



## Member Update Page

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### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE PAGE TO BE**

**DISCONTINUED:** This is the last time that the Membership Update Page will be posted. It began several years ago as a way to provide more in depth parish news than is often possible in the bulletin. However, most of what now appears is simply a repeat of bulletin material, and the number of people actually coming to this page has decreased significantly. Beginning next week the link on the Member Menu will bring you to the Weekly Bulletin.

**UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS:** Masks will be optional for those fully vaccinated and boosted; masks are strongly recommended for those not fully vaccinated. (Masks are still necessary if you are visiting the office area of St. Peter's.)

Seating will no longer be restricted; however, we ask that you be sensitive to those who obviously wish to sit at a distance or wear a mask. Some people may choose to wear a mask during part of or all of the liturgy. On March 12 we will return to distributing communion hosts without the small plastic bags.

**CHARITABLE GIFT FUND 2022:** Thanks to everyone who submitted a proposal – we received a total of six proposals. The 2022 Charitable Gift Fund Committee will meet sometime during March to review the proposals and they will make their recommendations. Those recommendations will be voted upon by the parish at its May or June meeting.

**WEEKLY PRAYER QUOTE:** The purpose of this quote from scripture or

spiritual writings is to offer comfort in prayer, or to offer an opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth. This week's quote is: "Lent is...a time given to think seriously about who Jesus is for us, to renew our faith from the inside out. It is the act of beginning our spiritual life all over again refreshed and renewed."

Joan Chittister

### **LENTEN ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION**

**GROUP:** Next session on Thursday, Mar 24, 2pm on zoom.

Discernment is a vital part of who we are as a parish. But what is discernment? In April we'll be sharing some insights from this group with the whole parish in the context of some articles on discernment and how we engage it as a parish.

**CENTERING PRAYER:** Centering Prayer will be in person at 10am on Tuesday, March 22. If you plan to attend, please email Kathy Carpenter to let her know at: [kvsull@gmail.com](mailto:kvsull@gmail.com)

### **MASS IN PERSON ON SATURDAYS AT**

**4PM:** For updated details on covid protocols and what to expect, please click here.

<https://stmaryofmagdalachurch.org/meetings-documents/2021/inpersonplans.pdf>

MASS IS LIVE STREAMED EACH SATURDAY. INFORMATION GOES OUT ON THE NIGHT BEFORE VIA EMAIL. LOGIN IS FROM THE MEMBER MENU PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE.

**BABY CENTER – NEW NEEDS:** We have resumed supporting the Baby Center with needed items on the first weekend of each month. They have new needs: they are asking that we no longer bring in diapers, as they have found a new source to get these



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at a much-reduced cost. They have said, "We are always in need of baby wipes, formula, children's books and toys (no stuffed animals)." For a more complete list click here:

<https://stmaryofmagdalachurch.org/meeting-s-documents/2021/babycenterneeds.pdf>

**WEDNESDAY SHARE AND PRAYER:** is held at 4pm on Wednesday each week on Zoom. Barbara Mulligan Rado will be hosting, and all parishioners are welcome. To get into the meeting go to the Member Menu page of our website, look in the top left box, and click on "Wed. Share & Prayer."

### **HEALING AND WELLNESS SECTION**

**ION:** It frequently occurs that we are asked for prayers (or people want to ask) but do not want names placed in the bulletin. We now list "all of the intentions for healing deep in the hearts of our parishioners." You can still ask the pastors for prayers, but if you do not wish names listed that line will be for those intentions.

### **MAIL FOR ST. MARY OF MAGDALA**

**CHURCH:** Please note that the address to mail anything to our church is **P.O. Box 774, Harwich Port, MA 02646**. Please do not mail things to St. Peter's or to any other address. Thanks to everyone for continuing to send in your 2020 offertory commitments!

**LEARN NEW HYMNS:** Since we are not able to learn new music in person the hymns are available for listening from our website so that you can learn them ahead of liturgy. You can access them from the Member's Menu (select Music Minister's

Resources on the left) or here is a direct link:

<https://stmaryofmagdalachurch.org/musicministry.html>

Once on this page select the titles under "New Songs Upcoming."

**ZOOM MASSES TO CONTINUE:** Jim and Marie have completed follow up calls. Everyone they have reached or who sent in feedback said that we should continue staying connected on Zoom until such time as it is safe to get together in person. Everyone misses our regular Mass and looks forward to when we can come back together in person.

**THE BABY CENTER:** There is also another way to continue to support the Baby Center during the pandemic without leaving your home. Donations may be sent to: Cape Cod Council of Churches – A Baby Center, 320 Main St., Hyannis, MA 02601, or online at <https://www.ababycenter.org>

### **ON SHARING DURING THE HOMILY:**

A reminder that our brief time to share during the homily, is intended to be focused upon the readings and what Jesus is calling us to. Please refrain from commenting on specific political issues, parties, personalities, or partisan positions. While we must uphold and express the values to which Jesus calls us, we must do so clearly but without political reference.

**THANK YOU:** For sending in your offerings toward your commitment to our PO Box. The second quarter report is available from the Member Menu page of our website.



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**HEALTHY CONNECTIONS:** Anyone who has any specific needs may consider using our Healthy Connection Program – contact Kathy Carpenter if you are in need of emergency groceries or just want to talk or pray with someone. [kvsull@gmail.com](mailto:kvsull@gmail.com)

**ORDINATION SCHEDULE:** Kathy and Kathy were originally scheduled to be ordained as transitional deacons on November 14, 2020. The pandemic made such a joyful celebration impossible. We are now hoping to do the ordination to the diaconate in spring of 2021. In any case, their ordination to the priesthood is scheduled to take place on November 13, 2021. Both women have completed their online courses with Boston College and are coming to the end of their studies with Jim and Marie. They have postponed their Clinical Pastoral Education Program until summer of 2021 due to the pandemic.

**ESTATE PLANNING?** If you are doing the charitable contribution part of your estate planning or the annual review of your estate plan, please consider leaving a tax-deductible donation to St. Mary of Magdala Church's Endowment Fund. We are a 501 c 3 organization.



Left to right: Mary Jane Bender, Marie David, Jim David, Kathy Teahan, Ruthann Nolan, & Elisa Bucci

**PASTORS CONTRACT:** After Mass on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Jim, Marie, and Chair Mary Jane Bender signed a Letter of Agreement extending Jim and Marie's call as pastors through May of 2022.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS' RESOURCES ON WEBSITE:**

There are now educational resources available from the Member's Menu of our website (the page you reach when you login as a member). On the left-hand side is a link to a page with articles of interest for all Liturgical Ministers.

### **IS THE ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH REAL?!**

We've been advertising in the Cape Codder for some time now with good results – new people are learning about us and some have come to Mass. The Cape Codder once received a letter to the editor claiming that there is no such thing as the Ecumenical Catholic Church. Please don't feel bad – we are in good company. The Roman Catholic Church believes that it is the only true Catholic (and for that matter Christian) Church, and that



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all other Christian groups, although they are in error for not recognizing the Vatican as their head, nevertheless subsist in the Roman Catholic Church. Most of the rest of Christianity, including the Ecumenical Catholic Church, also believes there is one Christian Church – but we believe that all of us, including the Roman Church are in it together. So, if you are confronted with claims that we are “not real,” smile and say “Jesus’ peace be with you.” And relax – we are real! (For a more in-depth exploration of this read the following article:

<http://www.stmaryofmagdalachurch.org/info/docspdf/articleontermcatholic.pdf>

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