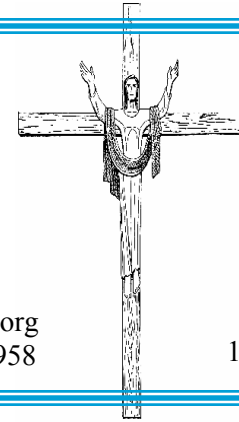


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Hearing
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Staff Reflection-Michelle Andrews-Smith

Today we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Our Holy Mother. When I was a child, my Grandmother always had a statue of Mary on a table in her kitchen with a candle lit everyday. One day, I was looking at the statue with a puzzled look and she asked, “Michelle, what on earth are you doing?” I told her that I was trying to figure Mary out. I thought she didn’t look “real” and wondered why she never looked at anyone. That afternoon began my first real discussion about Mary. My Grandmother told me that Mary was and is real. She shared that Mary was a mother like she and my mom were. They may have not carried the Savior of the world, but they did some of the very same things that Mary did. Our mothers, just like Mary, had to be ready to say ‘yes’ even when the path was uncertain. Mothers walk along the way with their children, sometimes holding their hands; other times just traveling quietly along with a watchful and loving eye. She told me that Mary gazed upward as a reminder that no matter what we encounter in life, we should always look up to heaven for the comfort we need. As a child that made sense to me, but as an adult I cherish her interpretation of Mary. It reflected her relationship with Mary that was so very special and meaningful to her.

I’ve often thought of those conversations and the ones that have followed with great comfort. You see, now that I am a mother I have a much clearer understanding of what it means to journey the path with our children. At times we are active participants in their decisions or in forming their value system and, at other times, we are observers walking along praying for their well-being. I wonder what Mary thought as she held her baby. Did she know what would become of that child that she loved through the stages childhood to adulthood to only walk along his journey to death? Mary, full of grace, holy is your name...stood with her child never leaving his side. No matter how much her heart ached, she stood as his mother and in turn was given to each of us.

This year I have walked difficult journeys with my children. Katie was diagnosed with Lupus and all I could do was just hold her hand and promise her that no matter what, I would never let go of her. As I sat in the waiting room during one of her tests, “Let it Be” came on. I envisioned Mary saying to me “and when the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines on me, Shine on until tomorrow, let it be. I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me speaking words of wisdom, let it be.”

Thank you, Jesus, for giving our world Your mother who has walked with each of us in the most grace-filled ways. Mary, our Mother, thank you for the quietness of your presence and the strength in your words that teach us that no matter what life brings us each day to “let it be” and rest in the love of Your Son’s arms.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

BAPTISMS: To register for the required Baptismal Preparation contact Sr. Joan at 223-5500 at least 6 months in advance of birth or adoption.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Interested in becoming a Catholic? Come to our inquiry classes - call the Parish Office, 223-5500

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m. Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Couples contact Sr. Joan as soon as they become engaged. Arrangements must be made 9+ months in advance

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: We appreciate learning about hospitalized, sick, or aged people unable to attend church. Contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER MINISTRY: Need prayer or want to pray? Joann Corso, 223-5682

CARING & SHARING: 223-5500 x3 Pink envelopes in narthex for the needy.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Parish Reachout:

Meals, transportation: call the Parish Office: 223-5500

Caring & Sharing: Serving the needy in our parish & area: 223-5500 x3.

Monetary Donations: pink envelopes in the entranceway.

Donate Clothing: Clothing Drop Box at church

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Knit or crochet shawls while sharing and praying for comfort and healing. Call Pat Fitzsimmons, 223-0565, to make or receive one.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

-Everyone in our parish and all without a faith community

-Pope Benedict XVI and all Church Leaders

-Bishop Clark, for God's guidance

-Intentions in our Book of Prayer and all our Sick, especially Rita Schubert, Ed & Rita Schreib, Grace Weber, Ben Lachance, Eileen Mulcahy, Brenda Rind, Patricia Schlemmer, Carole Hebert, Charles Cartenuto, Grace Letteney

-Our Beloved Dead

-Those Serving in our Armed Forces

-Peace in Our World

Due to the holiday, *Stewardship of Treasure* for December 24/25 will be posted in the January 8th bulletin.

Sunday Missal—The publisher of the Missal has notified us that it has sold out its supply and is not printing additional copies. Please check with Alpha & Omega or the Cathedral Gift Shop for the missals.

Many Thanks! The Perinton Food Shelf sincerely thanks you for your generous donations of non-perishable food items during this holiday season. Your on-going, monthly support prepares the Food Shelf to respond to the many increasing number of requests for food all year. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring community. — The Perinton Food Shelf Board

Moving - Our best wishes and prayers go to Ann and Dave Hancock who will soon be moving to North Carolina. The Hancocks have assisted in marriage preparation for the last five years by conducting the Foccus Inventory with engaged couples. Many thanks!

MASS and PRAYER INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 31**

5:00pm Clara Pasto by Estate of Clara Pasto

Sunday, January 1: Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:30am Patty Heyman by Patrick & Katrina Palleschi and Sons

10:30am Norma Wurtenberg by Bob & Ellen Hinds

Monday, January 2: St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:30am Mary Dunleavy Scianni & Benjamin Scianni by Estate of Mary Dunleavy Scianni

Tuesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Wednesday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Thursday, January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30am Leo Graham by Bob Narde

Friday, January 6: St. André Bessette

8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Saturday, January 7

5:00pm Thelma Bingo by Dave & Carol Large

Sunday, January 8: Feast of the Epiphany

8:30am Gail Zink by Bob, Ellen & Marc Hinds

10:30am Intentions of Jack & Carol Wetzel by the Women's Group

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**Sunday, January 1**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday, January 2

Parish Offices Closed

NO Faith Formation

Tuesday, January 3**Wednesday, January 4**

7:00pm Women's Group—Community Room

7:00pm Rite of Confirmation—Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday, January 5

5:00pm Faith Formation—Assigned Rooms

7:00pm Liturgical Choir

Friday, January 6

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, January 7

7:30am Men's Group—Community Room

4:00pm Individual Reconciliation—Sacristy

Sunday, January 8

5:15pm Women's Shelter—Group B

6:00pm Y2Y—All rooms

6:00pm Parent Media Presentation—Emmaus Hall

Perinton Food Shelf Requests for January 2012: applesauce (snack size or small containers for smaller families); crackers for soup; frosting mixes; rice (1 lb. and 2 lb. bags) shampoo; tea; toilet paper. Thank you!

A Prayer for the New Year

God of time and eternity, God of every generation, with Christmas joy we praise you for the year gone by and for the year we are about to begin. Your Son comes among us to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim a year acceptable in your sight.

Knit us in harmony and love, we who are flesh of his flesh. Fill the year with good gifts for all the world as we join with the angels in proclaiming your praise. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Ministry – The Sisters of St. Joseph offer prayers for the various parishes of the diocese as well as for other intentions. Sr. Elizabeth (Liz) Leonard has prayed for the people of Church of the Resurrection for several years now and will continue to pray for our parish during the coming year. Sister Liz is the director of the SSJ Sisters Care Program. We are grateful to Sister for her prayers.

Offices closed Monday, January 2nd.

Baptism Class-We would like to hold a session in January for parents wishing to have their child baptized. Please call or e-mail Sister Joan for details.

Thank You! – Sister Joan, Father George and the Staff are most grateful to you for your many cards, good wishes and gifts given at this Christmas time. May the New Year be a blessed and holy one for you and your families!

Gratitude – We are grateful to all who worked together to make our Advent and Christmas liturgies so meaningful! Heartfelt thanks go to those who decorated the worship space and Emmaus Hall for Christmas; to Father George, our presider; to readers, Communion ministers, Mass Coordinators, hospitality ministers, and altar servers; to Music Director Brian Waldmiller and choir members and musicians; to liturgy and liturgical arts members; to the Greco Family who directed parking for the 4pm Mass; to buildings and grounds people who took care of lights and other needs as they arose; and to everyone who contributed in any way to help us celebrate. We offer special thanks to you who came and participated in the many activities and celebrations of the Advent/Christmas season. May God continue to bless each of you!

Catholic Ministries Appeal – We are very grateful to all who have made pledges. We are now at 83.22% of our goal of \$45,076. Once again, I ask that you consider making a pledge if you have not already done so. Pledges and payments are received until May 31, 2012 so there is still time for you to make a pledge. Payments on your pledge may be spread over the next few months. Thank you!

Crazy Bridge Plan to come on Saturday, January 21st, for a night of card playing, food and lots of fun. No card playing skill necessary. Bring a finger food to share. Friends welcome! Look for a sign-up sheet next weekend. Questions? Call Jan at 223-4997.



Newsletter Deadline for the February-March Newsletter is January 15th.

Pancake Breakfasts can't happen unless a crew sets up, cooks and cleans up. We're looking for a Committee or group of family/friends (about 9 people) to do just that on January 29th or February 26th. Training is available. Call Jan Harmon, 223-5500, to sign up.

Thank You! Peter Mares, manager of La Casa, expresses his heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the La Casa community for the generosity of Church of the Resurrection and their continual support over the past years. La Casa is a joint project of Catholic Charities of Wayne County and the Diocese of Rochester which provides temporary housing and support for migrant workers in our area who are in need of this assistance.

Youth Ministry News...

~ **PARENT SEMINAR "Teens, Media & Faith... A Survival Guide For Parents"** Sunday, January 8th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm in Emmaus Hall. Greg Reitz will be offering this presentation for parents with kids of all ages. Learn how to embrace technology, media and today's youth culture while maintaining a faith based parenting approach. Presentation and round table discussion - light refreshments will be provided. No charge. Parents only please.

~ **Are You A Trader...Will you trade 24 hours for those in need?** - Join us on **January 15th-16th** for this 24 Hour Service/Social Event! 2:00pm - 2:00pm ~ \$ 20 covers everything! High school kids will serve a hot lunch to homeless in the city and spend social time at Hot Shots. Middle school will share time and lunch with students at the homeless shelter and social time at Laser Quest. Details and registration forms can be found on the Faith Formation table or online at resurrectionfairport.org. **Please RSVP by Jan 1st.**

Serving together in His name,
Resurrection Youth Ministry Team

