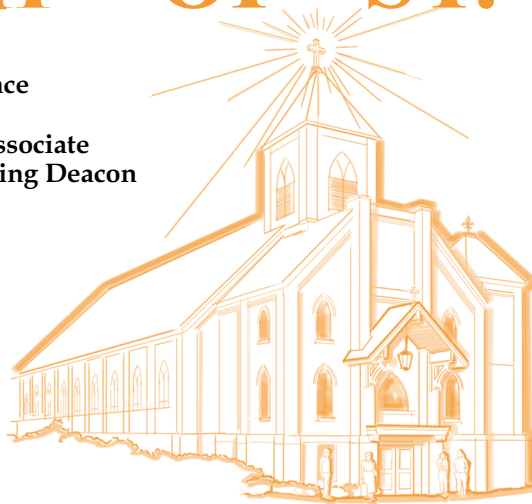


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

Rev. William B. Leone: Pastor
Rev. William Endres: In Residence
Deacon Dermot Loughran
Sr. Clare Brown, SSJ: Pastoral Associate
Deacon Bruno Petrauskas : Visiting Deacon

207 Garfield Street
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February 2, 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.



MEN'S RETREAT

St. Jerome Parish Men's Retreat Weekend

Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua, NY, invites the men of **St. Jerome's Parish** to a weekend retreat, **February 28th - March 1, 2020**

Our Theme for 2020 "Finding God in Life's Transitions." Come relax, unwind, and enjoy a calm friendly setting along with some great food. Men of the Parish that are interested please contact Al Buckner at 585-727-0928 – email abuckner47@gmail.com or contact Notre Dame 585-394-5700 email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com website <https://notredameretreat.org/>



K of C Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus would like to recognize The **Allen Family** as our **Family of the Month** for **December 2019**. Over the past several years **Herb and Jackie** have generously committed their time to provide our parish with our monthly Coffee Hour. In addition to being loving grandparents, they have also been involved in the East Rochester Senior Center. Congratulations to the Allen Family!



St. Jerome Parish Mission

Becoming a Confident Pro-Life Advocate and Inner Healing with Fr. Jim Hewes.

The parish mission is an opportunity this Lent to prepare our hearts in a special way for the Lord

Our Parish gatherings on **Monday, February 17th** (11:00 a.m. and repeated at 7:00 p.m.), will explore how to become "**A Confident Pro-Life Advocate.**" The Abortion issue should be the priority in any Parish because of the vulnerability of pre-born children and the sheer magnitude of the loss of life. Without the basic right to life, other rights are not possible; it is the foundation and building block for all human rights.

The second day in our parish gatherings on **Tuesday, February 18th** (11:00 a.m. and repeated at 7:00 p.m.), we will explore together through scripture and other stories what is called "**Inner Healing or Healing of Memories.**" We have all experienced wounds in our lives, so come and explore a way of inner healing. All are welcome.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Public Policy Advocacy Weekend

February 8th & 9th

Public Policy Weekend is scheduled for **February 8th & 9th**. People throughout the Diocese will be asked to : Oppose Physician Assisted Suicide in NYS.

Next weekend of **February 8th & 9th** you'll have the opportunity to sign our diocese-wide Public Policy Weekend petition in opposition to physician assisted suicide.

We'll be advocating for increased availability of palliative care across New York State, and opposition to physician assisted suicide. Physician assisted suicide targets those who are vulnerable to coercion, and the proposed legislation does not offer protection to those facing end of life decisions. Please **plan to sign** the petition **next weekend** to voice your support for the care of the vulnerable in our community. The petition is also available online: www.dor.org/petition

CMA Update

Goal:	\$82,090.00
Pledged to date:	\$70,054.50
Number of Donors:	214
Accomplished 85.34% of our goal.	



Monday, February 3, 2020

Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

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

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Weekday

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 a.m. *Lois Shrader* by The
McAuliff & Donaldson
Families

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyr

7:30 a.m. *Magda Gonzalez* by Son &
Family

Friday, February 7, 2020

First Friday

7:30 a.m. *Michael Donnelly* by
Raymond & Patricia Ashlaw

All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 8 2020

Weekday

4:30 p.m. *Terry Guarino* by Barbara
Dorsey

Norma Basile by Mr. & Mrs.
Michael E. McDonald &
Family

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. *Mark Regan* by Dennis
Regan

10:00 a.m. *For the People of the Parish*

February

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 3, 2020

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

Tuesday, February 4, 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, February 5, 2020

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



Rochester Amerks Hockey!

St Jerome's at the Amerks game will be **postponed**. We're sorry for the inconvenience. There will be other fun events planned for future dates!



Pancake Breakfast

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for **Sunday, March 8th**, from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Jean Daniel Senior Center.

The breakfast includes pancakes and sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fresh fruit, coffee and juice.

Tickets for this event can be picked up after all Weekend Masses from **February 8th & 9th to March 1st & 2nd**. There is no charge for the ticket (This is only to get an approximate head count.) We will be accepting a **free will offering** at the door.

Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please support our parish by joining us for food, fun and friendship!



First Penance

First Penance will take place in the Church on **Saturday, February 8th**, at **10:00 a.m.** Fourteen of our young Parishioners will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance. Families are welcome and encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their child.



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**.

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 **Diane Giambrone Payne**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A)

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

February 2, 2020

A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Anthony DiTucci - Grand Knight, 585-727-6881, more info: 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.

Collection for January 26, 2019	
Total Collection Sunday	\$9,603.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$8,061.00
Sunday Loose	\$1,010.00
Utilities	\$240.00
Postage	\$58.00
Catholic Courier	\$45.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Candle Money	\$134.00
Total Attendance	607

ALL Liturgical Ministers (that includes altar servers)! If you will be away during the next schedule (April - June), please contact Denise in the Parish office at 586-3231 as soon as possible and no later than **February 28th**. Thank you.