

# Christ Church

Weekly Update

April 11, 2018

## *Our Vision*

We are a growing, welcoming and diverse community of believers striving to walk with Christ as we serve God by serving others.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Before Jesus appeared in a locked room and removed any doubt from the disciple Thomas, before he appeared in the same locked room before the other 10 disciples, he first appeared before Mary Magdalene. Mary was at Jesus' tomb and found it empty. After alerting 2 of the disciples who also found it empty, it was Mary that encountered a man whom she did not recognize at first. It was only after Jesus said her name that she recognized our Lord.

This story is told, with some variations of details, in each of the four gospels. It has always seemed significant to me that a woman or women were the first to see the Risen Jesus. For some length of time they were the only people on earth to know of the Resurrection which is the basis of our church today. So in a sense Mary Magdalene and the other women with her were the beginning of the church.

So often we focus on the original 12 disciples or Paul or the gospel writers, all men or thought to be in the case of the writers. We give less prominence to the women in the Christ story. That was due I'm sure to the low status women held in Christ's time and for hundreds of years since. Mary Magdalene's own reputation took a further hit in the sixth century when Pope Gregory identified her as a prostitute that was reformed by following Jesus. Modern scholars have found no such evidence and there certainly is not a reference in scripture to that fact. Yet, this reputation has persisted.

Mary's devout nature and seriousness as one of Jesus' disciples may have threatened the patriarchy of the church and therefore required that her reputation somehow be sullied. But even so, Mary's faithfulness has shown through and she was favored by our Lord by being the first to see him as the Risen Christ. No accident I am sure.

As we move through this Easter season, I invite you to join me in reflecting on Mary Magdalene's example of faithfulness and service and what that meant for the

beginning of our church.

Many blessings, Fr. Jim

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***Spring Clean-up  
Saturday April 28  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM***

Wear our best dirty clothes and come help spruce up the church property. Join us from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Breakfast will be served. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Bill O'Keefe at [billjoQ@optonline.net](mailto:billjoQ@optonline.net).



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***Christ Church Thrift Store***

The Christ Church Thrift Store is open to accept drop off donations on **Wednesday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** and open for business and also accepts donations on **Saturday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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**Saturday Morning Breakfast  
10:00 AM through 11:00 AM**

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***New Service at  
Christ Church***

A contemplative  
Eucharist in the Celtic  
Tradition...

Sunday 5:00 PM



# QUOTE

*"Between the time Mary Magdalene met the Risen Christ at Easter and when she announced his Resurrection to the disciples, Mary Magdalene was the church on earth, for only to her had been revealed the Paschal Mystery. Any discussion of women in the church begins with this."*

-- James Martin --

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Parishioners:**

Ann, Dorothy, Bruce, Brendan,  
Carol and Brian, Ken Jr., Kim,  
Ashlee, Connor, Pat, David,  
Heather, Blanche, Gail, Joseph,  
Carol and Amanda.

### **Friends and Family:**

Julia, Scott, David, Sarah,  
Deirdre, Kevin, AJ, Tom, Mary  
Fran, Jerry, Jeff, Alan, Antonio,  
Deborah, Annette, Janell,  
Michael, Ike, James, Holmes  
Family, Ramona, Joe, Anna,  
Chris, Penny, Veronica, Juan,  
Alex, Michelle, Jeannie, Ginger,  
Joanne, Lindsay, Diane, Billy,  
Sydney, Mel, Anthony, Michael,  
Thomas Greulich, Virginia,  
Toscano Family, Dennis, Beth,  
Mikaella, Austin, Marion, Karson  
Whitesell and the Whitesell/  
Ransom families, Heidi Healy  
family, Ketty, Margo, Walt, Scott.  
Lyle, Michelle, Israel, Katie,  
Katherine and Julia.



## **Read Sunday** **April 15th's Lessons**

### **Sunday** **April 15, 2018**

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Preacher and  
Celebrant: Father Jim Erwin

### **Ministers**

#### **Lector:**

9:00 - Kathy Garvey  
11:00 - Rich Poplaski

#### **Chalicer:**

9:00 - Julie Mumford  
11:00 - Fred Widman

#### **Acolytes:**

9:00 - Dawson and Corbett  
11:00 - Alek

#### **Ushers:**

9:00 - Judy Girod and  
Linda Ferguson  
11:00 - Colleen Biavati and  
Bill Fisher

#### **Healing Hands Ministers:**

9:00 - Liz Houlton  
11:00 - Gail Graf

#### **Altar Guild:**

Edda Agosto's Team: Colleen  
Biavati, Laurie Knowles and  
Cathy Johnston

#### **Coffee Hour Hosts:**

Richard "Butch" Smiraldi/  
Carol Poplaski/Terry Taylor

### **Christ Church Directory 2017**

#### **Parish Directory**

The Parish Directory is now  
available for you to view, save

## **Read Sunday** **April 22nd's Lessons**

### **Sunday** **April 22, 2018**

9:00 AM - Preacher and Celebrant:  
Father Jim Erwin  
11:00 AM - Father Jim Erwin and  
Mother Deborah Lee

### **Ministers**

#### **Lector:**

9:00 - Ed Wiley  
11:00 - Ernie Vander Kruijck

#### **Chalicer:**

9:00 - George Opper  
11:00 - Colleen Biavati

#### **Acolytes:**

9:00 - Alexavier, Patrick, Austin  
11:00 - TBD

#### **Ushers:**

9:00 - Vanessa Mann and  
Mark Arnowitz  
11:00 - Gail and Paul Graf

#### **Healing Hands Ministers:**

9:00 - Julie Mumford  
11:00 - Martha Frame

#### **Altar Guild:**

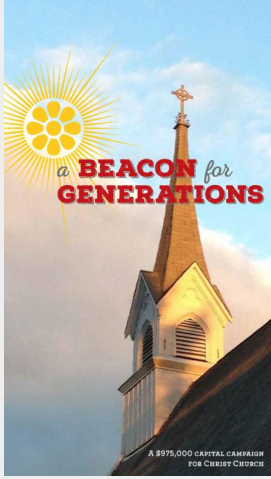
Kathy McCutcheon's Team:  
Abbie Opper, Linda Garcia and  
Sally Woglom

#### **Coffee Hour Hosts:**

Cathy Placido and Cathy Johnston

## **NEEDED:**

Coffee Hour  
Volunteers for the



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[Church Office.](#)

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# Spring

Sunday **5/13, 5/27, 6/24**



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The Reverend James W. Erwin, Jr., Rector  
The Reverend Deborah A. Lee, Assisting Priest

VESTRY: Danielle Post - Senior Warden, William O'Keefe - Junior Warden  
George Billeci (Recording Secretary), Lucia Crone, Brian Gens, Elizabeth Houlton, John Metzger (Treasurer), Brien Milbauer. George Mindos, Matthew Mumford, Kristen Neavin, Polly Vander Kruik and Cheryl Walters.

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SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM  
CELTIC SERVICE Sunday 5:00 PM