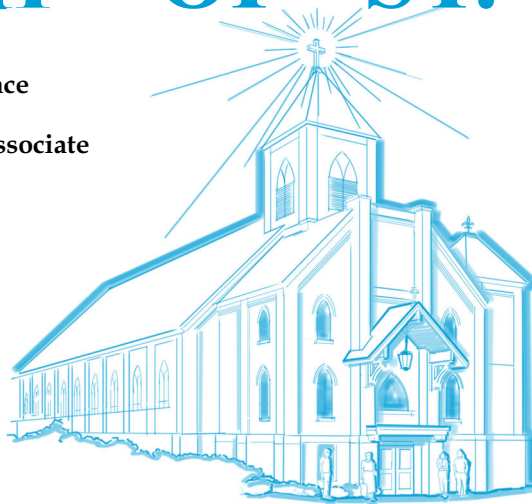


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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December 8, 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 Sunday of Advent

The traditional Advent wreath with its rich symbolism recalls the long wait of our ancestors for the promised Savior, and ritualizes our own hope for His Second Coming. The wreath itself, a circle without beginning and end, reminds us of eternity. The evergreen branches symbolize God's unchanging nature. As a new candle is lit each Sunday, we call our hearts to a new awareness, a fresh anticipation of His birth in Bethlehem



K of C Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus would like to recognize **Bill and Christa Stewart** as our Family of the Month for October 2019. Bill has functioned as a leading member of the Knights of Columbus and Christa as a charter member of the Columbiettes. Both are very active in each organization and a great example for all fellow members. Congratulations to the Stewart family!

Please note: there will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve Day and New Years Eve Day Thank you.

2019 Christmas Schedule



Regional Penance Services JJJAR

Monday, December 9th
(7:00 p.m.) - St. John
Tuesday, December 10th
(12:00 p.m.) - Assumption
Monday, December 16th
(7:00 p.m.) - St. Joseph
Monday, December 16th
(7:00 p.m.) - Resurrection

Followed by individual confession

Individual Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment during the week

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Evening Masses 4:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Carols at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st
5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1st
9:00 a.m.



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.**



Coffee Hour!

Please join St. Jerome's Parish Life Committee at our monthly coffee hour next **Sunday, December 15th,** after the 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Masses. Come and join us! We hope to see you there!



Monday, December 9, 2019

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30a.m. *Rose DeMento* by Catherine Reed

For the Intention of Jeanne White
by Andrea White & Family

10:00 a.m. St. John Bosco School Mass

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Advent Weekend

7:30 a.m. *Helen Jaranowski* by Larry Mastrella & Genevieve DiGiovanni

Francesca DeMaria, 1st Anniversary Remembrance by Family

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Saint Damasus I, Pope

7:30 a.m. *Edele Fioravanti Zornow* by Melissa & Jessie Fioravanti

Deceased Members of the Esposito & LaFarcioia Families
by Anna LaFarcioia & Family

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. *Tim Duffy, Birthday Remembrance* by Wife, Kimmie

Eugenio & Matilde Contestato by Joe & Stella Contestato

Friday, December 13, 2019

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 a.m. *For the Intention of Fr. Matthew Walter* by John & Cathy Marchand

All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Saint John of the Cross. Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:30 p.m. *Frank Santucci* by Wife & Children

Sylvia Hauck & Valerie Janlois
by Judy & John Lenzi

Americo Toto by Daughters

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. *For the People of the Parish*

10:00 a.m. *Anthony Pullano* by Kathy & Jim Laske

Giovanni & Elena Porretta by Vince & Mary Porretta

Edele Fioravanti Zornow by Mario & Laura Fioravanti &



St. Jerome Religious Ed. Advent Mass

All are invited to join St. Jerome's Religious Education classes for their Christmas Pageant and Advent Mass **Tuesday, December 17th, at 6:00 p.m.** We will come together to celebrate Christmas, with a special evening of prayer and song.



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.



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 **Norma Basile**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

At times, God’s presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone’s attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a “peaceable kingdom,” where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other’s God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom “is at hand.” Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: “We have Abraham as our father” (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John’s time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Collection for November 24, 2019	
Total Collection	\$7,013.50
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,268.95
Sunday Loose	\$1,146.00
Utilities	\$95.00
Postage	\$63.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
Candle Money	\$165.05
Monks Bread	\$125.50
All Saints	\$10.00
All Souls	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$125.00
World Mission	\$5.00
Total Attendance	613

Dear Padre

December 8, 2019

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don’t have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church’s teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.

Both dogmas speak of God’s extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb when she accepted God’s will by answering yes to the angel’s announcement that she would bear the “Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus’ birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

From Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask,

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)

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Kevin & Karin Spears, Youth Ministry
Denise Peterson, Secretary
Patrick Vogt, Business Manager
Teresa Galbier, Music Director
Sr. Monica Weis, SSJ, Organist

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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.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 9, 2019

4:15 p.m. - Legion of Mary (Hall)
7:00 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary (Hall)

Tuesday, December 10, 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 11, 2019

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Hall)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir (Loft)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.