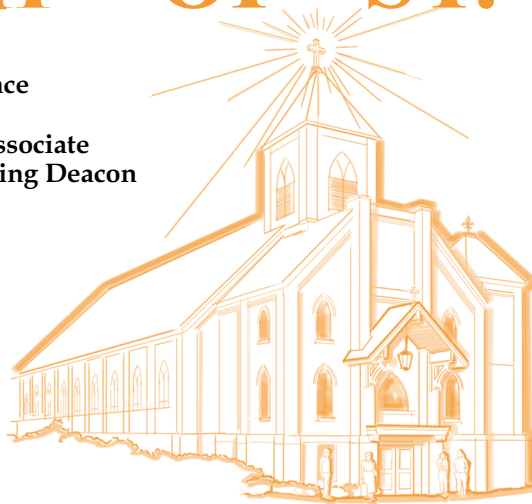


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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

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February 9, 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.



Cross Catholic Outreach

Next Weekend, **February 15th & 16th**, we will welcome **Rev. Msgr. Andrew Martin**. Father Martin will speak at all weekend Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Cross Catholic Outreach delivers Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Lenten Scripture Study

We welcome you to join us during Lent for six sessions on God's Love in Jesus. The sessions will consist of watching sections of the Franco Zeffirelli film Jesus of Nazareth, prayer, personal reflection and reactions to the video. "God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten son."

The sessions will begin on **Wednesday, February 26th**, and will end the week before Holy Week, Wednesday, March 25th. Each session will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and end at noon. The first session takes place on **Ash Wednesday** and you are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Sr. Clare Brown and Michelle Castelli



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 all have 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.

Today our parish is participating in Public Policy Weekend, happening around the diocese. You have the opportunity today to speak out for the protection of those who are vulnerable to coercion and depression as the make end of life decisions. Please put your faith in action and **sign the petition** to express your opposition to physician assisted suicide becoming legal in New York State, and to the expansion of access to compassionate palliative medicine and hospice care. Petitions will be available for your signature at all Church entrances.



Coffee Hour

Please join St. Jerome's Parish Life Committee at our monthly coffee hour next **Sunday, February 16th**, after the 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Masses. We hope to see you there!



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10, 2020

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

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

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 a.m. *Frank, Ida & Attilo DiFelice* by Adina & Sam Lopez & Family

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. *All Veterans*

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. *All Active Duty Military*

Friday, February 14, 2020

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:30 a.m. *Erminia Properzi* by Daughter

For the Intention of Ben Mills & Natalie General by John M.

Robert White by Family

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Weekday

4:30 p.m. *For the People of the Parish*

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. *For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus* by St. John Fisher Council 3676

10:00 a.m. *Alessandro Fioravanti* by Mario Fioravanti & Family
Carmela Loria by Bruce & Ann Jesse

Ercole, Bernadine & Charles Fioravanti by Ann & Bruce Jesse & Family



We Welcome those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Erik Macksterling Salters-McLamore** son of **Erik and Hunter**.



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/>



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!



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 10, 2020

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

Tuesday, February 11, 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)

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



Good News!

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

The description of the disciples found in today’s Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don’t turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn’t that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven’t we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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

Dear Padre

February 9, 2020

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments— both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (GIRM 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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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Faith Formation Office..... 586-3231
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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 February 2, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$11,359.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$9,810.00
Sunday Loose	\$1,083.00
Utilities	\$200.00
Postage	\$91.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
Candle Money	\$165.00
Total Attendance	590

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.