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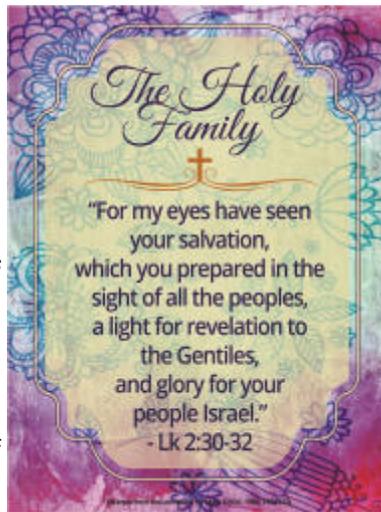
DECEMBER 27, 2020 ~ HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SHARING IS CARING

“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds”: Theodore Roosevelt.

This year has been a tough one for most of us, if not all of us. If you were not sick, you refrained from contact with others to avoid getting sick. In spite of the turmoil we have faced with quarantining and isolation from our family and friends, I believe that most of you have found ways to help your family, your neighbors and church ministries. For many, it had to have been a struggle to continue supporting the many requests for financial support desperately needed in many cases. But Sharing is Caring.

Our Parish continued the many ministerial programs we have had in the past and innovative thinking went into modifying your support. The Thanksgiving Food Basket for our Rush and Henrietta neighbors was reduced in size but we were still able to give over 20 families much needed food and a gift card for Thanksgiving dinner and for days beyond. Extra food also went to RHAFT. Angel Care modified the Bootie fundraising by switching to on-line and mailing donations. The Christmas Giving Tree accepted only gift cards to limit Covid infection fears. The Knights of Columbus Holiday Pie sale and RHYM's Santa's Workshop events went online. All of these Ministries, and those programs they sponsored, benefited from your generosity. I'm sure there are many of your own favorite organizations that you also supported. **For all of your generosity you have given to these programs, we thank you!!**



But it isn't just the financial support you have shared that really counts. The smiles you shared with strangers (behind your mask), the phone calls to your friends and family, the stories you read to your children or grandchildren (by phone), the door you held open for another; these are the signs that you really care. **Sharing is Caring.**

The Covid experience we all have faced has shown us that we really need each other. Nearly each day could be different than the previous one. Like the Holy Family, whom faced many painful struggles, we have had to come together to ensure our safety and security each and every day. **We have become better Stewards** towards the rest of our family. Our children and grandchildren have demonstrated greater responsibility in sharing the duties needed to cope with this challenging trial. Many children have learned to do without and to make do with what they have. All while having to limit contact with their friends. Big people had to do this, too. **These are the things that the Holy Family faced two thousand years ago** and I think we are better people for having experienced somewhat similar concerns.

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Don Neill, Stewardship Committee Member





Our website:
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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 26: St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

4:30PM at SMC/GA: Janet Moore (Tom & Louise Tirabassi)

SUNDAY, December 27: Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Mary Lou Knapp (Husband-Daryl)

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Vincenzo Cilino (Cilino Family)

12:00PM at SMC/GA: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Valone (Mr. & Mrs. David Valone)

Candles this week shine in memory of:

Healing prayers for Ellen Kubrick (granddaughter)

Joan Uschold (Keith & Karen Bock)

Mary Lou Knapp (husband, Daryl)

MONDAY, December 28: Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

12:10PM at SMC/GA: Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers (Tricia Huber)

TUESDAY, December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers (Trina Viscardi)

WEDNESDAY, December 30:

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

12:10PM at SMC/GA: Boeck Family (estate)

THURSDAY, December 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

5:30PM at SMC/GA: Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers (Trina Viscardi)

FRIDAY, January 1, 2021: Mary, Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Fran Thorne (John & Kathy Steiner)

SATURDAY, January 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

4:30PM at SMC/GA: Robert Miller (Altar & Rosary Society)

SUNDAY, January 3: Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Andy Schantz (Rosary & Altar Society)

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Fran Thorne (Don & Charlene Neill)

12:00PM at SMC/GA: John McLaughlin (Anna McLaughlin)

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

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS; ©LPi

Free Senior Legal Advice

The **Center for Elder Law and Justice** operates a Senior Legal Advice Helpline that provides free advice to individuals age 60 and over on health insurance, consumer issues, income benefits and many other non-criminal areas of law. You can talk to an attorney Monday through Friday, 9am-11am by calling toll free: 844-481-0973.

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.

Knights As we complete another year of our Lord, we give thanks to all that have supported we Knights. A tough year no doubt, with COVID, and many events canceled. Staying safe is the priority now but be assured that plans are being made for many great events once we can all come together again.




Mary, Mother of God

Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

December 31, 2020:

- 5:30pm at SMC/GA

January 1, 2021:

- 10:00am at SMC/GA



The Office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 30 -Jan. 1, 2021

THANK YOU AGAIN!

The Parishioners at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (St. Michael's) and several Rush Henrietta families are most thankful for your generous gifts to them this Christmas. As we are well aware, this has been a very challenging year for all of us. But there are always those who are affected more: job loses, sickness, the need to stay home with young children, and the many concerns of those trying to support themselves and perhaps several family members, especially during this pandemic.

Your generosity has helped those in need to put food on the table, purchase a needed coat and gloves, or perhaps buy a gift or two for a child so anxious for Santa to come. It is MOST appreciated. But this is just what we do, and have always done at our beloved Marianne Cope Parish. I am sure she is smiling down on each of you when she sees how you are imitating her generous heart.

Thank you God Bless each one of you and Merry Christmas!!!
Social Justice Committee

Our 2021 Stewardship Calendars have arrived! They will be available in the gathering space. Please take one per family.



Thank you Miller Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars again this year.



"Winter Weather Worries"

Winter weather is coming and that means ice and snow may make it difficult for some people to get to church. But parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Check out our simple, safe and secure online giving program at <https://smcrrc.weshareonline.org/>

Many families are giving online. Please consider joining that growing number of dedicated givers! We are most grateful to all those who make every effort to give consistently whether electronically or though the weekly offering basket. It really helps us plan and meet our budget.

And if you plan on making a year end contribution, we need to receive it by **Monday, December 28th** for it to count towards your 2020 tax information. Any contributions receive after the 28th will be on your 2021 statement.

Due to early deadlines, collection reports are not available.



Catholic Ministries Appeal: "Christ, Our Light."

As we come to end of the year we thank to those parishioner who have contributed the CMA so far. **As of December 15th, we have received \$60,376.00 or 37.43% of our financial goal of \$161,325, from 288 parish households which is 14.7% of our participation goal of at least 25%.** Although we still have a way to go, we are ahead of where we were last year! At this point in 2019 we had only collected \$33,625.00 (20.84% of the goal) with only 176 donors. 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general.

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Bible Study will begin in January.

Join us via Zoom as we break open the Books of Wisdom and Sirach. Learn how they are more than just collections of witty sayings but provide vital foundations to understanding the concept of life after death, the true Wisdom of God, a proper perspective on the dignity of women, and the importance of prayer. These two books and their historical background form an important bridge between the return of the Exiles and the beginning of the New Testament.

More information to follow!



Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If not, there's still time, and **Pope Francis** has some ideas for you.

These are the ten things that he called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

It's a good list: it's clearly rooted in Catholic teachings, but presented in a way that non-Catholics can embrace. Hope this helps, and happy New Year!

Found at: <https://www.ocarm.org/en/content/ocarm/pope-francis-10-new-year-s-resolutions-you>





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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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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. Because of HIPPA Laws, the hospitals will only call us if you give them permission.

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.

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