

September 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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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 12

5:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, September 13

8:00 Trovato Family by Family

9:30 Norah Scalzo by Family

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Monday, September 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Hilda & Wayne Smythe by Family

Tuesday, September 15-Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Lawrence Koen by Dorothy Brophy

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, September 17

9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, September 18

6:30 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, September 19

5:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, September 20

8:00 Judy Grygrowych by Aunt

9:30 Michael A. Pusateri by Father & Mother

11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, September 13

Breakfast after masses

9:00 AM Rosary

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy

Monday, September 13

7:30 PM Women's AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 15

Thursday, September 16

Friday, September 17

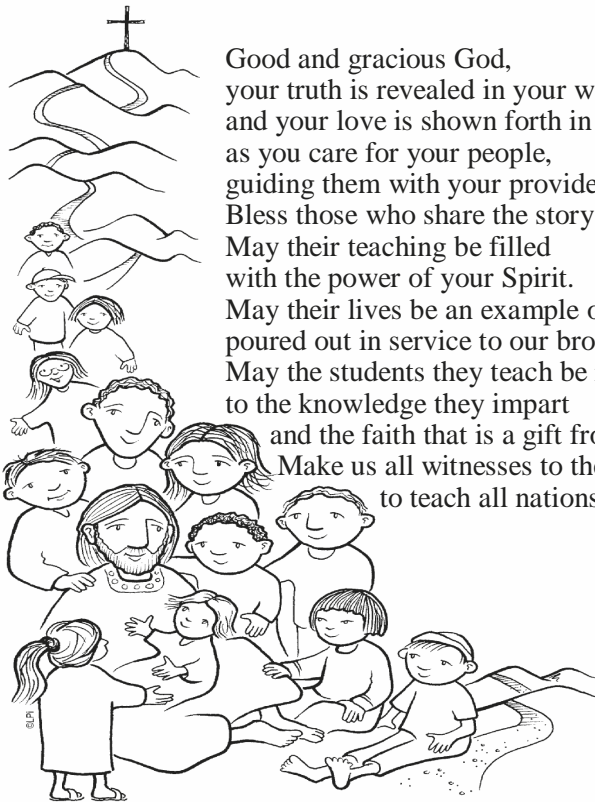
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Sunday, September 19

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9:30 AM Children's Liturgy



Good and gracious God,
your truth is revealed in your word,
and your love is shown forth in your mighty acts

as you care for your people,
guiding them with your providential care.

Bless those who share the story of our faith.

May their teaching be filled
with the power of your Spirit.

May their lives be an example of love
poured out in service to our brothers and sisters.

May the students they teach be receptive
to the knowledge they impart

and the faith that is a gift from you.

Make us all witnesses to the command of your Son
to teach all nations until he comes again.

~Amen!

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**Your Parish Pastoral Council
contact for September is:
Sue Pratt
865-2241 or email
spratt@frontiernet.net**

Faith Formation News/Updates

By the time you read this little update, I am sure that many of our parents are knee deep in notebooks and ball point pens; having already prepared for the start of the new school year. Well, it is also time to start preparing for the beginning of faith formation as well. I figured now would be a good time to let you know what is going on at the different parishes so that you can be all set for the beginning of this year.

I will be directing Faith Formation at three parishes this year: Holy Name of Jesus, Our Lady of Mercy and St. John the Evangelist Church. Let me just start out by giving you my contact information. My regular hours are Sunday (usually mornings) as well as Monday through Thursday. It is easiest to reach me via telephone at 621-6343x32 or e-mail at mmarton@dor.org. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of any assistance with respect to your faith journey, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me a line.

In a nutshell, these parishes will be working together to provide faith formation for the children and youth in Grades K-12th. All of the children and youth will work together in preparing for their Sacraments (First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation), though they will celebrate their Sacraments in their own parish (with the exception of Confirmation, celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral). Adult Faith Formation opportunities, such as Bible Studies and Parent Information Meetings, will be offered over the course of the year and all are welcome, regardless of your particular parish of registration.

All of the youth in grades 7-12, from all three of the above named parishes, will be meeting together for Youth Group at St. John the Evangelist Church on alternating Sunday Nights. Dan Anderson will be leading the Youth Group with the assistance of Lena and John Cardone, Anne Christiano, Cheryl Watt, and Ken Whitney. I believe it is going to be a very exciting year for our **Junior and Senior High Youth group**. If you have not registered or if you have registered and not already received a calendar, please contact Dan Anderson (621-6343x33).

Those children in Grades K-6 will attend regular religious education classes. The classes will be held at different times at two of the parishes.

- **Holy Name of Jesus** will hold School of Religion on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45AM in the Parish Center. **The first class is Sunday Sept. 27.**
- **St. John the Evangelist** will hold religious education classes on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM in the St. John School Building. **The first class is Monday Sept. 28.**
- Classes will not be held at **Our Lady of Mercy**. However, all parents whose children were registered at Our Lady of Mercy or who have children that should be entering K-6th Grade, have received information concerning the times and dates of religious education in our planning group. Please let me know where you have registered your child(ren). If you have not received this information, please contact me and I will help you decide on the best program for your child and family.

The children will all work together to prepare for their Sacraments. There is simply not enough space in this article to discuss the details. However, please do note that if your child is ready to prepare for and receive the **Sacrament of Penance**, the first workshop is scheduled for 10 AM on Saturday, **Sept. 12, 2009 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center**. Only the parents need be present. If your child wants to receive his or her First Eucharist or Confirmation, your child must be registered and attending a religious education program and must first be prepared for his or her First Penance.

~Marie Marton, Director of Faith Formation

September 20	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
Lector	Tom Kurmis	Don Schmitt
Ministers of Communion	JeanMarie Montalbano	Katie Blind
	Maureen Neu	Shauna Andrychuk
	Agnes Veness	Sharon Neu-Collins
	Anne Heyer	Marina Infantino
	Kathy Hunt	Mary Loughborough
	Dorothy Janczak	Lisa Neu-Posadni
Song Leaders	Donna Flann	Beth Sciaratta
Altar Servers	Annalise Piraino	Cecilia Hoskins
Greeters	Catherine Dunn	Maggios
Sacristans	Kathy Ciplys	Dawn Tortorice
Rosary Leader	Bill Eckert	
Church Linens	Anne Heyer	
Children's Liturgy Leader	Mary Eggleston	
Breakfast	set up: Ellsworths	clean up: Links

25-Week Club Winners #11

\$25.00 Lucille Leverenz

\$15.00 Clara Solan

\$10.00 Celine Redmond

Numbers drawn by Gretchen Kozlowski

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of

Lawrence Koen

By

Dorothy Brophy

Men's Retreat

There isn't much time left to make your decision to attend the Our Lady of Mercy Annual Men's Retreat on September 25-27 at Notre Dame Retreat House.

The Retreat Team looks forward to presenting this year's theme for 2009 A.D.: "Be All You Can Be: Holy!". The third of four talks is about "Holiness in the Scriptures".

Take the time. Come to Notre Dame overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. Call Al Bertman (865-1700) or Fred Amato (621-5605).

40 Days for Life

Christians throughout Rochester are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 23—November 1st. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact the local campaign coordinator at Roc40DFL@gmail.com or visit www.40DaysforLife.com/Rochester.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more.



OLM 52nd Anniversary Picnic

Come and Join Us at the Our Lady of Mercy annual picnic this year. It will be held on Sunday, September 20th in the Parish Hall starting at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. Sign up to bring a dish to pass. Sign-ups and Registrations can be done at a table in the Narthex.

Reservation MUST be submitted by Tuesday, September 15th. You may drop the reservation form in the Collection Basket or at the Rectory.

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 (621-6343x32) 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 or if you have any questions, please contact Marie Marton.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Every year, many hundreds of individuals, in our diocese alone, join the Catholic Church. There are so many that seek to become fully initiated members of our Church that the Diocese schedules at least three Rites of Election at the Sacred Heart Cathedral every year. It is an exciting and wonderful time. However, it is a process that does not happen over night. It is one that requires discernment and preparation.

We will be beginning that time of discernment and preparation very soon. Would you like to be part of it? Were you or were your children baptized, but, for whatever reason, you and/or they did not receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist, Reconciliation and/or Confirmation? Were you never Baptized into the Catholic or any Church, but you feel a need to learn more about the Catholic Church and have an interest in potentially becoming a fully initiated member of this Church? Are you a cradle Catholic, but you simply want to learn more about the Church? If you answered yes to any one of these questions, then please contact Marie Marton (621-6343x32). I would love to talk with you and we can decide whether this program might be just what you have been looking for.

Building Peace With Justice

The readings from Isaiah and Mark mention that conflict and resistance are part of the prophet's and Jesus ministry. Why are God's prophets resisted? Why do the followers of Jesus have a "cross" to bear? Could it be that those who announce God's word and follow Jesus have to stand up to the "powers to be" as they defend the dignity of the poor and vulnerable? Jesus and prophets confronted injustice in concrete terms and because of that they had enemies who resisted them.

Reflection: Are we willing to challenge the status quo and the "powers to be" when we see injustice? How does this relate to the conflict over health care reform that we are witnessing?

Opening of Youth Group for Holy Name of Jesus, Our Lady of Mercy & St. John the Evangelist

All Junior and Senior High Students registered in any of these parishes are invited to meet at St. John the Evangelist Church building for youth group this year. The classes will meet on alternating Sundays. The first class will be held on Sunday Sept. 27th. Contact Dan Anderson for details (621-6343x33).

JOURNEYS' SEPT/OCT 2009 EVENTS

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 Family Campground (999 Lake Rd). Call Noreen for details.

Sept. 19: Movie Matinee at Becky's home 1PM. Bring a snack or drink. Call Becky for details.

Sept. 19: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Holy Name of Jesus from 6:30-9:30 PM.

Sept. 20: Monthly meeting and fellowship. Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center (15 St. Martin's Way) at 1PM. Questions? Call Noreen or Tom.

Sept. 24: Monthly dinner at PF Chang's China Bistro (820 Eastview Mall). Meet at 7PM. Price is the cost of your dinner. Call Noreen to RSVP.

Sept. 27: Bowling at AMF Dewey Gardens (4470 Dewey Ave). 2 hours unlimited bowling, pizza and fountain drinks starting at 1PM. \$11.99/person. RSVP to Noreen.

Oct. 2: Monthly dinner at Delmonico's Italian Steak House (125 White Spruce Blvd.) Meet at 7PM. Cost is the price of your dinner. RSVP to Noreen by noon.

Oct. 11: Come enjoy lunch, pick some apples and a pumpkin or two at Brown's Berry Patch. We will leave from the Holy Name Parking Lot at 1PM. Cost is the price of your purchases. Call Becky for details (451-6503).

Oct. 17: WallyBall at Penfield Fitness & Racquet Club (667 Panorama Trail W.) from 6:30-9 PM. \$10 includes pizza and 2 hours of court time as well as the use of shower and whirlpool facilities. Call now! We need 6-12 people to get a court. Contact Bob (594-1704, w753-6897).

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Oct. 25: Journey monthly meeting and fellowship at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center. 1PM. Call Noreen (663-5516) or Tom (469-5281).

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