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MAY 9, 2021 ~ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE USELESS CANOEIST



One of the more interesting books I read during the Winter was “Two Coats in a Canoe” by one of the coats, David “Bugsy” Morine. It was a story of two former college friends who hadn’t seen each other in 20 years and were now in their late sixties. They decided to renew their friendship by traveling down the Connecticut River by canoe. It was George’s idea (I’m calling him George because I can’t remember his real name). Neither had much experience in a canoe nor camping so Bugsy said he would go but they were not going to sleep on the ground in a tent. They were going to bum off of friends and strangers along the way and get free room and board from kind hosts willing to offer their home and food.

Bugsy was a semi-retired member of a conservation group in Boston and had connections with many conservation organizations throughout the New England area, including along the Connecticut River. George was a retired business man. Bugsy contacted local newspaper friends who wrote articles about the planned adventure and at the same time made dozens of phone calls to schedule planned rendezvous along the river. By in large it worked out great and they never had to sleep outside or cook their own meals.

One of the interesting parts of the book was that while Bugsy (George’s name for him) was outgoing and had lots of interests, George was actually quite depressed from

family issues. He admitted that he felt “useless” in his life, during his retirement. I was taken aback by his reference to the phrase “useless”. Then I compared it to many in our community who have battled Covid restrictions and felt holed up in their home for the past year. I then perceived some parishioners might be feeling somewhat useless during their home confinement. The feeling is more prevalent than I had given thought to.

During the many stays at various homes in the full month it took to travel down the 400 miles of river from Canada to Long Island Sound, there were times that George would end up talking to those family members about their family business issues and financial decisions that were troubling them. George ended up easing their minds while giving sound advice they greatly appreciated. This resulted in uplifting George’s feelings about just how much he had to offer others. His depression and feeling of “useless” had waned. His business expertise that he acquired over the years now could be focused on helping others.

At St. Marianne Cope, we are fortunate to have many volunteers who have served our parish faithfully for decades. However, I know that there are many more out there that have expertise in various areas, even if only a strong back or organization skills that can help in so many ways. Many of our best volunteers are homemakers. They seem to know how to do everything very efficiently. When we get to the point where we open back up fully, we will need the many that have served in the past and we will benefit even more from those that have held back from joining in. Volunteering in any capacity is very good for the soul. It also gives great joy to you and others who volunteer alongside you. You will be so useful to us and the Lord will be well pleased.

Don Neill, Stewardship Committee Member



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Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself — my skills and talents, my time and resources — will demonstrate my love for God's people?

Date	Deposit-regular	Deposit-WeShare	total
4-25-21	\$5,074.00	\$1,863.00	\$6,937.00
Budget needs	\$13,750.00	under budget	\$6,813.00

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.



All 6th-12th graders are invited to join together to share faith and fun! Email gina.jennison@dor.org for more details and to sign up.

- **May 11 & 16, 25, June 8:** Fun and Fellowship Nights will be led by our RHYM leaders or a special guest. Nights will include themed games, activities and, of course, snacks! Fun and Fellowship Nights will be from 6:30-7:30.
- **Sunday, June 6:** RHYM Family Mass, Scavenger Hunt and Pizza Picnic: Families gather for the noon Mass (in person or virtually) followed by a pizza picnic and photo Scavenger Hunt.
- **Sunday, June 13:** RHYM Roast: (6:30-8pm): Join in for the roasting of hot dogs and our graduating seniors (sharing funny stories about our seniors). The Roast is also when current 8th graders are officially welcomed to Sr. RHYM! Bring a chair and your favorite outdoor games/equipment.
- **Tuesday, June 29:** Welcome Summer Ice Cream Social 6:30-7:30. Join us on June 29th for ice cream and to welcome new RHYMithians (2021/22 grades 6-12) to the RHYM family!

JESUS



THE REAL AVENGER
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CMA UPDATE-May 3, 2021



Goal: \$161,323

Pledged: **\$119,883.74 (74.31%)**

Registered Parishioners: 2151

Donors: **470 (21.9%)**

As you can see, currently we have almost 22% participation and have reached almost 75% of our goal. We have 3 weeks to meet our goals. Remember, if we reach 25% participation, we will receive a grant of \$5,000. And whatever we have left to reach our goal at the end of the campaign, will come out of our parish savings. I am trusting in the Spirit to move our hearts to help our Parish complete this campaign with our goals achieved, so that all of us can benefit from the monies raised and we can help those in need in our diocese.

Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness as we wrap up this year's CMA.

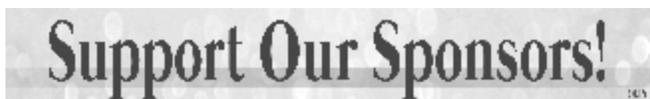
Sr. Sheila



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,
 you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
 Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
 and bring forth life through their willingness
 to risk bringing new life into this world.
 Help us to show them our gratitude
 for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
 May our life-giving God continue to bless them
 and show them his unfailing love.
 We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
 Amen.



Knights
of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus want to honor all mothers. Mother's do so much to help us grow. Loving mothers are real treasures all our lives, let them know it, give them some time and love.



High School and College Graduates

St. Marianne Cope would like to congratulate all who are preparing for graduation. If you will be graduating from high school or college, you are invited to appear in our **SMC Salute to the Class of 2021**. Please email your favorite senior photo, your plans for next year/future and your favorite Scripture passage to gina.jennison@dor.org no later than June 1st.

Diocesan Missions Sunday

On next weekend, May 15/16, we shall observe Diocesan Missions Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of the Church. Our dedicated Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil have been on pilgrimage sharing their gifts of faith and service to God's people.

We are called to help them on next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

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Mercy Spirituality Center



The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in all of its forms, create an awareness of God in all things—all people, all creation, every human experience, and especially in the person of Jesus. We

offer a model of the Spiritual Exercises designed by St. Ignatius for use in daily life which takes place over 30 weeks, rather than 30 days. This program is currently being offered virtually.

Please contact Sr. Jody Kearney via [email](#) for more information.

Creative Meditation in Color

We are back! We are so pleased to bring you the next 3 sessions of this series! Each session will provide you with a way to be creative in your prayer and meditation life, a way to communicate with God and to give expression to God's movement in your life. Participants do not have to be an artist. Just bring an open mind and heart and a childlike spirit. As a child we all colored and created with an open-mind. Everything we created was good! Now is the time to go back to those childlike days without the external critics and without your internal critic.

Facilitators: Joyce Martelli and guest artist, Deborah White

Dates: Wednesday, May 19, June 16, & Tuesday, July 20

Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm VIA Zoom

Fee: \$45

For more information or to register for the program click on this [link](#).

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

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.

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.



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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/SJ
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.

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.



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

Our 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.



The excitement is building!

Our asbestos abatement is complete, and the air quality has passed inspection! All the carpets and ceiling tiles have been removed, and construction has begun!

The funding for these first stages of our renovation plan (parking lot, canopy, new office area, and Narthex) comes from our stable patrimony. Stable patrimony by definition means all buildings and properties owned by the parish, as well as fixed financial assets (i.e. monies set aside for special projects or needs and for unforeseen needs in the future). The Diocese requires us to have such a fund (just as a family would have one) to meet the parish's future needs. Our patrimony properties and monies, even though owned by the parish, cannot be used, or disposed of without the consent of the Bishop, according to Canon (Church) Law.

At this time, our financial stable patrimony includes money that each of the three former individual parishes had in their stable patrimony prior to the merger, plus money added since the merger from bequests and the sale of the Good Shepherd campus. Our current renovations are being financed by the money from our financial stable patrimony. Future renovations will need to be funded through a capital campaign as we will not be able to deplete our stable patrimony.

As our renovation of the Narthex (gathering space) begins, I want to bring one thing to your attention. The mosaic in that space, originally created for Guardian Angels School, was going to be removed and placed elsewhere in the building, as we try to create that area and eventually the Sanctuary into a reflection of St. Marianne Cope Parish as a whole. It is now found, by professionals, that the mosaic because of the way it is mounted, cannot be removed without falling apart, as the pieces crumble and fall off. This being the case, we have engaged a professional photographer to take pictures of the mosaic which we will incorporate elsewhere in the building as the phases of renovation continue.

Please visit our website at www.smcrc.org for pictures in our Renovation Album.

And stay tuned... more to come!



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Please Note: All Masses are held at our St. Joseph's Worship site!

SATURDAY, May 8: St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

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

SUNDAY, May 9: 6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

8:00AM at SMC/SJ: Mary Lou Knapp (family)

10:00AM at SMC/SJ: Barb Swiecki (Dyjak family)

12:00PM at SMC/SJ: Frances Yudin (Judy Frey)

Candles this week shine in memory of:

Evelyn Miller (Carolyn Hahn)

Mary Lou Knapp (Family)

MONDAY, May 10: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

12:10PM at SMC/SJ: Dolores Shean & Bernice Vincent (Brunacini Family)

TUESDAY, May 11:

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

8:00AM at SMC/SJ: Healing prayers for Kevin Mooney (Lucille Mooney)

WEDNESDAY, May 12: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

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

THURSDAY, May 13: Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

8:00AM at SMC/SJ: William Harris (Mom & Dad)

12:10pm at SMC/SJ: William Gaffney (Estate)

5:45pm at SMC/SJ: Blanche Zarembo (Estate)

FRIDAY, May 14: St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

NO MASS

SATURDAY, May 15: St. Isidore

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

4:30PM at SMC/SJ: Noel & Fran Michaloski (Aunts Chris, Sherry & Kathy)

SUNDAY, May 16: 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19

8:00AM at SMC/SJ: Frederick & Florence Jay (Daughter)

10:00AM at SMC/SJ: Robert Damiano (Dick & Phyllis Schneider)

12:00PM at SMC/SJ: Donald Tobey (Machucki Family)



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