

November 15, 2009

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

36 Armstrong Road
Rochester, NY 14616

Our Lady of Mercy Church is a warm, welcoming, Catholic faith community that cherishes its past and looks with hope to the future. Inspired by the example of Mary, we strive to make God's Word come alive through our celebration of the Eucharist and through service and generosity to each other and our community.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

We close for lunch between 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Stay updated with the latest information by going to the

OLM website at: www.mercygreece.org

We invite all to share your time, your talent and your treasure in support of your Church.

To provide for your parish's needs, why not consider a bequest of at least 5% of your Estate to your parish?
"Your life will be required of you, and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? (Luke 12:20)

Weekend Masses at Our Lady of Mercy

Saturday: 5:30 PM and Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses at Our Lady of Mercy

Monday and Tuesday: 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday: 4:00 PM and Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses at Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM and Friday at 6:30 PM

Welcome all new parishioners

To register as a member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, please introduce yourself to one of our pastoral staff members and we will contact you to fill out a Parish Census Card.

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Please contact the office at (585) 865-0775 for a pre-Baptism preparation meeting.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays 8:00 AM-8:30AM

Marriage: Arrangements are made a minimum of six (6) months prior to the marriage date desired. Contact Fr. Gagnier or Deacon Dick Lombard.

Anointing of the Sick: Available upon request to anyone who needs the healing, comfort and support of this sacrament. Please contact Parish Office.

Our Church and Parish Hall are accessible to the physically challenged.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 14

5:30 Mary Koen by Dorothy Brophy

Sunday, November 15-Thirty-third Sunday

9:00 Albert Falcipieri by Friends Mary & Louis
Cinquino

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**Monday, November 16-Margaret of Scotland,
Gertrude, virgin**

8:00 Marie Hahn by Resurrection Choir

**Tuesday, November 17-Elizabeth of Hungary,
religious**

8:00 Marie Hahn by Jerry & Shirley Moriarty

**Wednesday, November 18-Dedication of the Basili-
cas of Peter & Paul, apostles; Rose Philippine
Duchesne, virgin**

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, November 19

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, November 20

6:30 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**Saturday, November 21-Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

5:30 Joseph F. Grygrowich by Family

Sunday, November 22

9:00 Albert Facipieri by Betty Jean Miller

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, November 15

Breakfast after mass

8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation

10:15 AM Rosary

Monday, November 16

6:00 PM Girl Scout meeting

7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg

Tuesday, November 17

9:30 AM Scripture Reflection

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 19

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

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Thanksgiving Baskets Project

The Social Ministry Committee is organizing Thanksgiving Baskets for 6 families in need from the Charlotte/Greece area. The baskets will be prepared and delivered on Sunday, November 22nd. Some of the items needed are: turkeys, turkey breast, potatoes, veggies (canned or fresh), stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, bottled juice, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, dinner rolls, butter, margarine, pies, treats for children & fresh fruit. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation please be sure to put it in the collection basket this weekend. Please indicate "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the envelope.

If you would like to help prepared and deliver a basket please call Sue Clements (621-1153).

OLM-Statistics Report-November 7 & 8

Attendance: 5:30-72 9:00-159 Total-261

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$5,156.00

Sunday Loose: \$ 155.00

Average envelope: (117) \$44.07

All Souls \$ 40.00

All Saints \$ 136.00

Other income: \$ 262.45

Total **\$5,749.45**

Accounts Payable

Old Monroe County Catholic Schools: \$9,000.00

Old PSIP Bill- Diocesan Invoices \$9,000.00

2009-2010 PSIP Bill \$9,000.00

Operating Expenses \$ -0-

Year to date income \$120,675.15

Year to date expenses \$112,586.87

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: November MCCA bill \$3583.33, Ridge Donuts \$31.25, Oregon Press Missals & Song books \$517.41, Wegman's Priest dinner \$362.00, Suburban Disposal \$160.46, Monthly direct withdrawal for health and dental benefits \$905.59

Much like the Holy Spirit who cannot be seen or heard but whose presence is felt in other ways, the money donated to the Catholic Ministries Appeal flows through our Diocese, delivering support and funding that many times remains hidden. The good deeds, the blessings delivered are often delivered quietly with little fanfare and therefore they go unnoticed.

Yet the fact remains that the money given to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is truly the lifeblood of our Diocese. Young or old, rich or poor, disabled, incarcerated, homeless or simply the average parishioner, the money from the CMA touches us all.

In Our Parish, the CMA supports:

- The Pastoral Care of our Parish by providing formation and lifelong assistance for our assigned priests Pastors who minister to us with the sacraments.

From Baptism to Reconciliation and the celebration of the Eucharist, Confirmation and the vocation of Marriage, until our passing to the next life, through their faithfulness, we are blessed by the continuous care of the Lord.

• Our Youth through Faith Formation programs, Sacramental Preparation, RCIA for Children, Catholic Schools, CYO Athletics, Youth Ministry, Diocesan Retreats and Diocesan Youth Conferences, Campus Ministry and Young Adult Ministry.

• Our Adults with Adult Education, RCIA, and Marriage Prep

• Our Sick and Aged through donations to the Hospital Chaplaincy program -bringing the comfort and compassion of Christ to those in hospitals and nursing homes.

• The Administration of our Parish by offering assistance with Legal Issues, Tax Issues, Group Insurance Discounts, Computer Assistance; Maintenance and Troubleshooting, help with Human Resources, providing education programs for the staff, offering a Lending Library of CD's and DVD programs and many other benefits.

And Around the Diocese the CMA Supports:

- The Vulnerable by supporting the work of Catholic Charities of Rochester. The ten regional offices of Catholic Charities are spread throughout our 12 counties and provide services to the disabled, the developmentally disabled, HIV/Aids and Traumatic Brain Injury patients.

Catholic Family Center of Rochester is a regional office of Catholic Charities who offer services to women and children,

mental health care, counseling and substance abuse treatment, refugee resettlement, services to former prisoners and those facing poverty.

• Those in Pain by supporting Project Rachel, assisting women and men with the pain of abortion, and the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, the process of healing and new beginnings through annulments.

<p>Our Lady of Mercy Parish Catholic Ministries Appeal Report Nov. 134 Donors = \$21,664.00 = 69.38% Average gift: \$161.67 GOAL: \$31,226 We are in 20th place in the diocese.</p>
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<p><u>The Sixth List of Donors</u></p> <p>Kathy Ciplys</p> <p>Robert & Ann Dobson</p> <p>June Fignescher</p> <p>Don & Bonnie Furlong</p> <p>Margaret McCabe</p> <p>Rosemary Szozda</p> <p>Salvatore & Grace Uttaro</p>
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Sex as God's Gift Part 2

Since the Junior Youth Group meeting originally scheduled for Nov 15th has been cancelled, the second part of the two-part presentation of **Sex as God's Gift** will be presented at St. John the Evangelist School building from 6-8PM on Sunday December 6, 2009.. This is a wonderful DVD presentation by Mary Ronen in which she discusses the issue of chastity and dangers of premarital sex. I will be presenting this program to the parents/adults in two parts while the junior high youth group is taking place in St. John's School building. This is truly a marvelous program. You are welcome to attend whether or not your child is attending youth group. You need not have seen Part 1 to attend Part 2. All are welcome. Questions? Call Marie Marton (621-6343x32).

Our Military

The children of Holy Name of Jesus School of Religion and St. John the Evangelist Religious Education will be preparing Christmas Cards for members of the parish and their friends or relatives who are serving in the military. If you know of someone who is serving in the military, please provide their name and military address to Marie Marton, 621-6343x32, so that cards can be sent from the children. I need that information no later than November 18, 2009.

Butterfly

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us.

We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

I asked for Strength.....

And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom.....

And God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity.....

And God gave me Brain and Brawn to work.

I asked for Courage.....

And God gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love.....

And God gave me Troubled people to help.

I asked for Favors.....

And God gave me Opportunities.

I received nothing I wantedI received everything I needed!

Trust in God. Always !

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Sunday Rosary

Because of the changes in our Sunday mass schedule, the rosary is now being said

AFTER the 9AM mass. Please join the group in the chapel whenever you can.

Petitions to Our Lady could be for peace in our world, for our parish or for any request that is dear to your heart.

It is such a nice way to start the beginning of a new week.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

All are invited on Saturday, November 28 to Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center after the 4PM Mass for a Thanksgiving Pot Luck supper.

Bring a ready to serve dish and a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food shelf.

There will be a 50/50 drawing, dancing and singing.

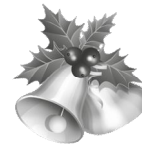
Beer and wine will be available for a nominal cost.

Be prepared to laugh and have a good time. See you there!

OLM Holiday Bazaar

We will be having a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st from 9AM-4PM and Sunday, November 22 from 9AM-1PM.

We are looking for donations of handcrafted items and new or **gently used** Christmas items, please **NO** trees.



You may drop your donations off to the Parish office by November 18. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9AM-Noon and 1PM-4PM.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

November 15	5:30PM	9:00AM
Lector	Fred Amato	Jean Berry
Ministers of Communion	Katy Marchetti	Katie Blind
	Bill Marchetti	Anne Heyer
	John McCrone	Marina Infantino
	Marion McCrone	Gretchen Kozlowski
	Fred Shank	Mike LaFranca
Song Leaders	Jennifer Hoskings	Donna Flann
Altar Servers		Tom Kurmis
Greeters	Inzanas	Agnes Veness
Sacristans	Ann LaDonna	Carol Ferro
Rosary Leader	Joe Mercier	
Church Linens	Pat Howell	
Breakfast	Set up: Montalbanos	Clean up: Links

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of
Mary Koen
 by
 Dorothy Brophy

25-Week Club Winners #19
 \$25.00 Bill Eckert
 \$15.00 Helen Mercier
 \$10.00 Renee Stanton
 Numbers drawn by Erin Blind

Your Parish Pastoral Council

For November is:
Don Schmitt
 733-4158 or email
 don_schmitt@rge.com

We don't have altar servers for the 5:30PM Mass

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