



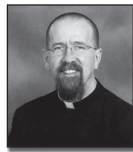
Monroe Vicariate

March, 2009

Mission Statement

The Monroe Vicariate Pastoral Council seeks to enhance communication of our Catholic faith throughout our 14 parishes in Monroe County. We desire to work together as friends of Christ Jesus and as a family of parishes for the sake of the gospel. The VPC advises the Vicar.

Facts about Father Stephen Rooney: Father Stephen Rooney was born on February 10, 1954, in Ballymacarrett, Ireland, a city located near Belfast. It was not easy growing up in Ireland during this time as his childhood memories are colored by war. He is the middle child in a family of 13 children. In college Father Rooney decided that he wanted to give God everything he could. For him that meant entering a Trappist Monastery in Ireland. He took his solemn profession as a Trappist Monk in 1974. After 10 years, the Abbot told Fr. Rooney that he was to be a priest. Six months later on June 15, 1985 he was ordained. In 1987, the Abbott decided that he should go to Collegeville, Minnesota to a Benedictine Monastery. Before going to Minnesota, Father Rooney requested that he be given experience in a parish. He selected the Archdiocese of Detroit since he had a brother and a sister that lived in the area. He spent his first 3 years in America at St. Martin de Porres in Warren. After his assignment in Warren, he taught high school for 3 years at St. Alphonsus in Dearborn. He was then sent to Rome for four years to study Spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University. When he returned from Rome, he was assigned to St. Patrick parish in White Lake for one year. In 1996, Fr. Rooney was sent to St. Michael the Archangel parish in Monroe where he served as pastor for 13 years. Fr. Rooney has served as the Vicar of the Monroe Vicariate for the past six years. Since July of 2008 he has been the Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Temperance. Father Rooney's favorite saint is St. Philip Neri because St. Philip Neri was very bright but did not take himself too seriously. Monty Python films and Saturday Night Live make him laugh. He loves to cook and entertain. Father Rooney feels that what is most misunderstood about him is that he doesn't function well in ambiguity. Sometimes people get upset when he pushes them to be clear. He would like everyone to understand that this is not about them but rather about his need for clarity. His favorite part about being a priest is being "available to people," entering into the most sacred parts of people's lives at the most awful and exhilarating times. He learned the art of being available from his mentor Father John Hall. Fr. Rooney's advice to those considering the priesthood is that it is a tremendous and rewarding life but that the academic requirements are demanding. "You must have an interest in study or should work to acquire this interest."



This series of articles on the priests of the Monroe Vicariate is brought to you by the Monroe Vicariate Vocation Committee.

Monroe Vicariate Catholic Schools Catholic Schools Week 2009

Lent Lent is a penitential season of forty days, a time for the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The faithful, by listening to the word of God and by devoting themselves to prayer prepare themselves through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. They are also urged to take a greater and more fruitful share in the Lenten liturgy and penitential services. During Lent penance should not only be inward and individual, but also outward and be directed toward the works of mercy on behalf of our brothers and sisters. The students in the Vicariate schools are involved in many activities to prepare themselves for the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Students will begin this season with Mass and a Prayer Service. They will be collecting money for the missions in Uganda and collecting various articles for people in need. Others will be conducting fundraisers for cancer patients. Students will attend Stations of the Cross each week, spend time in prayer, and also do acts of kindness for others. During this time let us all follow the footsteps of the crucified Christ in preparation for His Resurrection.



March Activities at Monroe Catholic School

St. Anthony ~ Distinguished Guest Readers ~ All of March
St. Charles ~ Open House 11 am - 1 pm ~ March 15
St. John ~ Grade 7 Vocations Day ~ March 10
St. Joseph ~ Open House ~ 5 - 7 pm ~ March 13
St. Mary - Monroe ~ Kindergarten Donuts w/Dad ~ March 6
St. Mary - Rockwood ~ Open House ~ 6 - 8 pm ~ March 3
St. Michael ~ Grade 4 Lansing Capitol Tour ~ March 5
St. Patrick ~ YMCA Family Fun Night ~ March 14
SMCC High School ~ MME Testing ~ March 10 - 12
Class of 2013 Registration ~ March 23
Once on this Island ~ Musical ~ March 20 - 22

Monroe Vicariate Youth Rally ~ Youth in Grades 9-12. Brought to you by NET Ministries (www.netusa.org). The rally will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 6 to 9 pm at St. Charles Gym, 8109 Swan Creek Rd., Newport. Snacks & refreshments are provided. For more information, contact your Religious Education Office or Youth Ministry.

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Temperance 48182-9285
734-847-2805

St. Anne
2420 N. Dixie Hwy.,
Monroe 48162-5290
734-289-2910

St. Anthony
4605 St. Anthony Rd. (M-151),
Temperance 48182-9784
734-854-1143

St. Charles Borromeo
8109 Swan Creek Rd.,
Newport 48166-9138
734-586-2531

St. Irene
576 Main, Dundee 48131-1299
734-529-2160

St. John the Baptist
511 S. Monroe,
Monroe 48161-2293
734-241-8910

St. Joseph
2214 Manhattan,
Erie 48133-0247
734-848-6125

St. Joseph
8295 Van Aiken, Ida 48140-0406
734-269-3895

St. Joseph
9207 Joseph St.,
P.O. Box 125, Maybee 48159-0125
734-587-8835

St. Joseph
924 E. Second St.,
Monroe 48161-1950
734-241-9590

St. Mary
127 N. Monroe St.,
Monroe 48162-2686
734-241-1644

St. Mary
32477 Church St.
Rockwood 48173-0249
734-379-9248

St. Michael
502 W. Front,
Monroe 48161-2498
734-241-8645

St. Patrick
2996 Labo Rd.,
Carleton 48117-9038
734-654-2500

I.H.M. Motherhouse
610 W. Elm, Monroe 48162
734-241-3660

Adult Faith Formation**St. Mary Parish, Monroe**

March 2, 9, 16, 23 ~ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; “Why Do WE Do That” – Deepening Our Understanding of the Mass. Parish Life Center; Presented by Fr. Marc Gawronski and Lorie Bronson. Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm; Bring your Own Bowl. Open to All Ages!

St. Michael the Archangel, Monroe

March 3 ~ 7 pm – 8:30 pm; Enrichment – The Way of St. Ignatius of Loyola: Apostolic Spirituality presented by Fr. Tom McClain, SJ

March 17 ~ 7 pm – 8:30 pm Enrichment – The Way of St. Francis deSales: Apostolic Spirituality presented by Fr. John Lehner, O.S.F.S.

March 13, 20, 27 & April 3 ~ 7-8:30 pm in the Cafeteria ~ “The Death of the Messiah” presented by Fr. Steve Vileo

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Temperance in Room 3

March 12 ~ 7 pm Enrichment – “The Shroud”, a dramatic presentation by Katie Macaro

Adult and Catechist Formation**At the Visitation House 529 Stewart Road, Monroe**

March 2 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm ~Topic #11 Prayer presented by Marcella Regan, IHM

March 9 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm ~ Topic #12 Covenant Living: the Ten Commandments & the Gospel presented by Marcella Regan, IHM

March 16 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm ~ Topic #13 Forming a Christian Community presented by Sr. Marcella Regan, IHM

March 23 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm ~ G–Dying and Rising: A Pastoral Perspective presented by Sr. Nancy Ayotte, IHM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance

March 7 ~ 9 am - 11 am #3 Facilitating a Catechetical Session: Group Dynamics presented by Pat Butler

St. Anne, Monroe

March 14 ~ 9:30 am - 11:30 am ~C – The Church at Prayer in the Eucharistic Celebration presented by Jackie Gere

D – The Church at Prayer in the Liturgical Season presented by Jackie Gere

St. Mary Rockwood

March 14 ~ 9 am - 12 pm Protecting God’s Children

St. Charles, Newport

March ~ 4 pm - 7 pm ~”Called to Serve for Teens” ~ Presents safety needed as employees, volunteers in parishes, schools & the community. Focuses on: Working with & role modeling for children, communicating & working with adults, interacting appropriately with peers & recognizing & responding to inappropriate behaviors. Facilitated by Kelly Schmidt. Call 734-586-2531 for information & to register.

St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner ~ 937 E. Third St. Monroe ~ March 15 ~ Noon - 3 pm
Pasta meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert, beverage. \$6/Adult ~\$3/Children ~Under 5 FREE
Take outs ~ 241-8518

St. Mary Christian Women Lenten Soup Lunches every Wednesday from March 4th through April 8th, 11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m. in the Parish Life Center ~ 151 N. Monroe St. Hot & hearty soups, home-made bread, desserts & refreshments will be served. \$6 donation is requested at the door. Proceeds go to St. Vincent DePaul.

St. Mary Catholic School Monroe is seeking a principal beginning with 09/10 academic year. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Practicing Catholic, willing to collaborate within and between parish communities to provide quality catechesis and education. Masters Degree in Education. Commitment to quality leadership required. Email resume to mgawron@aol.com by March 16th ~ 5pm. St. Mary Parish, 127 North Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48162; 734-241-1644, Pastor: Rev. Marc Gawronski

St. Mary School Monroe will be holding their Auction on Saturday, March 14th. Doors open at 5:30. Admission is free.

April Vicariate Deadline: Monday, March 23, 2009

Submit articles to: **St. Michael the Archangel**, 502 W. Front St., Monroe, MI 48161
E-mail a Word or Text Document: **mvicariate@yahoo.com**

Vicariate Peace & Justice Families are obtaining housing through the "Spirit of Giving" coalition. Furniture (beds, chairs, etc), and furnishings (sheets, towels, lamps, etc) are needed. Some parishes will collect these things, other parishes will ask you to bring them to St. Mary's, Monroe for storage & distribution at the house between the church and SMCC. Call 241-6907 for drop-off information. Sr. Roberta Richmond, IHM

COMPASS YAM Young Adult Ministry www.compassyam.org
College Students and all Young Adults 18-35. Julieta Oliva julietaoliva@hotmail.com Cell: (313) 319-7420

Monthly Planning Meeting Monroe County Community College (MCCC) **Newman Club** Tuesday, March 10th from 2 ~ 3 p.m. at the Cellar (A building). Facebook group: MCCC Newman Club.

Hunger Banquet Wednesday, March 18th ~ 6 - 8 p.m. in the Cafeteria of MCCC. Suggested donation: \$5. **Volunteers meeting:** Tuesday, March 10th 1:15 - 2 p.m. in the Cellar (A building).

St. Charles Altar Society presents A Lenten Day of Prayer in New Hall ~ 8109 Swan Creek, Newport. March 18 ~ 10 am - 3 pm. Lunch will be served. Presenter: Fr. Todd Lajiness. Theme: 'Enter His Wounds'.

St. Anne's Men's Club 17th Annual Muskrat or Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, March 7 ~ 5:30 pm ~ \$10 per dinner. Includes mashed potatoes, gravy, salad bar, vegetable, soup, bread & dessert. Raffle tickets: \$1/6 for \$5. St. Anne's Parish Hall ~ 2420 N. Dixie Hwy. For tickets or more information Call 289-2910

First Friday and First Saturday Mass St. Anthony, Temperance 4605 St. Anthony Rd. Join us every month on the First Friday at 7 p.m. and First Saturday at 8 a.m. for Holy Mass. Our Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary have asked us to make reparation for the sins, blasphemies and sacrileges committed against His Sacred Heart and Her Immaculate Heart.

SMCC High School Placement Test ~ Saturday, March 14th from 8 am - 12 pm. Students must bring a \$25 testing fee and two #2 pencils. Registration is required. Please contact Mrs. Vicki White at (734) 241-SMCC x121 to register.

SMCC Freshman Registration ~ 3:30 pm ~ 6:30 pm. Families with the last name beginning with A -K on Monday, March 23 and families with the last name beginning with L - Z on Thursday, March 26th. Light refreshments will be served. **Your student must have taken the High School Placement Test in order to register.** Questions, contact the SMCC Guidance Office at 734-241-SMCC x 116.

St. Michael the Archangel School Auction ~ Saturday, April 4 from 6 ~ 10 pm. Admission: \$20. Includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes.

Come Away Vocation Day by the AOD Vocation Office. A day of input, information & reflection for women ages 18-35 considering a call to religious life. Sat., March 21 ~ 9 am - 4 pm, followed by Mass. Call 313.237.4672 for information.

Visitation Spirituality Monroe ~ 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe
No registration required. Contemplative Prayer: Mondays from noon to 12:30 p.m. Drumming Circle: Second Friday of each month from 7-9 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10-20/session.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lenten Fish Frys Friday, February 27th thru Good Friday, April 10th. All you can eat fish/shrimp or Meatless Entrée. Serving from 4:30 pm -7:30 pm Includes: Choice salad & Potato, Vegetable, roll, lemonade/ coffee, homemade dessert. Cost: \$9/Adult, \$7/Sr. & kids 8-12 yrs old/\$4 ~ 8330 Lewis Ave, Temperance ~ 734-847-2805

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St. Anthony Catholic Church ~ 4605 St. Anthony Road, Temperance presents the **St. Luke Production of "The Gospel According to St. John"** performed by Leonardo Defilippis on Friday, March 27~7 pm in the Church. Tickets: \$8/person \$25/ family. Call the St. Anthony Parish Office @ 734-854-1143 to order tickets or for more information.

St. Charles All You Can Eat Breakfast Sunday, March 15th 8:30 a.m. ~ noon. Includes: ham, sausage, eggs, pancakes, French toast, homemade pastries & muffins, home fries, milk, coffee, orange juice & hot chocolate. Tickets: \$5/adults \$3/ children ages 5 through 11 years old.

Spring Clean-Up at St. Joseph Cemetery of Monroe Christmas & winter decorations need to be removed to make ready for 2009 Easter & spring decorations. Lot owners have until Monday, March 16 to remove decorations & arrangements they might like to keep. If you did not purchase a clean-up tag when you placed the decorations, please get one at the office to help with the cost of the hauling services. Tax deductible donations for this cause are welcomed. Decorations & arrangements for Easter, spring & summer may be placed beginning Thursday April 9. St. Joseph Cemetery, owned by the four City of Monroe Catholic parishes, continues to care for you & your loved ones with over two centuries of peaceful & respectful service. Visit or contact the cemetery office M-F 9-4:30 at 241-1411.

St. Joseph Catholic School Open House & Registration Fri., March 13, 5-7 p.m. located at 2238 Manhattan St., Erie. Join us for a fun & informational evening. Tour classrooms, meet faculty, kids games & prizes. Chance to win \$100 tuition rebate. For information call the office at 734-848-6985 or visit our website at www.stjosepheriemi.catholicweb.com.

St. Joseph Catholic School-Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday from February 27 to April 10~ 4:30-7:30 p.m. 2238 Manhattan St., Erie. All-you-can-eat perch and tilapia, with shrimp, potato, cole slaw, roll, dessert & beverage. Meatless dinner available. Prices are: \$11/Adults, \$10/Seniors, \$6/Kids 12 & under. Call the school at (734) 848-6985 for more information.