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September 19, 2021 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



do we understand this person Jesus and his ministry, and how does this understanding shape the way we live our lives in response?

In living the faith we have ears that can hear our God. When our actions reflect our hearing, we might suffer as a result. To have the courage to act authentically on our faith, means to disrupt the norms and challenge the status quo; to lean into discomfort for the sake of others. It is not always easy to live out our faith.

To know Christ and follow his footsteps means being willing to follow him in his suffering on the cross.

*'taking a child, he placed her in their midst,
and putting his arms around her, he said to them
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me".'*

Shortly after Jesus again tells the disciples He will die and be raised (Mark 9:30-32), He finds them squabbling about what the hierarchy of power will look like when He defeats the Romans and establishes His kingdom. He explains to them that their perspective is wrong. A leader doesn't seek power. A leader seeks ways to help those who have no power, like children.

Think of receive to mean a willingness to accept someone's company; while the disciples argue over who is greatest, Jesus tells them to take interest in the most vulnerable who can do nothing for them. When He says that whoever receives a child receives Him, He is saying

that He—God—arranges such circumstances as opportunities for us to act in faith and obedience.

It is good to receive and care for children; it is best to do so in Jesus' name. To act in Jesus' "name" means to act as His representative by doing something He would do in the way He would do it.

We may think we know Jesus, but we need to truly reflect on the times in our own lives where our apathy or fear have held us back from the work to be done.

When our comfortable lives have led us to hesitate, to think "Do I really have the time to get involved" or "Do I want to change my habits to help in a certain area when I'd rather just do my thing?" When we hesitate to act, thinking we don't really need to live our faith that way, those are the times we need to hear Jesus' rebuke and reorient to his way.

Being a people of faith is filled with ambiguity. Even those who walked with Jesus were confused by his teaching and his invitation. But he did not tell them faith would be easy. When we live the faith, we learn and pray and respond with hearts shaped by a shepherd who leads with love and courage. The people of God hunger for responses from us that are moved by his love, not our hesitations or fears.

In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the gift of his very Self, to be our nourishment and healing. He does this not through stupendous displays of power but through humble gifts of bread and wine. Nourished at the Lord's table, we go forth to attend to the hungers of those we are called to serve.

Amanda



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Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from whom they came and am grateful?

Date	Deposit-regular	Deposit-WeShare	total
9-5-21	\$13,774.00	\$1,468.00	\$15,242.00
Budget needs	\$13,750.00	Over Budget	\$1,492.00

August 2021 Collection Summary	
Evergreen (EFT)	\$2,51500
Total Collections (including EFT)	\$64,599.07
Monthly Budget	\$59,584.00
Over Budget	\$5,015.07



Wedding Banns II
Stephen Stapleton & Ariel French



2021 Rochester Catholic Men's Conference

When: Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 7:30am-12:30pm

Where: Parish of the Holy Family at St. Jude, 4100 Lyell Rd

Featured Speaker: Dr. Mark Miravalle – professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, specializing in Mariology. He is president of Vox Populi Mariae Mediatrix, a Catholic movement promoting the concepts of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mediatrix and Co-Redemptrix.

Cost: In-person attendance \$25 (day of conference \$30); online simulcast available for \$145

More information & to register: www.exultrochester.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

To sign up to become an adorer or substitute, or for more information about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact either Sue Waterstraat (585-261-5676) or John Steiner (585-314-2927).



RCIA and Adult Confirmation

Adults of all ages who feel called to explore initiation in the Catholic faith through Baptism, Confirmation and Communion; or those feeling called to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion, now is the perfect time to reach out. Our entire parish is involved in the process of walking with inquirers but contact Amanda Rayburn to get started with a conversation.



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An invitation...



As Christians we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and this happens in many unique and creative ways. Who do you say Jesus is? How do you share the GoodNews with the world?

What do you think of when you hear the word "Catechist" or "Religion Teacher"? A Catechist is someone who passes on the faith, shares the Good News, helps others develop a relationship with Christ. Our Sunday morning Faith Formation classes for *Kindergarten - Grade 5* begin October 3 at our Guardian Angels site.

If you feel called to help with the catechesis of our children, reach out to Amanda for a conversation and more details.



CALLING ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RHYM AT ST. MARIANNE COPE. JOIN YOUR PEERS FOR AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, SHARE AND LIVE YOUR FAITH!

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October is the month of the Rosary, join us as we delve into the origin story of the Rosary and close with praying the Rosary using the Joyful Mysteries.

When: Thursday, September 30

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30

Where: St. Joseph's Church, in the church or under the Pavilion

Light serving of baked goods to be provided afterwards.



Fall Mug Up Returns! **Mug Up** is more of a free flowing discussion that will focus on different aspects of spirituality each week. We will look into different aspects of spirituality using material such as how the Gospels and readings apply to us today, how we address difficult subjects when looking into our hearts to find God's love, and other topics that will help us as we grow as individuals and as a community. Personal reflections will be shared in small groups as well as large group discussions.

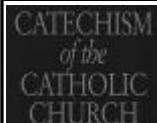
Facilitator: Sister Jody Kearney RSM

Dates: Tuesdays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and, November 2, 2021

Time: 10:30am-11:30am **VIA Zoom**

Fee: Free will suggested of \$10 per session.

www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org for registration



I Didn't Know That!

[Gems of Wisdom from the Catechism]

On Scripture: "God is the author of Sacred

Scripture. The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more." [Catechism Sections 105, 106]

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Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country, including four in our own Diocese, two of them in Rochester! You can learn more about them in [this short video](#). In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects, like Coffee Connections, a Rochester enterprise that provides employment to women in addiction recovery. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or check out your parish's online giving options for designating your gift to CCHD. Please be generous.



Volunteer Opportunity

Advent House, a two-bed hospice home for the dying in Perinton, is hoping to reopen in the next few weeks after being closed down due to the Covid virus for the past year and a half. They are in need of volunteers in order to re-open. If you feel inclined to assist in this wonderful ministry, which is part of the consortium of 13 churches in the Perinton area, please join the ministry leaders at an open house for potential volunteers on **Tuesday, September 21 from 6-7:30pm**. Stop in anytime during these hours for a tour and conversation. Volunteer positions for resident caregivers, schedulers and housekeepers are available. This is another opportunity to extend the healing mission of Jesus into our wider community.



HELP! We are looking for someone (or 2 or more) with a green thumb and a creative eye! The new parking area at Guardian Angels Church has some areas that could use a few plants/flowers to visually enhance our space. Please call Sr. Sheila at the office (334-3518) if you are interested in this project.

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*

Pastoral Council

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

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6105 Rush Lima Rd
Rush, NY 14543

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

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!

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Isaiah 56:7

Candles: Christ Our Light!

Even on the brightest day, even when the room is drenched in light, we light the candles. Brightly burning tokens of our prayer that our eyes be opened, that our sacrifice be acceptable, that our whole lives be a perfect offering to the Father, through Christ, the light of the nations and the glory of our people.

St. Jerome

Candles are used at every liturgical service. The living flame of the candle, symbolic of the Risen Christ, reminds us that in Baptism, we are brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Candles can be carried in the entrance procession and during the procession with the Book of the Gospels.



Candles should be of a material that provides a living flame (electric candles are not an acceptable substitute). At least two candles are placed near the altar. Four or six candles may be used for the celebration of Mass and for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If the Bishop celebrates, seven candles may be used. All candles should be arranged so they do not obscure the view of the ritual action in the Sanctuary, especially the action at the altar.

The Paschal candle is the symbol of "*the light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds.*" During the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter season, the Paschal candle is placed near the ambo or in the middle of the sanctuary. After the Easter season, it is moved near the Baptismal Font for use in the celebration of Baptisms.

In Baptism, we receive *the light of Christ* when the Baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal candle. The light is entrusted to our parents and godparents "to be kept burning brightly." Through Baptism, we have been enlightened by Christ, to walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts.

At funerals, the Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the deceased person's casket as a reminder of that person's Baptism and participation in the Paschal mystery of Christ. The person died and rose with Christ in Baptism, and by lighting the Paschal Candle at their funeral, we profess our hope in the eternal life found in the Risen Christ.

A candle is always burning near the Tabernacle, indicating the presence of Christ.

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<https://catholic-link.org/what-does-the-catholic-church-do-with-all-those-candles/>



Saturday, September 18:

4:30PM at SMC/SJ: George & Ruth Boehm (Linus & Kathleen Rautenstrauch)

Sunday, September 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00AM at SMC/SJ: Linus & Loretta Rautenstrauch (Linus & Kathleen Rautenstrauch)

10:00AM at SMC/SJ: Maria & Francesco Basile (Pietro & Marianna Basile)

12:00PM at SMC/SJ: Judy Tozer Hansen (Loan Duong)

Monday, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, & Paul Chöng Ha-sang & companions

12:10PM Mass at SMC/SJ: Blanche Zaremba (Estate)

Tuesday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00AM Mass at SMC/SJ: George, Louise, Mary Lou & Anne Marie Miller (Miller Family)

Wednesday, September 22:

12:10PM Mass at SMC/SJ: Aileen E. Paulson (George & Carol Ann Stahl)

Thursday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

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

Friday, September 24:

Saturday, September 25:

4:30PM at SMC/SJ: Beverly Hayden (Husband, Jack)

Sunday, September 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00AM at SMC/SJ: 1st Lt. James Lyons (Dcn Bob & Marcia Lyons)

10:00AM at SMC/SJ: Dominic Winum (John & Betsy Roman)

12:00PM at SMC/SJ: Blanche Zaremba (Estate)



Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Psalms 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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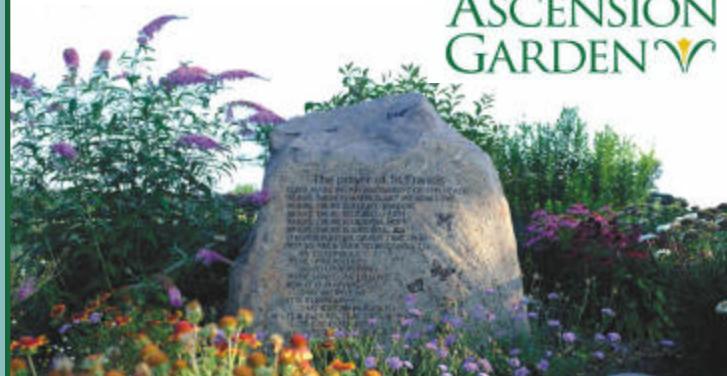
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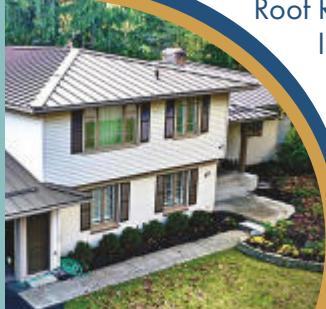
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