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Church Finance Manager Sentenced to Prison for Embezzlement

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, Monroe County Court Judge Vincent Dinolfo sentenced 44 year old Marlo Santini to 1 1/3 – 4 years in prison for her April 14, 2016 Grand Larceny in the Second Degree conviction. Santini was also ordered to pay a total of \$241,422.79 in restitution.

Santini stole the money from St. Monica's Church on Genesee Street in the City of Rochester between July 2008 and June 2013, while employed as the church's finance manager. The church used a local accounting firm, the Bonadio Group, to conduct an initial review of their books. The results were then reported to the Rochester Police Department's Economic Crime Unit who conducted a criminal investigation and referred the case to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Senior Assistant District Attorney James Egan of the Economic Crime Bureau conducted the jury trial.

"We believe that this case and the sentence imposed send a strong message that investigation and prosecution of financial crimes is important to our community," said ADA Egan. "We are also hopeful that upon completion of her prison sentence, Ms. Santini will take all necessary steps to fully comply with the restitution order imposed by Judge Dinolfo so that St. Monica's may recover what was stolen."