, and I had worries about that Florida property I had unwisely bought in a golf community with the provision that I build or sell within two years or face a \$50 daily fine. Coupled with that concern, Kathleen was having difficulty with stairs, and we began to think that our lovely 19th Street home might not be our final dwelling.

We started house hunting, a fascinating task. We enjoyed going to the Parade of New Homes as well as looking at existing properties. Our chief plan was to have everything on one level. One new house in Audubon Ridge caught our attention, a French Manor house with the kitchen flowing neatly into the Great Room. And other properties caught our attention as well, for a different reason. I was amazed at the shoddy construction of several new homes. One property's basement staircase was so crudely finished I thought I could have done a better job myself (quite an admission!)

Our financial advisors were telling us amounts that we could consider, but this was a time-consuming endeavor and things weren't moving along as fast as we would like. And the clock was ticking on that Florida deal.

But the best thing that was happening was making new friends at St. Mark's. The choir was a special delight. I felt honored to be following in the footsteps of Elisabeth Furbay, Ron Miller, Linda MacDonald, Craig Jaynes, Jim Baines, Richard Shirey, Bruce Schutrum, Jim Mismas - an awesome task.

July Birthdays

9 Jane Schutrum
10 Bob Kennedy
13 Eloise Hochwalt
27 Brynn Pelger, Rachel Crowl

July Anniversaries

13 Beth and Rick Crowl
24 Bruce and Judy Hixon

29 Katie Cerrone-Arnold and Chris Arnold
30 Kent and Pamela Clark
31 John and Kathy Wise

Prayer Concerns

Jim Weaver, Sue Little, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); Gail (friend of the Kieslings); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison), Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Beth Conley (acquaintance of Cricket Boyd); Lynnda Hoefler & Christine (friends of Sue Little); Caleb (nephew of Mandy Pelger); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki and Corinna (family of Beth Crawl); Dr. Angela Peters & family (friend of the Kennedys); Adriana, the Steinsapir family, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy); Addelyn, (friend of Judy Hixon); Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); Sandy Snyder (friend of the Rands); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kieslings); Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech); Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman family and Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby; Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For all those serving in the Armed Forces.

For all those who have died.

Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for the specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Prayer requests may be placed on the private Prayer Chain or

on the Prayer Concerns list appearing in The Lion's Pause and Sunday bulletin or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Unless otherwise instructed, names will be listed as we receive them.



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