

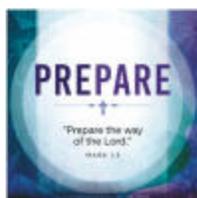
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Love God. Live in Faith.

DECEMBER 6, 2020 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dear Parishioners,

On this second Sunday of Advent, the prophet Isaiah instructs us ***“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.”*** (Isaiah 40:1). In this text, Isaiah is referring to the people of Israel who have been banished from their homeland, Jerusalem, to Babylon, because of their wayward actions. They have served their punishment for idolatry and disobedience to Yahweh and now God is inviting them out of their suffering, back to their homeland, and into a new relationship. God tells the prophet to ***“speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim that her service is at an end.”*** God will lead them out of their exile and ***“the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”*** Through a stony and treacherous journey, He will safely lead them home; to their homeland and to Himself. Isaiah’s beautiful poem parallels our Gospel reading (Mark 1:1-8) in which Isaiah’s prophecy regarding the call of John the Baptist, a messenger of God, ***“to prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths”*** is revealed.

In this season of Advent, how are we being led home to God as we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and wait for the fullness of God’s coming in our hearts and in our universe?

Of great importance, are our attitudes and actions while waiting. Being patient, alert, and watchful, bringing comfort (and might I add, joy) to others, speaking tenderly to those who suffer, mending relationships with others and with God, straightening out our path; these are what Advent calls us to as we wait for God to return when ***“the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”***

May our Advent journey be rich, bringing great hope and exquisite joy, so that we might meet Jesus with ***“clean hands and straight eyes”*** (Lakota Chief, Yellow Lark, 1887) and a pure heart.

Sister Sheila



This Advent, in order to stay connected with our parishioners, daily prayer will once again be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The prayers can be found on our parish website or Facebook page. Please also check for a weekly update from Sr. Sheila on Thursday Evenings. Please consider joining us for virtual prayer. Please also join us virtually for the Living Nativity, put together by RHYM, on December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Regarding the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord our mass schedule will be as follows:

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
3:30pm	10:00am
5:30pm	
11:30pm	

All masses will be held at St. Marianne Cope at Guardian Angels as directed by Bishop Matano and the Diocese of Rochester.

It is likely that, due to COVID-19 restriction, parishioners will be required to reserve seats for their families in order to attend mass in person. There is usually a high number of people that attend masses on the Nativity of the Lord so parish staff are asking for your patience and understanding at this time.

Please note: these plans are subject to change should the number of Coronavirus cases increase, the Town of Henrietta or Monroe County fully move into the orange zone, or if Bishop Matano directs parishes otherwise. We hope you have a blessed Advent and a very wonderful Christmas season.

Robbie



Our website:
smcrrc.org



YouTube

Weekend Mass is live streamed at 4:30pm on Saturdays then the mass is posted to our website.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 5:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

4:30PM at SMC/GA: Dorothy Wing (Moore & Gould family)

SUNDAY, December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Betty Schuth (son, Roy)

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Nancy Stacker (husband, Walt)

12:00PM at SMC/GA: John & Rev. Raynald Yudin (Judy)

Candles this week shine in memory of:

David & Ruth Beaver (brother and son)

Jean Decker (Carolyn Hahn)

William Harris (Mom & Dad)

MONDAY, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

12:10PM at SMC/GA: Fran Thorne (Leon & Viola Harris)

TUESDAY, December 8: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6; Luke 1:26-38

8:00AM at SMC/GA: John McLaughlin (Anna McLaughlin)

WEDNESDAY, December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

12:10PM at SMC/GA: Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Intentions

THURSDAY, December 10: Our Lady of Loreto

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Robert Tuttle and Fred & Florence Jay (Bernadette Tuttle)

FRIDAY, December 11: St. Damasus I, Pope

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

SATURDAY, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

4:30PM at SMC/GA: Janet Moore (Bob & Carol Bucci)

SUNDAY, December 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Margaret Kane (Keith & Karen Bock)

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Edmund Mahosky (Wife & Family)

12:00PM at SMC/GA: Jean Mercadel (Family)

Mass and Candle Intentions, scheduled for the living or deceased, can now be paid for through the WeShare program on our website. A Stipend of \$10 is requested for each Mass or Candle. To schedule a Mass or Candle, please call the office first to set the date.

Memorial Donations in memory of a loved one can also be made through WeShare. Just go to WeShare and select make payment and follow the directions. It is important that you fill out all the information so that proper acknowledgments can be made.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS; ©LPi



When we can't be together for Advent, we want to connect in a new way. We're asking anyone who would like to share a family Christmas photo to be apart of a video collection. The photo can be of your Advent Wreath, Crèche or Christmas Tree. **Submit photos to Amanda.rayburn@dor.org by December 15th to be included in the video.**

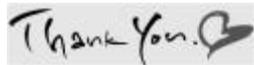
Are you gluten intolerant? We have hosts just for you. Please see the sacristan **before** Mass begins.

Bulletin Submissions: Articles are due by 10:00 AM Monday **AT LEAST 14 DAYS** prior to the Sunday publication date. Email bulletin articles to kathy.steiner@dor.org. Marianne Cope Parish reserves the right to edit articles submitted.



All are invited to join us virtually for the Stations of the Nativity on Sunday, December 13th at 7pm. Please join our RHYMithians as they lead our parish in reflecting through scripture, prayer and song. The link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.

Thanksgiving



What a wonderful blessing you, our parishioners, have been during this Thanksgiving season. Your donations of food and gift cards far exceeded our expectations. Many families in need were served and enjoyed the gift of a great Thanksgiving Holiday celebration. We never know what circumstances people are in, especially in this Covid time, but whatever we can share as a parish community makes a big difference for the families who come to us and ask for help. God bless you for your generosity and care.

Sister Sheila and the Social Justice Ministry

Knights

Order



The Knights have posted their **Keep Christ in Christmas** signs again this year. These are to remind everyone of the true gift God has given. We also promote the Youth Contests, Helping hands program, and Holy Family Consecration program this time of year. So, as we enjoy giving and receiving things, remember the reason for this season, and above all what God has given. Merry Christmas.

The Knights are encouraging parish youth to participate in this years Poster & Essay Contest. Information is available in Church. Submissions are due by December 15, 2020. **Let's see what our youth can do!**



Catholic Ministries Appeal: "Christ, Our Light."

We are moving along for this year's CMA. Thank you to those who have contributed so far. **As of November 27th, we have received \$49,716.00 or 30.82% of our financial goal of \$161,325, from 250 parish households which is 12.8% of our participation goal of at least 25%.** May we continue to move steadily forward knowing that God asks us to use our blessings well, to help others, to share our bounty so that our wealth, however large or small, does good for God and returns to God with increase.

The Season of Advent: We Are Called to Be Stewards

During the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and reassess our priorities in life, we should also strive for a greater understanding and appreciation for the ministries in our parish, and look within our hearts to determine what role stewardship plays in our lives.

This season, we trust that you will give financial stewardship prayerful consideration. Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. Your regular contributions support the operation of the church and all of our ministries. Sign up today by visiting smcrrc.weshareonline.org/.

On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to our parish.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

--Luke 6:38

Date	Deposit-regular	Deposit-WeShare	total
11-22-20	\$3,201.00	\$1,915.00	\$5,116.00
Budget needs	\$13,750.00	Under budget	-\$8,634.00
11-29-20	\$11,468.00	\$1,198.00	\$12,666.00
Budget needs	\$13,750.00	Under budget	-\$1,084.00
November Evergreen EFT	\$2,615.00		

	November Summary
Total Collections	\$63,593.47
Monthly Budget	\$59,584.00
Difference	\$4,009.47



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Do your holiday shopping at AmazonSmile today!



ANGEL CARE ADVENT COLLECTION



For 40 years, Angel Care has been able to provide a safe place for babies to sleep (Pack and Plays) as well as various baby items (baby blankets, clothing, diapers, etc.) to mother-to-be to help with the financial burden many new moms face. Much of this financial support comes from the Annual Baby Bootie Collection. Angel Care has received many praises and recognitions for this work. It could not have happened without your very generous support!

This year, rather than having the baby booties available to pick up, we ask you to make your generous donation to Angel Care by using the Angel Care envelopes provided to **mail your donation**. You can pick-up an Angel Care envelope **with** mailing instructions inside. You can also drop the envelope in the regular collection basket **no later than the weekend of December OR** You can make your donation online using the **“We Share” Angel Care Bootie Collection Link at our St. Marianne Cope Parish website**. If donating by check, please remember to write **“Angel Care”** on the memo line.



What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who “shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS PROJECT



This year, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we will be doing the Christmas Collection project differently. Instead of putting tags on our trees, we are asking our Parishioners to consider purchasing a **Walmart** Gift card in any amount up to \$25. These gift cards will be distributed to families at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish (St. Michael's) and our Rush-Henrietta families in need. The families will then be able to purchase food, clothing, toys, etc. that they need for their Christmas.

Please return gift cards:

- ◆ Through the postal mail to: St. Marianne Cope Parish, 3318 East Henrietta Road, Henrietta NY 14467.
- ◆ Give to any staff member or drop off at the office during regular office hours.
- ◆ Give to a member of the Social Justice Committee.
- ◆ Drop them in the collection baskets at Church on the weekends.

Gift cards must be received by **December 10th** so that we can get them to people in time to use them for Christmas. Thank you once again for your generosity in serving the needs of those who are struggling. May God reward you greatly with a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

The Social Justice Committee

Catholic Courier 2020 Digital Advent Calendar features a saints theme



From Catholic Courier (www.catholiccourier.com)

Despite the cancellation of many in-person Christmas traditions due to the ongoing pandemic, the Catholic Courier's annual digital Advent calendar will continue in 2020, with the hope of reaching those looking for new traditions to share while staying at home.

The saints-themed calendar, available at CatholicCourier.com/adventcalendar2020, starts November 28th and will feature 28 windows hiding multimedia "treats." Visitors will be able to open a new window each day through December 25th.

The calendar will feature some surprises related to saints whose feasts are celebrated during Advent. The calendar also will include cooking and craft videos, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections on various topics.



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Mission Statement: We are a welcoming, Christ-centered Roman Catholic Community, strengthened by the Eucharist, nurturing the Faith through love and service.

Vision Statement: We strive to know, love and serve Christ in the spirit of Saint Marianne Cope's selfless discipleship through...

- ✚ **Hospitality and Building Belonging** by warmly inviting and welcoming all to our inclusive community.
- ✚ **Vibrant Liturgy, Worship and Prayer** by making Christ's love truly evident to everyone present enhancing their Faith.
- ✚ **Community Outreach and Presence** by joyfully bringing our Faith and service to those in need in our Parish and beyond.
- ✚ **Education, Catechesis and Spiritual Formation** by understanding the richness and intricacies of our Catholic Faith and sharing its vital relevancy in today's world.
- ✚ **Effective Communication** by sharing the vibrant life of our Parish through a comprehensive range of media.
- ✚ **Stewardship of Our Resources** by inspiring generosity that's driven from a deep love for our Faith and everyone we encounter.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:00PM - 4:00PM at St. Marianne Cope/GA
Baptisms: Arrangements should be made in advance. Please call the office at 334-3518.
Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. (Pre-Cana required.)
Anointing of the Sick: By request; emergency call 269-8858.

Adoration has moved back to the Chapel at St. Joseph's Church. Due to COVID-19 protocols and adorers personal safety, we cannot allow **Unscheduled Walk-Ins.**



Please call Sue Waterstraat at (585) 261-5676 or John Steiner at (585) 314-2927 for more information or to schedule a time to sit with our Lord in prayer.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotion

"Dear Mother, we love you. We thank you for your promise to help us in our need. We trust in your love that dries our tears and comfort us. Teach us the secret of peace in pain and to find our peace in your Son, Jesus, and bless us every day of our lives".

To learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe, visit: <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/our-lady-of-guadalupe.html>

HELP FOR VICTIMS: If you have been a victim of sexual abuse by anyone working in the church, you should contact the appropriate civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester please contact: Deborah Housel, victims' assistance coordinator, (585) 328-3210, ext. 1555, or toll-free 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555, or by e-mail to dhousel@dor.org.

God offers His love, His mercy and a return to a serenity of mind and soul to anyone who has been affected by an abortion. Free, confidential and compassionate help in understanding and receiving what God offers is only a phone call away. Please call **Project Rachel** today at **888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435)** to begin this journey of renewed hope and peace. hopeafterabortion.org

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FOR A PASTORAL EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 585-269-8858

Both worship sites are handicap accessible and equipped with a hearing loop (see an usher or greeter for assistance).

Our **Parish Pastoral Council** members are here to listen to you! If you would like to express a concern or a suggestion, please contact any one of our council members below.

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If/When you are admitted to a hospital, be sure to list yourself as a Catholic **and** a member of St. Marianne Cope Parish. The hospitals will call us everyday with a list of parishioners that were admitted, only if you let them know because of the HIPPA Laws.

If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit, it is best to call the parish office at 334-3518 and request a visit.

Concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously to: Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester **Financial Fraud Hotline 1-800-388-7177 x1266** or in writing to: Internal Audit Department, DOR, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, NY 14624.

Counselor at St. Marianne Cope Parish: Michael J. Sullivan, LCSW-R offers therapy to individuals, couples and families in the areas of marriage and family, chronic illness, grief, geriatric, and drug & alcohol counseling. Call 388-9258 for appointment. Confidentiality assured.

