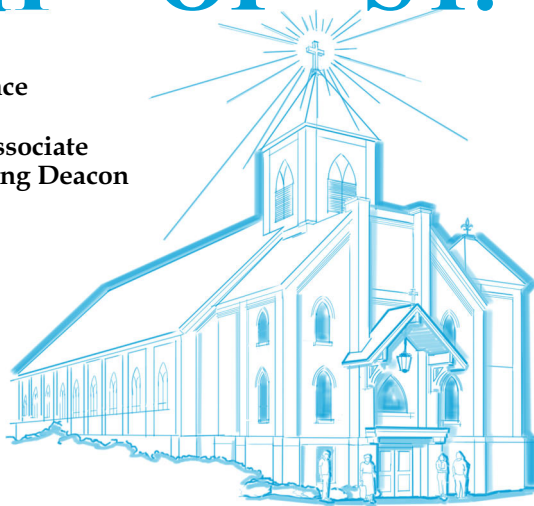


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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 Sr. Clare Brown, SSJ: Pastoral Associate
 Deacon Bruno Petrauskas: Visiting Deacon

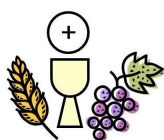
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January 5, 2020

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.



We are in Need of Eucharist Ministers

We are in need of additional **Eucharistic Ministers**, especially for the **4:30 p.m. Mass**, as well as **Cross bearers** for all masses, but particularly the **10:00 a.m. Mass**.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer for these important ministries that provide support for our weekly Masses. If you are interested, please contact **Sister Clare** at the Parish Office at **586-3231**.



K of C Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus would like to recognize **The Wehner Family** as our Family of the Month for November 2019. Ray and Darlene have generously committed their time to support our faith within the community. They have been involved in Prison Ministry and the Cursillo Movement. In addition, Ray worked as the Grand Knight for our chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to the Wehner family!

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

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Prayer for Epiphany

Dear Jesus,
 Though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness. On a hint from the heavens, they traveled far from their places of comfort so that they could honor you.

From their belief in your divinity, they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized your life, power, and even your death.

And because of a dream in the night, they altered their well-laid plans to return home in order to protect you.

May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey, all for love of you, as we meditate on the meaning of this day.

Amen.



Today we worship a partial fulfillment when Jesus, as an Infant King, is manifested to wise men of the Gentile world and through them to all peoples

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CMA Update from Fr. Leone

Our parish goal this year is **\$82,090**, which fortunately is the same as last year last year's CMA goal. In the past year we had 240 donors. This means that if each of the 240 family units (who are able), can consider a gift of at least \$38.00 each month for 9 months (or a total of \$342) for the campaign (until May 2020), we will definitely reach our CMA goal. We realize that not every parishioner will be able to give that amount, while others will be able to give more. **Any underage necessitates digging into our parish resources to fulfill our obligation (we fell \$12,000 short last year)**. In addition, every year our parish experiences a significant number of deaths of faithful and very generous parishioners, which adds to the challenge of making our Catholic Ministry Appeal goal. Although 240 households participated this past year, we have 981 registered households in the parish. Our hope is that more families than ever will participate at some level this year. This year especially, we need you to be as generous as you can. I am grateful to all those who have already pledged for this year's CMA.

Respectfully,
 Father Leone

CMA Update

Goal: \$82,090.00
Pledged to date: \$60,825.50
Number of Donors: 187
Accomplished 74.10% of our goal.



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6, 2020

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

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

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:30 a.m. *Angela Sunstone* by Caren Barth

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Paul DeSarra* by Caren Barth
Don Davis by Wife, Penny

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Danielle Garcia* by Caren Barth

Friday, January 10, 2020

Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. *For the Intention of Laura Macaluso* by Friend
All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Christmas Weekday

4:30 p.m. *Marty Brucato* by Steve Bolton

Mary Lou Syracuse by Doris Swagler

Miele Battaglini by St. Jerome Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

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

10:00 a.m. *George Joseph* by Family

Franca Ballatori by Teresa & Nino Spano

Theresa Fantauzzo by The Moore Family

**Christmas
December 25, 2019
Mass Attendance**

Christmas Eve	4:30 p.m.	467
Christmas Eve	10:30 p.m.	216
Christmas Day	8:00 a.m.	191
Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	140
Total Christmas Masses		1014



Thank you!

The Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who participated in the **Bill Grays Night on October, 24th.** It was a successful event due to the participation of the parishioners of St. Jerome. All money raised will go back to St. Jerome's to support our Parish Activities.



First Penance Meeting

The introductory meeting for your child's First Penance will be held on **Saturday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church Hall. This meeting is for both parents and children who will be celebrating their First Penance. Anyone interested in learning more about this Sacrament is welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Joslin in the Faith Formation Office at 586-3231 for more information.



Rochester Amerks Hockey!

Save the Date

Sunday, February 16, 2020 for the 3:05 p.m. Amerks v Utica Comets game at the Blue Cross Arena. Join fellow Parishioners in reserved seating near the rink entrance! Watch for details in January.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 6, 2020

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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, January 8, 2020

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

Collection figures for Christmas will be published in a future bulletin. Thank you.

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 **Mark Young, Fedele Paradiso and Jennie Rotunda.** May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

Good News!

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1–6; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

“Go back where you came from!” What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says “the stewardship of God’s grace...was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

January 5, 2020

What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew’s Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers. The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it’s doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God’s presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn’t strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by “Christianizing” aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the “Sun of Justice,” thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ’s Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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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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.



Collection for December 22, 2019	
Total Collection	\$9,178.50
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,365.00
Sunday Loose	\$1,805.00
Utilities	\$120.00
Postage	\$15.00
Catholic Courier	\$60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$183.00
Candle Money	\$163.00
Monks Bread	\$37.50
Christmas Envelopes	\$2,430.00
Total Attendance	711