

January 9 & 10, 2010

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 9
 5:30 Dante Fragassi by The Dauksha Family
Sunday, January 10-The Baptism of the Lord
 9:00 Marianne Meagher McCabe by Parents
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus
Monday, January 11
 8:00 No Mass Fr. Away
Tuesday, January 12
 8:00 No Mass Fr. Away
Wednesday, January 13
 9:00 Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday, January 14
 9:00 Holy Name of Jesus
Friday, January 15
 6:30 PM Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday, January 16
 4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus
 5:30 For All those dealing with a serious illness
Sunday, January 17
 9:00 People of Parish
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, January 10
 Breakfast after masses
 8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation
 10:15 AM Rosary
Monday, January 11
Tuesday, January 12
 9:30 AM Scripture Reflection
 7:00 PM AA Meeting
Wednesday, January 14
 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
Thursday, January 15
Friday, January 16
Saturday, January 17
Sunday, January 18
 Breakfast after mass
 8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation
 10:15 AM Rosary

Social Ministry Committee

Our January meeting will be at 7:00pm at Sue Clements home. Please give her a call and let her know whether or not you will be able to attend.

This is **National Vocation Awareness Week**. How fitting that the week begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his public expression of the life that God the Father had called him to. In much the same way, each of us is called by nature of our own baptism to publicly live our life as a sign of God's love in the world. We do that through many different vocations – married and single life, ordained and religious life. Let us pray in a special way this week for all holy vocations. Let us also pray that women and men will generously answer God's call to the religious life and ordained priesthood to serve our local church.
Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/
 vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations

OLM-Statistics Report-January 2 & 3

Attendance:	5:30-34	9:00-96	Total-130
<u>Collection Report</u>			
Sunday Envelopes:			\$3,830.00
Sunday Loose:			\$ 47.00
Average envelope: (82)		\$47.28	
Fr. Gagnier's Special envelope			\$ 95.00
Solemnity of Mary collection			\$ 711.00
Attendance: 9:00-79			
Christmas envelopes			\$ 160.00
Courier Journal collection			\$ 241.00
Other income:			\$ 250.15
Total			\$5,334.15
<u>Accounts Payable</u>			
Monroe County Catholic Schools:			\$8,000.00
Diocesan Invoices old PSIP			\$8,000.00
Current PSIP bill			\$8,000.00
Operating Expenses			\$1,120.93
Year to date operating income			\$121,944.40
Year to date operating expenses			\$117,786.75

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: Deacon Dick's salary, \$1000 against old PSIP, \$1000 against current PSIP, \$1000 against old MCCS, \$82 for plants to shut ins, \$3.24 maintenance supplies, \$ 362 Green Acres for Christmas plants, \$8.50 for gas for tractor, \$186.00 Ciacci's for Martha Ministry

Staff Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to all who are helping us reach our CMA goal again this year.

This weekend I will be heading to California for the Winter Institute of the International Institute for Clergy Formation, sponsored by Seton Hall University.

Seton Hall, in New Jersey was founded by a priest of the Newark Diocese named Fr. Bernard McQuaid. He was named in 1868 to be the first bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, a position he held for over 40 years.

I will return on Saturday January 23.

~Father Gagnier

OLM Liturgy Assignments

January 17	5:30PM	9:00AM
Lector	Patricia Amato	Joe Mercier
Ministers of Communion	Bill Marchetti	Helen Mercier
	Katy Marchetti	Katie Strong Blind
		Carol Ferro
		Anne Heyer
		Marina Infantino
		Shauna Andrychuk
Song Leaders	Jennifer	Donna
Altar Servers		Matthew Clements
Greeters	Inzanas	Agnes Veness
Sacristans	Kathy Inzana	Barbara Gerardi
Rosary Leader (after mass)		Marilyn Napieralski
Church Linens	Ruth Vit	
Breakfast	Set up: Ellsworths	Clean up: Mattiuccis

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

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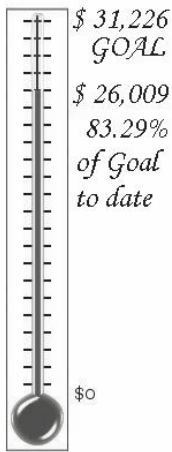
52 Ways to be an Evangelizer in the Catholic Church (Implicit Faith/Explicit Proclamation)

There are numerous ways for us to live out our baptismal call to discipleship, and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to others. Some are implicit expressions of our faith (for example: we create a peaceful atmosphere at work) some are explicit proclamations (we offer to pray for and with a friend). This resource gives concrete expression to a few of the ways ordinary people live out their faith and invite others to join them. Perhaps you could try one of these ideas once a week for the next year. Or try several each week along with the rest of your family. Whatever you choose to do, share with family and friends the impact each experience had on you, on your community, and most especially on your faith. Together with hundreds of others in the Diocese of Rochester, plan to be an evangelizer. Use your gifts to further the mission of all the baptized – “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matt 28:19)

Reception of Communion

You have probably noticed that Eucharistic Ministers are now washing their hands before distributing Communion because of the H1N1 and regular flu. We suggest the following steps as additional ways of combating the spread of flu: at the sign of peace please consider using a nod or other friendly gesture instead of a handshake; also, please consider receiving Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue and remember that the host is never to be dipped into the consecrated wine.

1. Keep a Bible on your desk at work – be ready to say why you read it.
2. Someone says, “I’m having surgery”. You respond, “I will keep you and the surgical team in my prayers”.
3. Teach your children the prayers of our faith tradition.
4. Volunteer at the soup kitchen and prayerfully reflect on the people you meet.
5. Share with a friend how God is at work in your life.
6. Invite a neighbor to join your prayer group.
7. Bring Holy Communion to the sick or homebound.
8. Help with Vacation Bible School at your parish.
9. Offer to be a sponsor for the RCIA process.
10. Greet people at the Sunday mass with enthusiasm and sincere joy.
11. Attend a lecture or workshop on an aspect of the Catholic faith.
12. Visit with a shut-in and listen to their stories. Offer to pray with them.
13. Join or start a Bible study group for, and with, your neighboring parishes.
14. Create a peaceful atmosphere at work.
15. Be a mentor for new parents.
16. Pray with Scripture regularly.
17. Offer to volunteer your expertise with emerging technology within the parish.
18. Buy extra groceries and give them to the local Food pantry.
19. Answer the phone cheerfully.
20. Volunteer in Youth ministry activities.
21. Read the local paper. Identify and respond to community needs.
22. Organize a voter registration drive at your parish.
23. Offer to be a faith-filled witness to Catholic marriage on the parish pre-cana team.
24. Join the local ecumenical group. Learn about another’s beliefs and share your Catholic beliefs with others.
25. Be nice to others, especially those who are not nice to you. When someone asks why, pass on the faith.
26. Support a local campus ministry program.
27. Ask your parish Social Ministry committee for the needs of the community; respond as you are able.
28. Pray with your family and friends before meals.
29. Tell your child a story about a time when you learned something about Jesus.
30. Invite your family and friends to come to Mass and the other sacraments with you.
31. Listen with empathy and your full attention.
32. Speak out against someone who uses racist or hurtful language.
33. Offer to teach in a religious education class in your parish.
34. Treat everyone you meet with kindness and respect.
35. Talk with your coworkers about a movie that helped you learn something new about your understanding of God at work in your life.
36. Examine how you live as a disciple. Challenge yourself to do more.
37. Ask your parents to describe the day you were baptized and what it meant to them.
38. Spend time with a friend who just needs you to listen.
39. Seek out the homebound members of your community and offer to help them.
40. Give your child some helpful language so that he or she can be part of peacemaking with friends.
41. Try a new form of prayer to expand your devotional experiences.
42. Reach out to someone who is struggling with the challenges that face them. Offer to help.
43. Visit a member of your faith community who is in the hospital.
44. Learn about another group’s perspective on peace. Reflect on your own.
45. Renew your baptismal promises with your family once a month.
46. Be a good example of sportsmanship, and connect your attitude with your understanding of Jesus.
47. Read and discuss a document of the Second Vatican Council with your pastoral leader.
48. Explore the devotional practices of Catholics from other parts of the world.
49. Stand up to a bully who is hurting someone else.
50. Use your gift of a second language to be a translator of words and our faith.
51. Enter a field of work that is compatible with your life as a disciple.
52. Commit to sharing a part of the Gospel narrative with someone.



**Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Catholic Ministries Appeal Report
180 Donors = \$26,009.00 = 83.29%
Average gift: \$144.49 GOAL: \$31,226
We have four new donors so far this year, who
have given a total of \$870.00**

The Eleventh List

Catherine Strong Blind	Eugena Pollot
Norwood & Bev Flann	Donna Sciortino
Anne Heyer	Fred C. Shank
Michael LaFranca	
John Mclean, Jr.	
Nancy Park	
Donald & Norleen Perrotto	
Eugena Pollot	

Parish Office Changes

We welcome Christine McNally as our new part time office secretary. Office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to noon. You can reach Fr. Gagnier or Deacon Dick at any time at the telephone numbers on the cover of the bulletin.

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