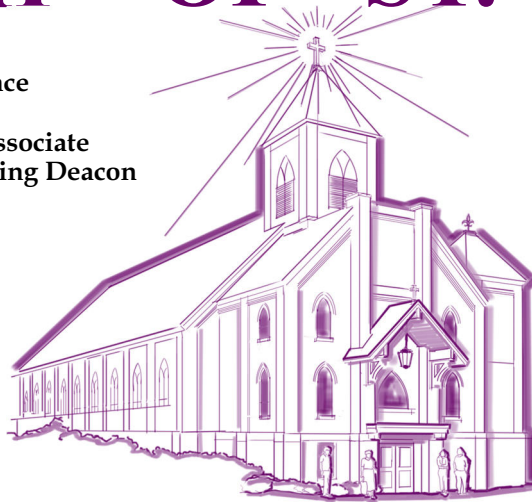


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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Deacon Dermot Loughran
Sr. Clare Brown, SSJ: Pastoral Associate
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February 23, 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.



Lent Begins February 26th

Another Lenten season is upon us beginning **February 26th** with Ash Wednesday. There will be a Mass on **Tuesday, February 25th, at 6:00 p.m.** All are invited to join the Religious Ed classes for this Mass. On **Ash Wednesday, February 26th**, Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.



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, April 1st**. Each session will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and end at noon. The first session takes place on **Ash Wednesday**. You are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 p.m. Sr. Clare Brown and Michelle Castelli

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!



Hands of Christ Award

Congratulations to the 2020 recipients who received the Hands of Christ award from the Diocese of Rochester. The ceremony took place at St. John of Rochester on Tuesday, February 4th. We are honored and proud of **Natalie General, Linnea Loughran and Michael Raschiatore** who received the award for living Christian lives in their homes, their Church, their school and their Community.

Second Collection

Next weekend, **February 29th & March 1st**, our parish will take up the annual Collection for **Black and Indian Missions**. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the **Black and Indian Mission Collection**.



Rice Bowl Lent 2020

Lent 2020 our Rice Bowl Bank will focus on the people of and need of Honduras, Viet Nam, and Kenya and other places around the world where Catholic Relief Services is at work. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, even a small offering has the potential to feed many. Jesus fed thousands with a few loaves of bread and two fish. Let us follow his example, committing our 40-day Lenten journey to meeting the needs of our global human family. Please remember to **take a Lenten Bank home on Ash Wednesday** and bring it back on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. *For the Intention of Pam & Dave, Thank you for your Support* by Toni

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Nick & Tom Rosati* by Family

6:00 p.m. *Religious Ed. Mass*

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. *Mike Angelo Galante* by Wife, Vicky

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

12:10 p.m. *The Bieterman Family* by Daughter

5:30 p.m. *The Engasser Family* by Granddaughter

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. *Domenico Folino, Birthday Remembrance* by Friends & Family

Friday, February 28, 2020

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. *All Souls in Purgatory*

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:30 p.m. *Theresa Guarino* by Emidio Maiorani

Betty Chudyk by Family

Norma Basile by Sue Caternolo

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. *Walter McKenna* by Steven McKenna

Domenic Parravano by Vince & Mary Porretta

Ronald Louis, First Anniversary Remembrance by Wife & Children

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

CPR Training for Ushers

CPR Training for **all Ushers** will be take place on **Saturday, March 14th**, from **8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall.

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/>

Archangel School Open House

Archangel School will be holding an Open House on **Thursday, March 12th, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Located at 2400 Chili Avenue in the Town of Gates, Archangel School offers a traditional education that is authentically Catholic and academically challenging. Educating students in Pre-K through Grade 12, Archangel provides small class sizes with a non-Common Core curriculum and affordable tuition. Personal tours are also available by calling 247-1112.

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.

CMA Update

St. Jerome's has now reached **89%** of its Catholic Ministry Appeal goal; **we are very close**, if anyone who hasn't donated yet does so, we can reach our CMA goal. Thanks to all those who have supported St. Jerome's by giving to this year's CMA.

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 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Wow, that’s a tall order! But what does perfect mean? The Greek word means “full” or “complete.” In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be holy, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between perfect and holy, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” The punishment may not exceed the crime. This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the “sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust” (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Stations of the Cross
Please join us for the Stations of the Cross at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent.

Dear Padre

February 23, 2020

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren’t necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone— not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals are necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn’t just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound! Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ’s very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders— ordained and religious— bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the Catechism of the Catholic Church can explain in detail the spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn’t follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it’s the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while “all the Catholic rituals” do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can’t find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.
Fr. Scott Katzenberger, 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

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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 February 16, 2020 | |
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| Total Collection Sunday | \$6,063.00 |
| Sunday Envelopes | \$3,976.00 |
| Sunday Loose | \$1,489.00 |
| Utilities | \$252.00 |
| Postage | \$42.00 |
| Catholic Courier | \$50.00 |
| Soleminity of Mary | \$65.00 |
| Candle Money | \$189.00 |
| Total Attendance | 522 |



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 24, 2020
4:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary (Hall)
7:00 p.m. - Columbiettes (Hall)
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
6:00 p.m. - Rel. Ed. Ash Wednesday Mass (All Classes)