

SAINT MARIANNE COPE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
PARISH



Love God. Live in Faith.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 ~ 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT



What is your *modus operandi* when you encounter something bewildering or even mildly difficult to understand? When I encounter something bewildering or perplexing I think I spend a lot of energy trying to understand it at first, but give it a few minutes and I simply move on with life, barely changed, letting “it” stand neglected or just a mystery. And so it has been with our Scriptures today; how many times have I heard today’s Scripture readings and quickly passed over barely changed. Personally, the first reading has always been so cringe inducing and unthinkable that I’m not sure I’ve ever given it due reflection until now; and the Epistle, well I like the epistle...it makes me feel like we’re all invincible. And as for the Gospel, this is a reading that I know I’ve generally jumped right to how nice it would be to stay on the mountain top but how “no”, we have to follow Christ, down off the mountain to serve in the valley below.

This year however, with these readings my eyes (heart and mind) have been open slightly wider, only because, by the grace of God, this year, I have been asked to write a reflection on these very Scripture passages in addition to this article I’m writing for you now. I’m not one to put a lot of stock in “coincidence”, sure the schedule for a Lenten reflection book I helped contribute to was probably generated somewhat randomly, as was the schedule for who is due to submit the front page for our Parish of St. Marianne Cope bulletin; but with both opportunities coming to me for the same scripture readings I took the challenge to pray with a new lens. So, with that, perhaps I might come away changed.

When praying with our reading from Genesis, every fiber of my being shouted “this is not the compassionate, loving, self-giving, merciful God that I depend on, love and try to

emulate (though admittedly fall short)” That God would ask Abraham to kill his son, in the name of sacrifice, as a test of his love for God? It took until now for me to realize in all my life I had never really prayed with this reading at all and now that I’ve tried a little harder, a couple of things strike me.

I’ve read that historically, human, and even child, sacrifice wasn’t uncommon in Abraham’s time. So my first thought; “thank God that we don’t have human sacrifice anymore!”, second thought; “or do we?” My prayer with this reading brings to heart the top issues of humanity today...poverty, racism, war, the many critical concerns of our time. Maybe “human sacrifice” isn’t a thing of the past, but I do know it isn’t God asking us to sacrifice the life of another to test our love for him. God does call us to sacrifice the “wants of the world” and take on a life steeped in Christ, so that we might have life abundantly.

What God was asking of Abraham is precisely what He did for us. He showed us his love and gave us life, first by sending his Son, in the flesh, so we could learn by example how to love as God loves. And when humanity still didn’t quite get it, he sacrificed his Son so that we might have life in Him, eternally.

So with all of that in mind, I turn to our Gospel. I’m moved by the prophets’ tenacity, the Apostles’ vision and the worshippers’ conviction that they have heard God speak and are changed for it. We know our faith is about showing love and care for one another, especially the most vulnerable among us. Today with these readings, I am renewed with conviction that our faith is also about the yearning to see God, to be touched by the Spirit and moved by the voice of the Lord whispering in our ears or proclaimed from the mountaintop.

Amanda

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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, February 27:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

4:30PM at SMC/GA: Francis Michaloski (Aunts Chris, Sherry & Kathy)

SUNDAY, February 28: 2nd Sunday Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

8:00AM at SMC/GA: William Gaffney (Estate)

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Joseph Bellanca (Catherine & Elmar Frangenberg)

12:00PM at SMC/GA: People of St. Marianne Cope Parish

Candles this week shine in memory of:

Thomas Mulhern (Keith & Karen Bock)

MONDAY, March 1:

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

12:10PM at SMC/GA: John McLaughlin (wife)

TUESDAY, March 2:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Anita Fini (Leon & Viola Harris)

WEDNESDAY, March 3: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

12:10PM at SMC/GA: Blanch Zaremba (Estate)

THURSDAY, March 4: St. Casimir

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Anthony Zaremba (Estate)

FRIDAY, March 5:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY, March 6:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

4:30PM at SMC/GA: William Gaffney (Estate)

SUNDAY, March 7: 3rd Sunday Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

8:00AM at SMC/GA: Roberta Statt (Leon & Viola Harris)

10:00AM at SMC/GA: Mary Ann Dyjak (Dyjak Family)

12:00PM at SMC/GA: Robert Damiano (Catherine & Elmar Frangenberg)

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

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. *"We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"*

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties--they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system--and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS; ©LPi





Check out our simple, safe and secure online giving program at <https://smcrgc.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 through the weekly offering basket. It really helps us plan and meet our budget.

Date	Deposit-regular	Deposit-WeShare	total
2-14-21	\$12,170.50	\$2,358.00	\$14,528.50
Budget needs	\$13,750.00	Over budget	\$778.50
2-21-21	\$6,484.00	\$1,183.00	\$7,667.00
Budget needs	\$13,750.00	Under budget	\$6,083.00

January Summary	
Evergreen (EFT)	\$2,600.00
Total Collections	\$46,959.40
Monthly Budget	\$59,584.00
Under Budget	\$12,624.60



We have a new ministry that recently started called "Living Boldly." This ministry is devoted to dealing with all kinds of fears that keep us from having a strong and trusting relationship with God.

Carol Bucci leads this ministry through Zoom on the First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. The topic of discussion for Thursday, March 4th will be *Freedom from the Fear of Letting Yourself Love*. Many people are afraid to love because they fear being hurt. Love requires being vulnerable and that is very frightening to anyone who has loved and been badly hurt, betrayed or abused by someone they loved. Only after learning to receive God's love and through trusting him are you able to start trusting people who said they loved you. Come and join the discussion.

To get the Zoom meeting Link or if you have any questions, contact Carol at bucciteam4@frontiernet.net or call the office at 585-334-3518.

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



St. Marianne Cope 6th-12th graders . . .

. . . Join us on Tuesday, March 2nd for Painting and Pretzels.

We will be meeting via Zoom to create an easy, alcohol ink Lenten masterpiece while enjoying Lenten pretzels and time with friends. Space for this event is limited so reserve your spot asap. Reservations will be taken (gina.jennison@dor.org) until we run out of space or 2/24 . . . whichever comes first. Pick up supplies when you come to Mass February 27 (3pm-5:30pm) or February 28 (8am-2pm). **Please note: You will need:** 1. a set of permanent markers that include black and purple. (If you do not have permanent markers, I have some that you can borrow) 2. a need a large, thick piece of cardboard to work on (like from an Amazon box or a copier paper box lid).

. . . Lead our parish in prayer by being a part of our RHYM virtual Stations of the Cross.

Illustrate one of the Stations of the Cross, record a monologue, share a Scripture passage, pray through words, dance or music . . . there are so many ways to be a part of the RHYM Stations of the Cross! Contact gina.jennison@dor.org for more information.



We are collecting **NEW** hats, gloves/mittens and scarves for Baden Street Settlement. Baden Street Settlement serves 73,000 individuals, children, families and seniors every year. This time of year there is always a need for hats, gloves and scarves in children and adult sizes. Due to COVID restrictions, **we can only accept NEW items**. Please drop them in the bucket outside the front door of the office during regular office hours, Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm.



CMA UPDATE

As of February 18th, we have received pledges totaling \$104,853.74 or 65% of our CMA goal of \$161,323. Our participation goal is at 17.67% from 380 donors.

Please consider contributing to this year's CMA if you have not yet. Any amount counts toward our financial and participation goals. Remember that we get a \$5000 credit if we achieve 25% participation. We are moving along slowly but we need to achieve our goals by May 2021. Thank you for your consideration of this annual appeal.

Knights
of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will be able to offer Fish Fries for take out! Pat Marconi has offered to prepare a full fish fry dinner in his professional kitchen. Fully cooked meals including Cole slaw, salt potatoes and a roll, will be available for \$11 every Friday in Lent, excluding Good Friday. The knights will be in the parking lot at Guardian Angels from 5:00pm until sold-out (about 6:30pm). Please support your local Knights this Lent.

"Mug Up" with Sr. Jody



"Mug Up" will occur on Tuesdays at 10:00am! Each week we will play a short video with reflection questions that will be used for discussion in each session. So grab your mug of your preferred drink and a snack and join Sr. Jody virtually on Tuesday mornings during Lent.

Facilitator: Sr. Jody Kearney, RSM

Dates: Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Fee: Free will, suggested offering \$10

To register go to: mercyspiritualitycenter.org/offerings or call 585-473-6893 for more information



HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger — it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Grief Share at Transfiguration

Our **Grief Share Support Group** begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, May 4, 2021.

Join us for this twelve-week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in the Parish Life Center in a safely distanced, masked environment. Materials cost - \$25.00.

Registration forms are on our website at TransfigurationPittsford.org or by calling to register. With questions, please contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or margie.benza@dor.org. Registrations are due by March 30, 2021.

Not able to attend Mass in person? Contact Gina at gina.jennison@dor.org to join others via Zoom for Mass online. Gina is able to help you to connect via Zoom and to navigate other online opportunities.

40 Days for Life Spring 2021 Rochester Campaign

Do you think you can do more to end the scourge of abortion? One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is **40 Days for Life**. Since its inception, over 18,000 babies have been saved from abortion!

Take part in the Rochester Spring 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **February 17 through March 28**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue. Visit 40daysforlife.com/Rochester for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at Roc40DFL@gmail.com or 585-489-9555.

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



Notre Dame Retreat House is offering "Lenten Desert Days"

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

This Lent we invite you to take time out of everyday life and spend some time reviewing your relationship with God. This past year has been challenging. What better way to put life in perspective than to seek God's guidance through reading, reflecting, and praying. We will provide material or you may bring your own. The day is yours to spend alone with God. We are offering six dates to make a retreat.

Space is limited, so registration is required. (In order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each date to fifteen (15) people.)

For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: www.notredameretreat.org. Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

Use your unwanted items to bless lives. Your unwanted clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals can be turned in to supplies for those in need. Simply tie off donations in plastic bags and drop them in the collection shed at Guardian Angels site. Your donations will help to feed the hungry, share the faith, provide personal hygiene supplies to those experiencing homelessness and provide needed supplies for those suffering from illness or the illness of a family member. **St. Pauly Textile Inc.**



ROMAN
CATHOLIC
PARISH

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

Marianne Cope Roman Catholic Parish Staff

Parish Office: 585-334-3518/ smcrrc@dor.org

3318 E. Henrietta Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00am-5pm

- Sr. Sheila Stevenson, Pastoral Administrator...x1108/sheila.stevenson@dor.org
- Fr. Eloo Nwosu, Parochial Vicar.....Fr.Eloo.Nwosu@dor.org
- Bob Lyons, Deaconrobert.lyons@dor.org
- Mike Zuber, Deaconmpz@rochester.rr.com
- Tony Mercadel, Deacon Emeritus
- Kathy Steiner, Administrative Assistantx1102/kathy.steiner@dor.org
- Amanda Rayburn, Faith Formation Director..x1618/amanda.rayburn@dor.org
- Connie Fitch, Faith Formation Admin.....x1605/connie.fitch@dor.org
- Gina Jennison, Youth Ministryx1606/gina.jennison@dor.org
- Vickie Carpino, Multi-Parish Finance Director.....Victoria.carpino@dor.org
- Dawn Herold, Bookkeeper.....x1306/dawn.herold@dor.org
- Robert Manners, Music & Liturgy Director...x1107/robert.manners@dor.org
- John Bunce, Ensemble Director (GA).....jebunce624@gmail.com
- Pam Ebersold, Choir Director (SJ).....pebersold@rochester.rr.com
- Marc DeSalvo, Maintenance Supervisor
- Bob Griffin, Maintenance

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.

- Yvonne Kimaid, Chair/Facilitator: ykimaid22@gmail.com
- Holly Saad, Secretary: holhanmat@hotmail.com
- Sr. Sheila Stevenson: Sheila.stevenson@dor.org
- Meg Palmer, Trustee: mzp3of10@hotmail.com
- Phil Daggar, Trustee: edgedesign@frontier.com
- Chuck Barone: cbinrush@aol.com
- Keith Bock: keith.bock@raymondjames.com
- Rosemary Bouchard: robouchard@aol.com
- Gene Kobos: eugenekobos@gmail.com
- Dana Neumire: dneumire@rochester.rr.com
- Joseph Valenti: 334-4805
- Karen Wolgast: kwolgast70@gmail.com
- Glen Ziccarelli: giziccarelli@gmail.com

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.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.

Buy a bulletin ad space today!

DANIEL E. PHILLIPS D.D.S.
 Dentistry for Adults and Children
334-5544
 4001 East Henrietta Road

ToptoBottomRochester.com

Ask yourself, is your repairman too expensive, unreliable, unpredictable?

#1 IN REPAIRS

- Gutter Cleaning
- Roofing
- Chimney
- Gutters
- Masonry
- Siding
- Carpentry
- Insulation
- Snow & Ice
- Chimney Liners
- Basement Walls Painted/Repaired
- Water Proofed
- Doors, Etc.

Since 1988

TOP TO BOTTOM
 Expert Evaluation • Fully Insured
 Free Estimates • Guaranteed
 Senior Discount

Your Safest Choice

338-9865

For 24 Hour Emergencies, Call 764-8204

30th Year Parish Sponsor Johnathon A. Geer

MILLER'S GUARANTEES PREPAID FUNERALS

3325 Winton Road South
 (585) 424-3700
 Ed & Josh Miller
 4th & 5th Generation Owners

MILLER FUNERAL and CREMATION SERVICES, INC.
 Trusted for Five Generations

HEATED MAUSOLEUM | PEACEFUL GARDEN SECTIONS | GREEN BURIAL

ASCENSION GARDEN

A CATHOLIC CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM CLOSE TO HOME

1900 Pinnacle Road, Henrietta NY | (585) 697-1122 | holypsepulchre.org

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Your donations to ReStore support Flower City Habitat's mission of building homeownership, communities and hope in Monroe County.

2199 East Henrietta Rd.
 585.444.9588
 Mon-Fri 9-6 | Sat 9-5
 Visit RocReStore.org

HIGH FALLS TREE SERVICE

P.O. Box 17107
 Rochester, NY 14617

ERIK MATZKY 585-467-9310

HighFallsTreeSvc@hotmail.com • www.HighFallsTreeServices.com

Mamma G's
 Ristorante Italiano

Dine In & Take Out
 2133 E. Henrietta Rd.
 Rochester
 585-359-0990
 Mammags.net

Tuesday through Sunday 11am-9pm

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO
 BILLED QUARTERLY
 PLUS SPECIAL OFFER

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Joseph Meyers** to place an ad today!
jmeyers@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6470

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY