

December 12 & 13, 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, December 12-Third Sunday of Advent

5:30 Joseph Noble by Family

Sunday, December 13

9:00 Robert Locke by Shirley & Family

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Monday, December 14-John of the Cross, priest & doctor

8:00 Dominic Cappezuto by Family

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 Robert Hemdal by Family

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, December 17

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, December 18

6:30 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, December 19

4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

5:30 The living & deceased members of OLM and HNoJ

Sunday, December 20-Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 Richard Bucklin by Betty & Family

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, December 13

Breakfast after masses

10:15 AM Rosary

Monday, December 14

Tuesday, December 15

9:30 AM Scripture Reflection

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

Sunday, December 20

Breakfast after mass

10:15 AM Rosary

8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation

Please note...

There will be no Scripture Reflection on December 22 and December 29



OLM-Statistics Report-December 5 & 6

Attendance: 5:30-77 9:00-178 Total-255

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$5,811.00

Sunday Loose: \$ 156.80

Average envelope: (134) \$43.37

2nd Collection-Catholic University \$ 26.00

Christmas Flower collection \$ 35.00

Other income: \$ 180.00

Total **\$6,208.80**

Accounts Payable

Monroe County Catholic Schools: \$9,000.00

Old PSIP bill \$9,000.00

09/10 PSIP bill \$9,000.00

Year to date **operating** income \$101,005.65

Year to date **operating** expenses \$105,111.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: Pastoral Associates salary, Oil for tractor \$5.58, Catholic Schools \$3,583.33, Catholic Courier \$540.27, Special Collection-Catholic University \$118.00, Suburban Disposal \$160.46, Monroe County Water Authority \$50.96

Staff Corner

The final draft of the Eastern Greece/Charlotte Pastoral Plan has been submitted to the bishop. In January or February we will know when the parish will be closed. In the meantime our parish council will be working on a plan to implement the closing in an orderly fashion. Some of those activities related to the closing will be carried out directly by the parish council; others will be carried out by a newly formed transition subcommittee which will report to the parish council.

On December 1 the transition subcommittee met for the first time to begin to identify some of the activities that they will be involved in. The activities that have been identified so far are:

- Recognition of those parishioners who are presently serving the parish in various volunteer activities and ministries through articles in the bulletin.

- Identification of “little pieces of Mercy,” items of little or no financial value that could be given to interested parishioners. Such items might include the memorial plaques in the chapel and graduation pictures posted in the hallway in the parish center. There would have to be some equitable way of distributing these items.

- Videotaping a Sunday Mass for the parish archives. Copies of the video would be made available at cost to interested parishioners.

- Implementing a process to keep parishioners informed of what is going on relative to the closing through timely bulletin articles and pulpit announcements.

- Offering a healing service to help us deal with and heal from the hurts and stresses associated with the closing of the parish.

- Planning and implementing the events directly associated with closing. Among these would be the closing Mass and some sort of a dinner celebration for present and former parishioners, students, teachers and staff members.

We will be meeting again in early January to implement this process and to come up with additional activities. Everyone will be invited attend this meeting and to take part in one or more of these activities. In the meantime, please see Jean Berry or me if you have any ideas or comments about this process.

Deacon Dick

December 20	5:30PM	9:00AM
Lector	Fred Amato	Tom Kurmis
Ministers of Communion	Bill Marchetti	Sharon Neu Collins
	Katy Marchetti	Lisa Neu Posadni
		Don Schmitt
		Donna Sciortino
		Carol Smalle
		Dawn Tortorice
Song Leaders		
Altar Servers		Cecilia Hoskins
Greeters	McCrones	Agnes Veness
Sacristans	John McCrone	Carol Ferro
Rosary Leader (after mass)		Mary Ann Mulhern
Breakfast	Set up: Ellsworths	Clean up: Neu Family
Church Linens	Ann LaDonna	

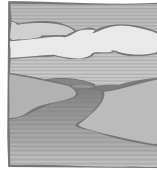
25-Week Club Winners #24
 \$25.00 Molly Maggio
 \$15.00 Harold Redmond
 \$10.00 Mary Loughborough

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

**Ed Mroczek
 865-3923**

What path are you following?

Today's readings instruct us to show kindness to all, to be just in our dealings with each other, and to offer our petitions to God with thanksgiving. Then, we are told, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." This is the simple path to holiness that each of us is called to follow. Another name for that path to holiness is your vocation. The path is different for each of us, but the destination is the same... the promise of eternal joy with our Creator. **Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations**



Youth Group News

The Jr. & Sr. High youth groups will be holding their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20th in the St. John's school building from 5:30pm until 8:00pm. All students and their families are encouraged to attend regardless if they are registered in the youth group or not. Contact Daniel Anderson at che-fandrnrn@hotmail.com or 944-0255 for information on what to bring to the party.

Flower Envelopes

Christmas flower envelopes are available in the narthex for those who wish to make a donation to the Christmas flower purchase. You may do so in memory of a loved one. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please note...there will be no Scripture Reflection on December 22 and December 29



The Giving Tree

This weekend is the deadline for the return of the gift cards for the benefit of the Sisters of Mercy's Andrews Center. The center is a foster home for infants and young children with disabilities.



Please place the gift cards in the box provided in the narthex.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in this last year of the OLM Giving Tree!

Christian Meditation

Group... Starting January 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at Mercy Prayer Center located at 65 Highland Ave.

Come and share the silence and peace with those who meditate, beginners to practitioners welcomed. The presenter will be Karen McNamara. Free will offering appreciated. Please call 473-6893 to register.



Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Gospel Highlight: Lk 3:10-11—"The crowds asked John the Baptist, 'What should we do?' He said to them in reply, 'Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.'"

Key Idea: Many of the questions posed in the Gospels are profoundly human questions. They reflect the deepest desires of the human heart and our human longing for God. In today's Gospel the crowds press John with a fundamental question about discipleship. What should the life of a disciple look like? How should a disciple of the Lord treat others at home, act towards those in need, and behave in the workplace? These questions confront every Christian disciple in every age. And as we continue our Advent preparations, the Word of God encourages us to share our spiritual and material goods with those in need. In a season marked by excessive commercialism and material consumption, we are reminded of our countercultural witness as Christians.

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

Share: How can sharing with those in need during Advent better prepare you to receive the gift of the Incarnation at Christmas? How will your family concretely respond to Jesus' invitation to the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers in the Gospel? Discuss one work of charity or service to those in need that your family can carry out this Advent.

Pray: (*Have family members respond as indicated.*) Let us pray for those in our community who are in need. Let each member of the family offer the names of those in need of prayer or of material or spiritual help this Advent. Let us pray for the strength and the perseverance to reach out in love and service to those in need.

The third candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent along with the first two, is the Shepherds' candle, the Candle of Love. We are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and the He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ. This candle is pink or rose and represents God's love and faithfulness.

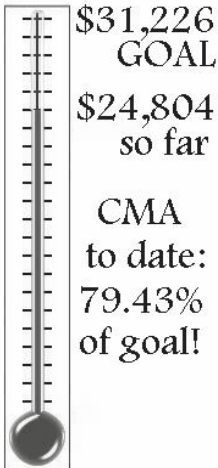
**JOURNEYS DECEMBER
2009 EVENTS**

Dec. 13: Speaker Matthew Kelly will discuss whether Catholicism is still relevant at St. Leo's Church (167 Lake Rd.). Program will start at 7PM. Come early for a seat. Call Dominic (392-2710) for details.

Dec. 19: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at Holy Name of Jesus Church (15 St. Martin's Way) from 5:30-8:30PM. Come as you are. No reservation necessary!

Dec. 20: Journeys Christmas Party and Game Day. Contact Noreen asap for details(663-5516). Party starts at 1PM and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Greece bldg. (431 Bonesteel).

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Catholic Ministries Appeal Report
166 Donors = \$24,804 = 79.43%
Average gift: \$158.96 GOAL: \$31,226
We have four new donors so far this year, who have
given a total of \$670.00**



- The Ninth List of Donors**
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