



St. Mary of Magdala Church

An Ecumenical Catholic Parish
All Are Welcome Here

Weekly Bulletin

MASS SCHEDULE: Mass every Saturday at 4pm in person and on Zoom.
Daily and Sunday Mass Readings can be found at: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



"I am the Vine, you are the branches."

LITURGY REFRESHER: For over 20 years we have celebrated weekly liturgy as a community, praying together, singing together, being transformed by Jesus' Word and at his table. It is a dance that involves interaction between our presider and the community assembled. It's also been part of our history that we regularly review how we approach our liturgy as a refresher for long-time members and as information for newer members. [See the article on page 2, below.](#)

CENTERING PRAYER: will resume under the leadership of Stewart Patterson, a member of St. Peter's Church. They will meet every other week on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in our office beginning on May 14th. If you would like to join, please let Stewart know. His email address is stewartpatterson@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Announces that they are accepting applications for affordable homes – 4 in Dennis and 4 in Wellfleet. Applications are being accepted until May 13th. If you know young families searching for affordable homes, refer them to Habitat. Visit the Habitat website for more information. <https://habitatcapecod.org/>

UPDATE ON MARTHA DUFFY: From Martha Duffy and Mary Sullivan: Martha has cancer and is currently going through chemotherapy which is expected to continue for several months. Updates on Martha's journey can be found on the Caring Bridge site: <https://new.caringbridge.org/site/acd9818b-0272-11ef-82e4-75dbae7bae64>. Their address is 8 Lover's Lane, Harwich, MA 02645, if you would like to send a card. They are not ready for visitors at this time. As always, prayers and reiki are appreciated.

UPDATE ON KATHLEEN: Kathy Carpenter is progressing well. She has just started outpatient therapy at Spaulding in Orleans. Joanne Irwin is coordinating respite care for her. If you are able to help out, call Joanne at (239)784-0854.

PRAYER REQUESTS: When you request prayers, please let us know if you want us to share the information with the community and if you wish your relative's name to be added to the online prayer list, please provide their first name and last initial. Prayer requests can be sent to stmarymagdalaharwich@gmail.com

NEED A VISIT AND/OR COMMUNION? Please contact us if you are unable to come to church and would like someone to visit and/or bring the Eucharist to you.

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LITURGY: CELEBRATING OUR COMMON FAITH BY COMMUNITY ACTION

This is the first of five brief articles in the bulletin over the coming weeks. They are intended to refresh all of us on the various parts of our Mass, and to remind us of the sacredness to which each of us contributes when we gather together. This week we are looking at the overview of Mass.

The Mass is also referred to, at times, as
The Liturgy of the Eucharist or simply The Eucharist.
In Vatican II Documents the Liturgy of **the Eucharist** is called
the source and summit of our Christian life.
At a Mass the real presence of Jesus is known in three ways:

In the Assembly
(“where two or three are gathered in my name, there Am I”)

In the Word Proclaimed
(In the scripture readings when they are proclaimed, especially the Gospel)

In the Eucharist
(Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist is called “the most excellent presence.” It is different than his presence in the Assembly or the Word, because his presence in the Assembly is conditional upon our gathering; in the Word it is conditional upon it being proclaimed; however, in the Eucharist, once the bread and wine are consecrated, Jesus’ presence remains whether we are present or not.)

The Celebration of the Mass or The Eucharist
is an action of the Assembly (the People of God)
presided over by an ordained priest.

The Mass is comprised of two main parts:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
And
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

These two main parts are bookended by
The Opening Rites and The Concluding Rites.

Next week we will look at the Opening Rites in depth.