

December 5 & 6, 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.*

### Pastoral Staff

**Rev. John F. Gagnier, Parish Administrator**

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**William Costanzo, Music Director: (585) 865-3866**

### Support Staff

**Connie LaRocque, Parish Secretary/bookkeeper, (585) 865-0775**

**John Paradiso, Maintenance, (585) 581-1564**

**Parish Office: (585) 865-0775**

**Fax: (585) 865-9403**

**Prayer Line: (585) 663-4476**

E-mail: [ourladymercy@dor.org](mailto:ourladymercy@dor.org)

### 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](http://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

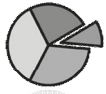
**Baptism:** Please contact the office at (585) 865-0775 for a pre-Baptism preparation meeting.

**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.*



**Finance Committee Information**

Beginning this week, we will be reporting our year-to-date income and expenses in a slightly different format. Up to now, we have included all income and all expenses and at first glance, it would appear that we are financially sound, since income is exceeding expenses by a comfortable margin.

However, those figures include revenues for the Building Fund, 50-Week Club and Partners in Faith share, which are restricted funds, meaning that they can be used only for very narrowly defined purposes, not for day-to-day operating expenses. The Building Fund income, in particular, has been significantly impacted this year by the receipt of an insurance check for \$16,885 to cover repairs that must be made to the school building as a result of a car crashing into it several months ago. These repairs, which have not yet been done, will not be covered by our operating budget or included in our operating expenses but will instead be charged to Building Fund expenses.

We believe that reporting only normal Operating Income (weekly collections, gift and donations, fund raising, etc.) and normal Operating Expenses (salaries and benefits, utilities, Courier Journal, mis-salettes, school assessment, etc.) will present a more accurate picture of our financial status and needs and hereafter those are the figures that will appear in our weekly statistics box.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please see Fr. Gagnier or any member of the finance committee.

*Bill and Katy Marchetti*  
Our Lady of Mercy Finance Chairs

**OLM-Statistics Report-November 21 & 22**

Attendance:	5:30-75	9:00-175	Total-250
<u>Collection Report</u>			
Sunday Envelopes:			\$2,776.00
Sunday Loose:			\$ 128.00
Average envelope: (105)		\$26.44	
Holiday Bazaar			\$ 438.05
Other income:			<u>\$ 311.90</u>
Total			<b><u>\$3,653.95</u></b>
Accounts Payable			
Monroe County Catholic Schools:			\$9,000.00
Diocesan Invoices-old PSIP			\$9,000.00
09' PSIP			\$9,000.00
Year to date <b>Operating</b> income			\$91,837.45
Year to date <b>Operating</b> expenses			\$95,173.42
Thank you for your generosity!			
This week we paid: \$280 from general checking to stipend account for All Souls Collection, \$15.83 Styrofoam cups for parish kitchen, \$13.30 gas for tractor, \$52.97 Staples office supplies, \$62.50 Ridge donut-two weeks \$122.10 Palm Garden for palms, \$325.89 Integrys for electric, \$34.60 Living Faith Booklets			

**OLM-Statistics Report-November 28 & 29**

Attendance:	5:30-67	9:00-167	Total-234
<u>Collection Report</u>			
Sunday Envelopes:			\$2,408.00
Sunday Loose:			\$ 210.85
Average envelope: (80)		\$30.10	
Special Christmas collection			\$ 315.00
Catholic University collection			\$ 87.00
Other income:			<u>\$ 397.80</u>
Total			<b><u>\$3,418.65</u></b>
Accounts Payable			
Monroe County Catholic Schools:			\$9,000.00
Diocesan Invoices-old PSIP			\$9,000.00
09' PSIP			\$9,000.00
Year to date <b>Operating</b> income			\$94,822.85
Year to date <b>Operating</b> expenses			\$95,828.28
Thank you for your generosity!			
This week we paid: bi-weekly payroll, \$287.35 Frontier phone, \$182.51 Ikon copier, \$185 Business Mail permit renewal, \$31.25 Ridge Donut			

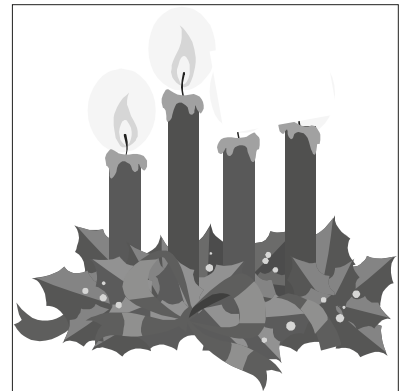
**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, December 5**  
 5:30 Living & Deceased members of OLM & HNoJ  
**Sunday, December 6-Second Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 Albert Falcipieri by Gary Maccarone  
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
**Monday, December 7-Ambrose, bishop & doctor**  
 8:00 Joseph Fanelli by Jerry & Mary Ellen Zapf  
**Tuesday, December 8-Immaculate Conception**  
**Of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 9:00 AM Nancy Vit by Parents  
**Wednesday, December 9**  
 9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
**Thursday, December 10**  
 9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
**Friday, December 11-Damasus I, pope**  
 6:30 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
**Saturday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
 5:30 Joseph Noble by Family  
**Sunday, December 13-Third Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 Robert Locke by Shirley & family  
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**This Week At O.L.M.**

**Sunday, December 6**  
 Breakfast after masses  
 10:15 AM Rosary  
**Monday, December 7**  
**Tuesday, December 8**  
 9:30 AM Scripture Reflection  
 7:00 PM AA Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 9**  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, December 10**  
**Friday, December 11**  
**Saturday, December 12**  
**Sunday, December 13**  
 Breakfast after mass  
 10:15 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation

**OLM Liturgy Assignments**



<b>December 13</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Lector	Jim Spina	Frank Montalbano
Ministers of Communion	Frankie Spina	Jean Marie Montalbano
	Dorothy Janczak	Mike LaFranca
		Helen Mercier
		Joe Mercier
		Marilyn Napieralski
		Maureen Neu
Song Leaders	Donna Flann	Beth Scriarratta
Altar Servers		Matthew Clements
Greeters	Spina Family	Christine McNally
Sacristans	Kathy Inzana	Dawn Tortorice
Rosary Leader (after mass)		Bill Eckert
Church Linens	Anne Heyer	
Breakfast	Set up: Montalbanos	Clean up: Links

**25-Week Club Winners #23**  
 \$25.00 Jo Shank  
 \$15.00 Christine McNally  
 \$10.00 Bridgett Tranquill  
 Numbers drawn by Bill Costanzo

**Your Parish Pastoral Council  
 contact for December is:**

**Ed Mroczek  
 865-3923**

### The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree angel requests continues this week. The recipient this year is the Andrews Center, located in Irondequoit, is a Sisters of Mercy sponsored foster home for infants and children with emotional, medical and physical needs.

Next weekend, December 12 & 13 is the deadline for return of the gift cards. A box is in the narthex for the cards. Thank you for your generosity through the many years of our OLM Giving Tree.

### How will you be spending the rest of your life?

Every baptized Christian is now called to be a witness for Jesus in our daily lives, encouraging others to live their lives according to the Gospel message. The ordained priesthood provides that opportunity. If you think God may be asking you to spend your life as an ordained priest contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890

### Advent Concert

All are invited to an Advent Concert with the **Dady Brothers** and Friends on Sunday, December 13th, 2 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park. Free will offerings will be accepted. For information please call the Cathedral Community office at 254-3221.

### Sex as God's Gift Part 2

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).

### Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Gospel Highlight:** Lk 3:4—"A voice of one crying out in the desert: / 'Prepare the way of the Lord, / make straight his paths.'"

**Key Idea:** In anticipating the celebration of momentous events—such as the birth of a child, a wedding, or a special birthday or anniversary—we often go to great lengths to make adequate preparations. As we continue our Advent journey, we are reminded of one biblical figure whose entire life was spent in preparing the way of the Lord. He is John the Baptist, who even in his mother's womb rejoiced in the coming of the Lord, and who prepared hearts and minds for his coming into the world. John the Baptist is the perfect saint for Advent. He reminds us that, through our daily thoughts, words, and actions, we too prepare the way of the Lord for others. This Advent saint invites us to joyfully anticipate and prepare others for the coming of the Word made flesh.

**Take 30 (Seconds):** Reflect or pray in silence.

**Share:** Who in your parish, neighborhood, or community needs a helping hand, an encouraging word, or some other thoughtful outreach during this Advent season? How can you prepare the way of the Lord this Advent by being attentive to those in need? Name one person in your family, workplace, neighborhood, or faith community who nurtures your awareness of the presence of the Lord in the ordinary circumstances of life.

**Pray:** (*Repeat each phrase after the leader.*) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. / Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. / Although they go forth weeping, they shall come back rejoicing. / The Lord has done great things for us, we are glad indeed (see Ps 126:3, 6a, 6c, 3).

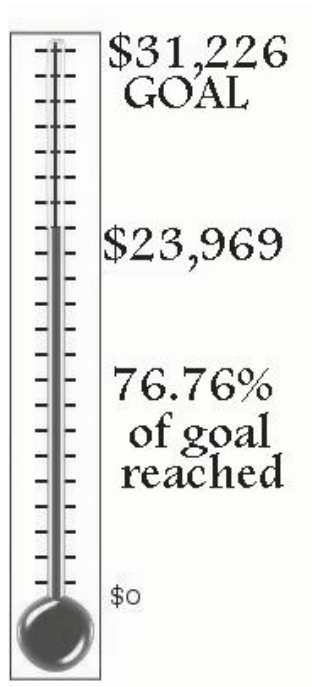
The second candle, lit on the second Sunday of Advent along with the first candle, is the Bethlehem candle, the Candle of Peace, reminding us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It too is purple, reminding us that it was a King Who was born in the manger.

### Plants for Shut-Ins

It's that time of year again when we start to think about Christmas plants for our shut-ins and those in nursing homes. The plants are ordered now we need volunteers to deliver them. If you can help our Social Ministry Committee with this project, please call Helen Mercier at 865-1387. Plants will be available anytime after December 14th. Bring a smile to the faces of some of our most loving and caring parishioners.

### Evening Christmas Shopping

The Holy Cross Gift Shop, 4492 Lake Avenue, invites all to an Evening of Christmas Shopping on Monday, December 7 from 5:30PM-7:30PM.



**Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
Catholic Ministries Appeal Report  
162 Donors = \$23,969 = 76.76%  
Average gift: \$158.96 GOAL: \$31,226**

- The Eighth List of Donors**
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| <b>Teresa Ange</b>                  | <b>Rita Simpson</b>                             |
| <b>Susan Bailey</b>                 | <b>Henry &amp; Carol Smalle</b>                 |
| <b>Peter Blind</b>                  | <b>Steve Smith &amp; Michele DeNinnis Smith</b> |
| <b>Joan Cavanagh</b>                | <b>Leone &amp; Susette Ventrella</b>            |
| <b>Antonio &amp; Mary DeNinnis</b>  | <b>Mary Villone</b>                             |
| <b>Steve Frattare</b>               | <b>Nancy Vogt</b>                               |
| <b>Elizabeth Jeanotte</b>           |   |
| <b>Ann Marron</b>                   |   |
| <b>Martin &amp; Sandy Maurinus</b>  |   |
| <b>Chis &amp; Christine McNally</b> |   |
| <b>Robert Mitchell</b>              |   |
| <b>Rosamond Najjar</b>              |   |
| <b>John &amp; Angeline Norton</b>   |   |
| <b>Bill &amp; Marilyn Raymond</b>   |   |

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