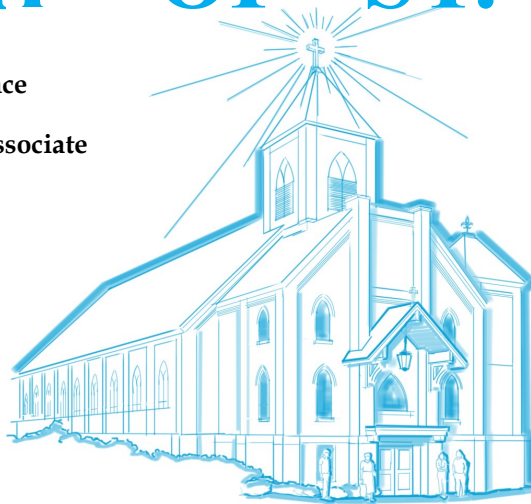


# CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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December 1, 2019

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Church of St. Jerome, believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Empowered by this belief, we seek through the celebration of the Mass, to be Christ's presence in the world. Having celebrated the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the Holy Mass, we strive to build Christian community through prayer and service. We humbly place all our efforts under the special patronage of the Blessed, ever Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our mother in the faith.



## Second Collection

This weekend, **November 30th & December 1st**, is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America.

The CUA is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. The CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. You can learn more at: [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu) Please be generous!

## Advent Tree Lighting

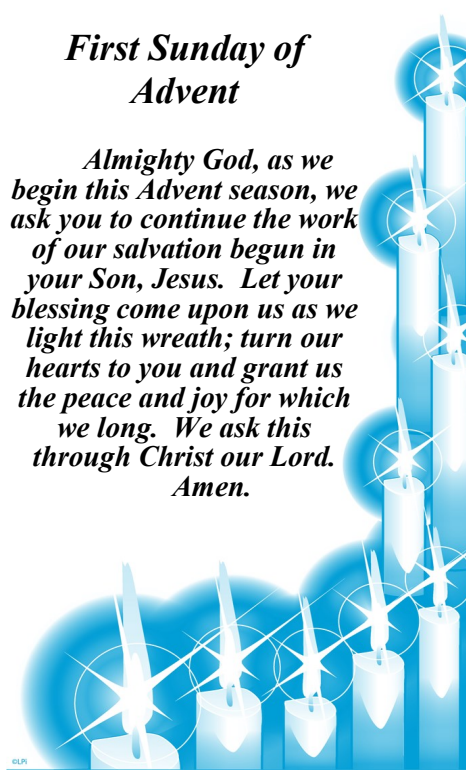
The Advent Tree Lighting Service, which is sponsored by the Association of Churches and the Village of East Rochester, will take place on **Sunday, December 1st, at 5:00 p.m.** at Edmond Lyon Park. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the main entrance area of the Senior Center in the Eyer Building, 317 Main Street.



**We Welcome** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Antonio Walter Elder** son of **Kevin & Teresa**.

## First Sunday of Advent

*Almighty God, as we begin this Advent season, we ask you to continue the work of our salvation begun in your Son, Jesus. Let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath; turn our hearts to you and grant us the peace and joy for which we long. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Monks' Bread Fundraiser

to benefit The St. Jerome Youth Group Conference Trip

Your order of freshly baked bread, biscotti, cheese crisps, fruit & nut bars and more can help send our youth to the Steubenville Conference this summer. Orders can be placed after Masses on **November 23rd, 24th, 30th and December 1st**. Pick up your order the weekend of **December 21st & 22nd** ... just in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support! Contact Kevin & Karin Spears with any questions at (585) 750-9593.



## The Giving Tree

As we've done in the past, we will have a Giving Tree in the Baptismal Font area of our Church. It is an opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift for someone in need. These include residents from DePaul Parkside Adult Home and East Rochester families who apply to the East Rochester Resource Center. These families also receive a food basket.

On the tree this year, there will be ornaments with the name, age and gift suggestion. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift and return the gift unwrapped.

It is very important to return the unwrapped gift with the ornament. If you wish, you may include wrapping paper and bow with the gift, but do not wrap the gift. The number and name are coded to make sure the right person receives the right gift. We ask that you do not send your child alone to pick an ornament from the tree. All gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 15th**.

## Immaculate Conception

**Monday, December 9th**, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year it is **not a Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be on **Monday, December 9th, at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (St. John Bosco School Mass)** Thank you.



**Monday, December 2, 2019**

**Advent Weekday**

**7:30 a.m. Don Davis** by Wife, Penny

*Ann Scura* by Husband & Family

**11:00 a.m. Mass at Parkside**, For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

**7:30 a.m. Bill & Mona Hess** by Daughter, Penny

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

**Advent Weekday**

**7:30 a.m. Ada Ballatori** by Daughter & Family

*Ross Scumaci* by Bill & Suzanne Minnie & Family

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**Advent Weekday**

**7:30 a.m. Michael Dugan** by The Werner Family

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

**First Friday**

**7:30 a.m. Kathy McNamara** by The McGee Family

*All Souls in Purgatory*

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

**First Saturday**

**8:00 a.m. Gene Gianforti** by Family

**4:30 p.m. Evelyn Botticelli** by John & Sally Connors

*Giuseppe Morrelli* by Wife, Caterina Morrelli & Family

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m. Jennie DeCiantis** by Friend

*Cosmo Goodman* by Ray & Toni Parrotta

**10:00 a.m. Anna & Luigi Pavoni** by Best Friend, Mario

*Dominic & Columba Parravano* by Son, Joe Parravano

*Anthony Pullano* by Kevin & Marianne Walsh



## Festival Youth Choir

The St. Jerome's Music Ministry is host to a variety of wonderful musical opportunities for young people and adults to share their gift of music with the congregation throughout the year.

At this time we are recruiting for our Festival Youth Choir which is available to all members of St. Jerome's faith community who are 8 – 18 years old. You do not need to know how to read music, but you should have the desire to share your gift of music in liturgical song.

**The Festival Youth Choir** will perform on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. family Mass and on Easter Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass as well as at other times throughout the liturgical year.

For more details on the rehearsal schedule and to register please contact Teresa Galbier, Director of Music, at [teresa.galbier@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.galbier@gmail.com).



## Annual Advent Craft Sale

The East Rochester Association of Churches in benefit of the East Rochester Community Resource Center is holding their annual Craft Sale on **Saturday, December 7th**, from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the East Rochester High School Gymnasium. Admission is free and the facility is handicapped accessible.



## Ladies Auxiliary

### Knights of St. John

The **Annual Christmas Party** will be on **Sunday, December 15th**, from **11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at Midvale Country Club, located at 2387 Baird Road in Penfield. Brunch will be served at **12:00 noon**. The cost is **\$24.00** per member. Please bring a **\$10.00** grab bag gift. Reservations and payment are due **NO LATER THAN December 11th**. Please make checks payable to St. John's Ladies Auxiliary and mail payment to **Judy Lenzi, 10 Harleston Lane, East Rochester, NY 14445**.

## Please Pray for Those in the Military:



*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

1st Lt. Alex V. Alfieri  
PVT. Kyle Anderson  
Brandon Beauchamp USAF  
USMA Matthew Blejwas  
Specialist Aaron Brochu  
Airman Rachel Brock  
BM3 Mary Carr USN  
Captain Craig Carlisle  
Chief Master Sgt. Matt Clancy  
Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army  
1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC  
AO2 Timothy Fennell USN  
Captain Brian Findlay  
Lt. Kurt Findlay  
Sgt. Daniel Frate  
CW5 Thomas Grove  
Cpl. Kevin Harte  
LT. Bart Hicklin USN  
CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army  
Sgt. Ryan Jackson  
HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN  
Ryan LaFountain  
PVT. Jack Leonardo US Army  
HM3 Marcella Levato USN  
Bryan McAuliff USN  
PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army  
HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN  
Staff Sgt. Nathaniel McAvoy  
CPT. Richard R. McPhee  
CPT. Shannon McPhee  
Sgt. Joseph Merritt Jr.  
Captain Jeffrey Piazza  
PVT. Megan Rossi USMC  
Airman Alesa Whelehan  
Sgt. Christopher Whelehan

## Let Us Pray

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially **Miele Battaglini and Theresa Guarino**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



**Good News!**

December 1, 2019

**First Sunday of Advent (A)**

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Be prepared! But for what? Since we're entering the season of Advent, we might think that we're called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it's much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of that when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we "throw off the works of darkness," works of rivalry and jealousy (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus' insistence to "stay awake" and "be prepared" (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes more often than this. God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God's coming? Today's readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness, as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m..

**Dear Padre**

December 1, 2019

**A eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight-year old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, "No, I refuse!" My grandchild receives both species in our home parish. Can a eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?**

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, "It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice" (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, 46-47). Children who have reached the age of reason—normally about age seven—are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of holy Eucharist.

Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same manner as other members of the ecclesial community. "Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them" (Code of Canon Law, 843). While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it's applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive holy Communion by reason of their baptism.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Collection for November 17, 2019	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$6,869.88</b>
<b>Sunday Envelopes</b>	<b>\$5,477.00</b>
<b>Sunday Loose</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$121.00</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>
<b>Catholic Courier</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Candle Money</b>	<b>\$162.88</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>All Souls</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Military Services</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>604</b>

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

**HOLY DAYS**

Please consult Bulletin

**DAILY MASSES**

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.  
Consult bulletin for changes

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Call Rectory Office 586-3231

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
(or by appointment)

**PARISH STAFF**

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Kevin & Karin Spears, Youth Ministry  
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Sr. Monica Weis, SSJ, Organist

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Anthony DiTucci - Grand Knight, 585-727-6881, more info: [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.



First Sunday of Advent

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

4:15 p.m. - Legion of Mary (Hall)

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Rel. Ed. (K-5) (Hall)

7:15 - 8:15 p.m. - Rel. Ed. (6-7) and

Confirmation Prep I & II (Hall)

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Hall)

6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir (Loft)

7:00 p.m.. - Liturgy Committee (Hall)

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Loft)