

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, January 2-St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

5:30 Living & Deceased members of OLM & HNoJ

Sunday, January 3-The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 Jim Berry by Doug & Jean Berry

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Monday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Seton, religious

8:00 For our men and women serving our country in the Armed Forces

Tuesday, January 5-St. John Neumann, bishop

8:00 Poor Souls by Donna Sciortino

Wednesday, January 6-Blessed Andre Besette, religious

9:00 Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, January 7-St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

9:00 Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, January 8

6:30 PM Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, January 9

4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

5:30 Dante Fragassi by Dauksha Family

Sunday, January 10

9:00 Maryanne Meagher McCabe by parent

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, January 3

Breakfast after masses

8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation

10:15 AM Rosary

Monday, January 4

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

Thursday, January 7

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10

Breakfast after mass

8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation

10:15 AM Rosary

OLM-Statistics Report-December 19 & 20

Attendance: 5:30-61 9:00-182 Total-243

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,384.00

Sunday Loose: \$ 101.00

Average envelope: (94) \$25.36

Fr. Gagnier's Special Christmas Env. \$ 640.00

Christmas Flower Collection \$ 200.00

Other income: \$ 329.50

Total **\$3,654.50**

Accounts Payable

Monroe County Catholic Schools: \$9,000.00

Diocesan Invoices Old PSIP \$9,000.00

2009 PSIP bill \$9,000.00

Operating Expenses \$ -0-

Year to date operating income \$107,886.25

Year to date operating expenses \$112,902.67

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: \$31.25 Ridge Donut, \$30.70 Choir books, \$550.25 Snow Melt, \$329.81 Integrys for Electric use, \$761.81 RG&E for Gas & Electric Delivery, \$72.50 for Integrity Lock & Alarm service call, \$1706.04 Hess Corporation for Gas use.

OLM-Statistics Report-December 26 & 27

Attendance: 5:30-60 9:00-222 Total-282

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,989.00

Sunday Loose: \$ 304.00

Average envelope: ()

Christmas Attendance: Eve-229 Day-139

Christmas collection \$3822.75

Fr. Gagnier's Special Christmas Env. \$ 500.00

Other income: \$ 74.40

Total **\$7,690.15**

Accounts Payable

Monroe County Catholic Schools: \$9,000.00

Diocesan Invoices \$9,000.00

Operating Expenses \$9,000.00

Year to operating date income \$115,075.59

Year to operating date expenses \$118,420.56

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: OLM Bi-weekly payroll, OLM's portion of HNoJ's salaries, \$362 to Greene Acres for Christmas décor, Deacon Dick's salary

The God of Second Chances

A couple of Sundays ago, one of my fourth graders told me that he need only come to Church until he was 18 years old. I did learn, through the course of the conversation, that he was speaking only of his need to attend religious education classes and was somewhat comforted by his implied recognition of the need to attend youth group through his senior year of High School. However, it did remind me that we must constantly emphasize the need for continued faith formation.

I can't describe the shock on this young face when I told him that no one ever graduates from the School of Religion. He will never graduate. I have not graduated. Even Fr. Gagnier has not graduated from the School of Religion. Believe me—this child's eyes were much larger than when he had first entered the classrooms. I bet some of yours have increased in size, too.

In that vein, let me take this opportunity to inform you of some new DVDs and materials that you may borrow to further your own adult faith formation. If you would like to borrow a copy of one of these presentations, please contact me (621-6343 x32).

- The Diocese of Rochester has produced these six DVDs
 - Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, presented by Joan Workmaster
 - The Gospel of John, presented by Fr. Georger Heyman
 - Scripture in Daily Life presented by Sr. Karen Dietz, SSJ
 - Principles of Social Justice, presented by Ruth Putnam Marchetti
 - The Virtue of Chastity, presented by Fr. William Gaf
 - Sports and Spirituality, presented by Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Please do not dismiss this last video. Even if your sole exercise is the digital usage of your TV remote, this DVD does an excellent job of discussing how we can improve our relationship with God through some of the same lessons we learn through participation and/or observation of sports.

In addition, a parishioner provided me with a DVD entitled "The Mass Explained" (Fr. Liam Cary) and a phenomenal little booklet with the same title (by Mons. James Moroney). The booklet does the impossible. It describes the history of Mass, its underlying meaning and the need for our full participation in less than 100 easily read pages. I cannot sufficiently emphasize the beauty of this little booklet. Take advantage of it now!

So, why the above title for a Staff Corner discussing faith formation? Well, if you are anything like me, it is so easy to make that New Year's resolution just minutes prior to midnight and forget it even before the next dawn breaks. Here is our second chance. And what could be a better resolution than to take the time to learn more about and deepen or relationship with God. There could be no better start or purpose to this New Year.

After all, no one ever graduates from the School of Religion. No one! Ever! And that means you!

~Marie Martion, Faith Formation Director

OLM Liturgy Assignments

January 10	5:30PM	9:00AM
Lector	Jim Spina	Marina Infantino
Ministers of Communion	Frankie Spina	Mike Tyrrell
	Dorothy Janczak	Sharon Neu Collins
		Don Schmitt
		Donna Sciortino
		Carol Smalle
		Agnes Veness
Song Leaders	Donna	Beth
Altar Servers		Tom Kurmis
Greeters	McCrones	Catherine Dunn
Sacristans	John McCrone	Ann LaDonna
Rosary Leader (after mass)		Agnes Veness
Church Linens	Anne Heyer	
Breakfast	Set up: Ellsworths	Clean up: Neus



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

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." ~Maya Angelou

It has been a standing joke between Deacon Dick and I that whenever there was opening in the staff corner line up, I was going to write one! Well, here it is.

In October of 2005, I entered church and took a bulletin first, not something I would usually do. I sat down and skimmed through it and I noticed the parish office was looking for a new secretary. I had recently gone back to work after being laid off from the jewelry industry where I had been employed for 21 years. I was currently working in the Arcadia Middle school kitchen but the secretarial position caught my interest.

I made a call to Michelle Andrews Smith and asked her exactly what it entailed. She went to Gary and promised to "be good" for a month if he would hire me. Well, maybe more like a week or two tops!

On November 7, 2005 I was hired as the parish secretary of Our Lady of Mercy Church. I didn't know it then but what a gift had been given to me that day. I came into some difficult times in my personal life within the first four months of my employment. It was here in the comfort of my office surrounded by my extended family that I was able to be, "just Connie" in whatever form that was. It was the loving kindness of Gary, Dick, Michelle and David that brought me through that period in my life and I will forever be thankful to all of them for their unwavering love and support.

One of the richest blessings I have received from working here is the ever present and coveted Mercy warmth. You, my parish family is well known throughout the diocese and community for your compassion, spirituality and the true meaning behind our mission statement, "a warm, welcoming, Catholic faith community..."

So it is with a heavy heart that I inform all of you that I have accepted a full time secretarial position outside of the Diocese of Rochester with Sleep Insights and I will be starting that journey on January 4, 2010. Fr. Gagnier has graciously accepted my offer to remain on as bookkeeper working in the evening hours a couple of nights per week. I am grateful.

I have truly enjoyed serving all of you. I will carry the spirit of Mercy in my heart. I will forever remember the kindness and generosity of all of you, her people and strive to continue the compassion of Our Lady of Mercy Church in my own life.

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you,
~Connie

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all the volunteers who took the time out from their busy schedules to deliver Christmas plants to some of our parishioners who are shut-ins, some who are in nursing homes, some recovering from illness and some who just recently lost a dear one.

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank Pat DiVincenzo, Polly Gugino, Mary & Bernie Horton, Ann & Jim LaDonna, Shirley Locke, Gloria & Lou Mattiucci, Helen Mercier, Celine & Harold Redmond, Lois Schleich, Donna Sciortino, Kathleen & Bill Staub, Jean Summers, Judy Switzer and Bill & Agnes Veness.

We also would like to thank Joe Mercier who for many years has made and printed the cards that were with the plants at Christmas and Easter.

Many thanks to all!

The Giving Tree

Many thanks from the Social Ministry Committee for your generous donations of gift cards for our final Giving Tree.

Because of your generous response, the families aided by the Sisters of Mercy/Andrews Center were assisted in enjoying a Merry Christmas.

Another example of the Mercy Spirit!

Going south?

If you are leaving us for the winter months please contact the office and let us know when you will be leaving and your expected return month.

This way we can help cut down on the amount of extra postage we have to pay to the envelope company for non forwarded offertory envelopes. These are sent bulk mail and do not get forwarded. Thank you!

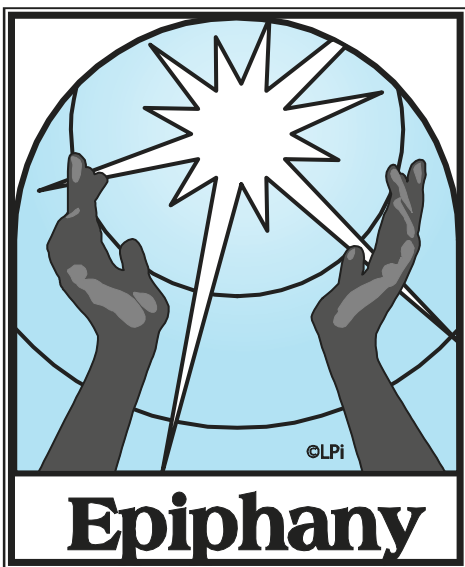
Are you His messenger?

Following the star, the magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem in search of the newborn king. When they found him they prostrated themselves and gave Jesus homage. God's glory was revealed to them through a tiny baby. It was revealed to all nations and for all generations. We have been made coheirs in the promise of Jesus Christ through the gospel. As such, it is ours to share with those around us. Our Church needs people who are dedicated to spreading the good news and the promise of Jesus as a way of life. Consider a rewarding life in ministry to the Church – lay ecclesial, ordained, or religious life. **Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations**

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

A warm that thank you to Mary Horton, Gloria Mattiucci, John McCrone, Jean Berry, David Shufelt, Connie LaRocque and Deacon Dick for their assistance in decorating our lovely church for Christmas.

We decided to add some different things this year and it truly turned out beautifully.



First Eucharist Workshop I

If your child has already prepared for First Penance and would like to receive his or her First Eucharist this Spring 2010, please **register now**. The first workshop will take place in the Parish Center at Holy Name of Jesus (15 St. Martin's Way) on January 23, 2010 at 10AM. Parents AND child **must attend** this workshop. If you have not yet registered or if you have any questions, please contact Marie Marton (621-6343x32)

Confirmation 2010

If your youth is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring 2010, please **register now**. The first workshop is scheduled for January 30, 2010. It will take place in the Parish Center at Holy Name of Jesus (15 St. Martin's Way) at 10AM. The **parents must attend** this workshop. The youth need not attend. If you have not yet registered or if you have questions, please contact Marie Marton (621-6343x32) **as soon as possible**.

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