



September 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.

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OLM website at: www.mercygreece.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

We close for lunch between 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

*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

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

Weekday Masses at Our Lady of Mercy

Monday and Tuesday: 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday: 5:00 PM and Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses at Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM and Friday at 6:30 PM

See inside bulletin for this week's Mass times.

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: By appointment

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, September 5

5:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, September 6-Twenty-third Sunday

8:00 Helen Kloc by good friend, Mrs. Otilie Taylor

9:30 Louis Figenschel by Janet Kantor & Family

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Monday, September 7

8:00 No Mass

Tuesday, September 8-Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:00 No Mass

Wednesday, September 9-Pete Claver, priest

9:00 Communion service at Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, September 10

9:00 Communion service at Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, September 11

6:30 Communion service at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, September 12

5:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, September 13-Twenty-fourth Sunday

8:00 Trovato Family by Family

9:30 Norah Scalzo by Family

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, September 6

Breakfast after masses

9:00 AM Rosary

9:30 AM Liturgy & Baptisms

(D' Armiento Children)

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, September 7

Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday

7:30 PM Woman's AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 PM Social Ministry Committee

at Shirley Locke's

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

10:00 AM Sacrament of First Penance Workshop

Sunday, September 13

Breakfast after masses

9:00 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

OLM-Statistics Report- 8/23

Attendance: 8:00-104 9:30-161 Total-265

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$3,336.75

Sunday Loose: \$ 211.00

Average envelope: (115) \$29.02

Other income: Assumption \$ 56.00

Total **\$3,129.00**

Accounts Payable

06-08 Monroe County Catholic Schools: \$ 9,000.00

07-08 PSIP (Insurance) bill \$ 9,000.00

***Current** PSIP bill \$13,000.00

Diocesan Invoices \$ -0-

Operating Expenses \$ -0-

Year to date income \$37,128.50

Year to date cash disbursements \$10,064.99

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: HNoJ \$13.96 maintenance supplies, HNoJ Biweekly/bi-monthly salaries, Integrity Energy \$210.91, OLM biweekly salaries

OLM-Statistics Report- 8/30

Attendance: 8:00-104 9:30-161 Total-265

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,796.00

Sunday Loose: \$ 208.00

Average envelope: (115) \$24.31

Other income: Assumption & Rent \$ 125.00

Total **\$3,129.00**

Year to date income \$40,257.50

Year to date cash disbursements \$10,064.99

Thank you for your generosity!

Attention Social Ministry Committee

The first Social Ministry Committee meeting for the fall season will be **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM**. It will take place at the home of Shirley Locke. Please call Shirley if you plan to attend.

Holy Name of Jesus Statistics 8/29-30

Attendance: 5:00pm—141 11am—198 Total: 340

Sunday Offering Envelopes.....\$ 4,590.10

“ “ Loose money.....\$ 244.00

Average envelope: \$32.32 (142)

Other Income.....\$ 831.65

Total\$ 5,665.75

Accounts Payable

Catholic Schools 2005-2007.....\$29,000.00

Diocesan Invoices (current)..... -0-

Operating Expense..... -0-

Fiscal year to date (July 1) income.....\$62,549.06

Fiscal year to date (July 1) expenses.....\$40,471.70

Thank you for your generosity! *This week we paid: GIA (music) \$171.45; SOR xps \$51.68; extra priest \$116; Sacristy Supplies ie candles etc \$679; Frontier \$21.56*

Staff Corner

I am writing this early Tuesday morning. We have been in our new apartment since Sunday afternoon. We thought we were going to move into the rectory but that fell through at the last moment and we were lucky to find a nice apartment on short notice. With the help of our family and friends we are totally moved in and maybe 75% unpacked. Rose Marie and I are very grateful for all the help we have received. I have been joking that the last time we moved was 34 years ago and I have been able to expunge that experience from my memory. In truth, now that it is all over, this moving wasn't all that bad, kind of like a visit to the dentist; not pleasant but necessary and definitely nice to get it behind you.

I am looking forward to our parish picnic on the 20th of September. This will be a real old fashioned picnic, the admission price is a dish to pass and a smile, and the dish to pass is optional. This will be a bittersweet occasion, as will many other occasions in the time we have left. It is certainly true that the only constant in life is change. Whatever form that change takes, we can fight it or mourn it or make the best of it; it's going to happen anyway and the only thing we have control over is how we deal with it.

Summer is almost over; the busyness of the fall season is just around the corner. I hope sometime in the next few weeks to set up a Sunday afternoon, and maybe an evening during the week, to show "Doubt", the highly acclaimed movie about the dispute between a parish priest and the religious sister in charge of the parish school over the priest's relationship with a troubled student. I have seen the movie and the play and I was very impressed. We can have popcorn and soft drinks and spend time discussing our reactions to the story. I think that you will agree that the movie's title, "Doubt", is well chosen.

I am looking forward to the upcoming weekend, in large part because at our 9:30 Mass we will be welcoming three members of the D'Armiento family into the Church. What a joy for this family and our parish! God is good!

*Peace,
~Deacon Dick*

OLM Liturgy Assignments

September 13	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Lector	Mary Ann Mulhern	Joe Mercier
Ministers of Communion	Dorothy Janczak	Helen Mercier
	Julie Johnson	Don Schmitt
	Marion McCrone	Donna Sciortino
	Ann LaDonna	Fred Shank
	Mike LaFranca	Mike Tyrrell
	Marilyn Napieralski	Carol Ferro
Song Leaders	Beth Scirratta	Jennifer Hoskins
Altar Servers	Tom Kurmis	Cecilia Hoskins
Greeters	McCrones	Christine McNally
Sacristans	John McCrone	Barbara Gerardi
Rosary Leader	Marilyn Napieralski	
Church Linens	Ruth Vit	
Children's Liturgy Leader		
Breakfast	set up: Kathy Ciplys	clean up: Mattiucci & Pschierer

\$50-Week Club Winners #10

\$25.00 Don Schmitt
 \$15.00 Tara Liddell
 \$10.00 Rosemary Szozda
 Numbers drawn by Polly Gugino

Faith Formation Registration

A number of letters have been sent home over the course of this Spring and Summer concerning the need to register for Faith Formation. Please remember to contact Marie Marton (621-6343 x32) once you have registered with a program so that your child's records can document this information. If you are new to the parish and have not received one of these letters contact Marie Marton.

Last Week for School Supplies For Needy Children

Once again the Social Ministry Committee is asking for help with donations of school supplies for the needy children in the Mt. Carmel parish.

We have helped them the past two years and the families of these children are so appreciative.

Items needed are backpacks, pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, rulers, wide-ruled paper, composition books, pocket folders, erasers and any other items you may think of.

We will have a large box in the narthex to collect these items.

Once again we thank you in advance for your generosity!

First Penance

Is your child ready to receive his or her first penance? If so, a parent must attend a parents' workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 10AM. This workshop will prepare the parents of children registered at Holy Name of Jesus, Our Lady of Mercy, and St. John the Evangelist Parishes. It will take place at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center (15 St. Martin's Way). If you have any questions or if you need a registration form, please contact Marie Marton (621-6343 x32). If your child is intending to receive either First Eucharist or Confirmation over the course of this year, your child must first be prepared to receive his or her First Penance. Your child must also be registered with and attending either Catholic School or religious education classes.

Galatians 5:6:

"The only thing that counts is faith working through love."

Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander. *Script from Holocaust Museum*

Men's Retreat

It is time to make plans for the Annual Men's Retreat. The men of Our Lady of Mercy Parish are scheduled for a retreat on the weekend of September 25-27 at Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Canandaigua Lake.

Retreat theme for 2009 is: Be All You Can Be: Holy! Come discover why one would want to strive for Holiness and how it can enrich everyday living. Reboot...Re-energize...Rediscover all you are called to be! The first of four talks at the Retreat is about "Why should I want to be Holy? The second of four talks is about Holiness as the Mark of the Church".

For more information about the retreat or to make a reservation call Al Bertman(865-1700) or Fred Amato (621-5605).

Opening Date for School of Religion

The School of Religion for all children in grades K-6 will start on Sunday, September 27, 2009. All classes will be held in the Parish Center at Holy Name of Jesus and will run from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. There will be a parent information meeting held in that same location at the same time. Please plan to attend as you will receive much information relating to the coming year and the celebration of the Sacraments.

Journeys' In September

Journeys' is a group of local single Catholic adults aged 21 and older sharing and developing their faith and friendships by participating in social and church activities.

Sept. 11-13: Camping Weekend/Dinner Bonfire at Webster Park

Sept. 19: Movie Matinee at Becky's home (228 Wood Rd) at 1:00 PM.

Sept. 20: Monthly Meeting and fellowship at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center at 1:30 PM.

Sept. 24: Monthly dinner at PF Chang's China Bistro (820 Eastview Mall). Meet at 7:00 PM.

Sept. 27: Bowling at AMF Dewey Gardens (4470 Dewey Ave.). 2 hours unlimited bowling, pizza and fountain drinks starting at 1:00PM.

Building Peace with Justice

In today's reading from Isaiah we hear reassuring words for those whose hearts are frightened: "Be strong, fear not!" In July, Baltimore Archbishop Edmund O'Brien, previously Archbishop for the U.S. Military Diocese, spoke on nuclear disarmament at the 2009 Deterrence Symposium sponsored by the U.S. Strategic Command.

"It will not be easy. Nuclear weapons can be dismantled, but both the human knowledge and the technical capability to build weapons cannot be undone. A world with zero nuclear weapons will need robust measures to monitor, enforce and verify compliance. The path to zero will be long and treacherous. But humanity must walk this path with both care and courage in order to build a future free of the nuclear threat."

Reflection: Respecting the life and dignity of all human beings requires the courage to defend life even when we fear for ourselves. Can you be a defender of life by working for nuclear disarmament?

Parish Picnic Save the Date!!!

Our 52nd Anniversary Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Stay tuned for a special surprise about this years picnic!

Registration Forms are in the bulletin and the Narthex. Please stop and fill one out.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY'S
52nd ANNIVERSARY PICNIC RESERVATION**

**FAMILY
NAME** _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

AGES _____

Reservations MUST be submitted by Tuesday, September 15th. You may drop the reservation in the Collection Basket or at the Rectory..... Come Join the Fun!!!!!!

Our picnic will be on Sunday, September 20th in the Parish Hall. It will begin at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. There is no charge. We ask they you sign up to bring "a dish to pass". Sign up sheets are in Narthex. There will be good music, raffles and much, much fun!!!!!!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Beginning January 11 2010, Fr. Gary Tyman and Sr. Sue Hoffman, SSJ will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **An informational meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM at St. Anne Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. The cost of the 10 day trip is under \$2500 per person, double occupancy (including airfare from Rochester, hotels, breakfast and dinner, tour bus, guide, admittance fees, and "cancel for any reason" travel insurance).

Matthew 6:11-12

"Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are anger and courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are. -St. Augustine

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