



February 6 & 7, 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.*

### Pastoral Staff

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### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM-12:00 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.*

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, February 6**

4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
 5:30 Frank Pearl by Bernie & Mary Horton

**Sunday, February 7**

9:00 Marie McDonnell by Gretchen & Tom Kozlowski  
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**Monday, February 8**

8:00 Deceased Family members of Helen & Joe Mercier by Helen & Joe

**Tuesday, February 9**

8:00 For all Service Men & Women

**Wednesday, February 10**

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**Thursday, February 11**

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**Friday, February 12**

6:30 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

**Saturday, February 13**

4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus  
 5:30 Yesmin Falcipieri by Evelyn & Mark Bailey

**Sunday, February 14**

9:00 For Deceased & Living Members of OLM & HNoJ  
 10:30 Hoffman Baptism  
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

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

**Sunday, February 7**

Breakfast after mass  
 8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation  
 Rosary after 9:00 mass  
 12:00 PM 26 Week Club Pizza Party

**Monday, February 8**

7:00 PM AA Meeting

**Tuesday, February 9**

9:30 AM Scripture Reflection

**Wednesday, February 10**

**Thursday, February 11**

**Friday, February 12**

**Saturday, February 13**

**Sunday, February 14**

Breakfast after mass  
 8:00 AM-8:30 Individual Reconciliation  
 Rosary after 9:00 Mass

**OLM-Statistics Report-Jan 30 & 31**

Attendance: 5:30- 55 9:00- 163 Total- 218

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2883.75
Sunday Loose:	\$ 130.00
Average envelope: (99)	\$29.13
Other income:	\$ 181.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3195.00</b>

Accounts Payable

Old Monroe County Catholic Schools:	\$8000.00
Old PSIP	\$8000.00
Current PSIP	\$8000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ -0-
Year to date operating income	\$138348.90
Year to date operating expenses	\$141432.80

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: \$54.90 Maynard for light bulbs, bi weekly and bi monthly salaries to HNoJ, \$291.90 Frontier Phone

# Staff Corner

I have received some questions and comments about a homily in which I was critical of a nationally known TV evangelist for saying that the earthquakes in Haiti were God’s punishment for Haitians having struck a pact with the devil to drive out the French from their country several hundred years ago. I would like to expand on my remarks.

The “pact” that is mentioned is first of all, a folk tale, a story that exists in the realm of fantasy. Second, it is something that could not have happened because “pacts with the devil” are the stuff of childish minds.

Even more, to suggest that God would send death and devastation on the Haitians or anyone because of the sins of their ancestors is arrogant, illogical and decidedly unchristian. This understanding is a hallmark of the so-called “prosperity Gospel” that is gaining acceptance in some circles. This belief is based on a simplistic notion that God rewards those whom he loves and punishes those whom he does not love. In this understanding, those people who are healthy, happy and successful in amassing material wealth are those who are loved by God. As for those who are unhealthy, unhappy and materially poor, well, they are being punished because they are sinners and God doesn’t love them. This is so wrong, so many ways.

This understanding is also the product of a naïve and childish understanding of the Bible. It sees the Bible as a history book and misunderstands both the creation and development of the Bible. It flies in the face of serious, mature Biblical understanding and it too is patently and unequivocally unchristian. The heart of the Good News is that God loves each of us; who we are and where we are. This TV evangelist could not be more wrong.

Speaking of Biblical understanding, Fr. Gagnier will be leading a Bible study on the Letter to the Hebrews this Lent. In addition, I will be leading a Bible study on the Book of the Prophet Isaiah later in the year. The dates have yet to be set. The better we understand the Bible, the better we understand God’s will for us and our relationship with others. Please plan to set aside one evening a week during Lent to attend.

In the same vein, I’d like to take this opportunity to let you know that Rose Marie and I will be leading another trip to the Holy Land in January 2011. We don’t have an exact date yet because we are working on the itinerary. I deeply believe that every Christian who is financially and physically able should go the land of Jesus’ birth. This will be my fourth trip and I am as excited about it as I was about my first trip. There will be additional information in upcoming bulletins.

Deacon Dick.

## OLM Liturgy Assignments

<b>February 13 &amp; 14</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Lector	Bill Marchetti	Tom Kurmis
Ministers of Communion	Katy Marchetti	Marilyn Napieralski
	Jim Spina	Sharon Neu Collins
		Helen Mercier
		Joe Mercier
		Carol Smalle
		Shauna Andrychuk
Song Leaders		
Altar Servers		Cecilia Hoskins
Greeters	Mike Tyrrell	Catherine Dunn
Sacristans	Kathy Inzana	Dawn Tortorice
Rosary Leader (after mass)		Helen Mercier
Church Linens	Anne Heyer	
Breakfast	Set up: Ellsworths	Clean up: Neus

**Your Parish Pastoral Council  
contact for**

### We Thank You

This week we would like to recognize and honor the FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP Committees. The Finance Committee has had a pretty stressful year considering all that has transpired because of the closing of our parish. This year they prepared the annual budgets, reviewed the parish income and expenditures on a monthly basis, audited the monthly bank reconciliation, prepared quarterly financial statements for the parish and advised the pastor on financial matters. Wow! Members of this committee are John Inzana, Bill & Katy Marchetti (chairs) and Kathy Muller.

The Stewardship Committee organized and coordinated the parish re-registration campaign, prepared the "Opportunities for Stewardship" booklet, conducted the volunteer sign-up effort and maintained the Stewardship Kiosk in the narthex to recognize our volunteers and parish committees and the work they do. Have you ever stopped by and looked at the pictures of our busy parish volunteers? Members of this committee are: Bill Marchetti, Katy Marchetti(chair), Kathleen Merritt, Ed Mroczek and Tom Walkowitz.

### Journeys' Calendar of Events January-February 2010

**February 13:** Dinner at Chipolte Mexican Grill (640 Jefferson Rd) at 5PM. Cost: price of your meal. RSVP to Noreen by 2/3.

**February 20:** Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at Holy Name of Jesus from 5:30-8:30PM.

**February 21:** Monthly Meeting at Holy Name of Jesus, 1:30PM. Questions? Call Noreen (663-5516) or Tom (469-5281).

### *A Ministry to Catholic Women*

Magnificat is not an organization to join, but an opportunity to come together to share a meal, hear another woman's witness, and grow in holiness. All women are welcome.

Please come and join us on Saturday morning, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15am, at the **Diplomat** on 1956 Lyell Ave in Gates. Amy Dorscheid, Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation, at Light of Christ Church in Rochester is the guest speaker.

Tickets \$15.00; Post marked after 2/27 \$20.00;

Student \$10.00; Clergy and Religious free. For more information, or to make reservations, call Kathy Murty at 436-1284.

**PLEASE NOTE: Date of March 6<sup>th</sup> is a correction from previous bulletins.**

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

Next week will be our annual Public Policy Weekend for the Diocese of Rochester. Please read the note below and prayerfully consider signing the postcards for Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

In today's second reading St. Paul reminds us "... If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." Next week we can respond with love to immigrants to by signing postcards to our legislators that read: *I am a concerned constituent and agree with the U.S. Catholic bishops that the U.S. immigration system is flawed and is in need of repair. I ask that this year you support immigration reform legislation that keeps immigrant families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status register with the government and begin a path toward citizenship. Our families and communities cannot wait!*

**Holy Land Trip**

Deacon Dick and Rose Marie Lombard will be leading another trip to the Holy Land in January of 2011. They invite you to join them as they walk where Jesus walked, experiencing the sights and sounds of the Holy Land in a way that will change your life. Watch this space for more information in the upcoming weeks.

**Building Peace with Justice**

In each of today's readings, God's prophets, first Isaiah, then Paul, then Peter profess their sinfulness yet show how God worked through them despite, or perhaps because, of that sinfulness. God, being fully aware of our weaknesses, calls each of us to do God's work in the world, providing the gifts we need. How can you be a light to the world, bringing a much-needed dose of love and concern especially towards those of the fringes of society: immigrants, the poor, prisoners?

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