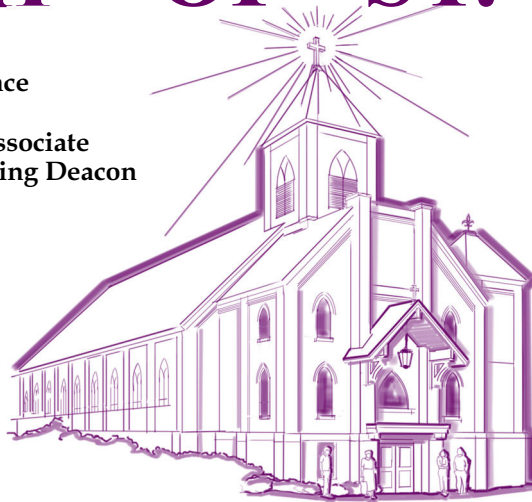


# CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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March 22, 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.



## RESPONDING TO COVID-19, CORONAVIRUS

We all have growing concerns about the coronavirus pandemic, including at our Parish. State and County health officials have provided guidelines for precautions we should take to prevent the spread of the virus. Bishop Matano and the Diocese of Rochester have also provided guidelines. Here's what we need you to know

### The Mass

To limit the spread of COVID-19, the Coronavirus, all public Masses in the Diocese of Rochester are suspended until further notice effective immediately. Our Church will be open for private prayer Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As you have been hearing from health officials, we also encourage social distancing if you come to the Church please sit at a distance from others in Church that minimizes exposure.

Confessions will continue on Saturday, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Cancellations Listing

All non-essential parish gatherings are cancelled until further notice. This includes all parish ministries outside of Mass:

- \* Tuesday, Adoration
- \* Friday, Stations of the Cross
- \* Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and all Bible studies are included until further notice.
- \* The Soup Supper
- \* All leadership team and Council meetings
- \* Liturgy of the Word for Children
- \* All nursing home Masses, visits, and Communion services
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary



## A Prayer for Lent

I Will Lean In  
(a daily prayer to say during Lent)

I will lean in, retreat from the pressures I face, and move closer and deeper into your love.

I will breathe out, refrain from the distractions I seek, and become open and receiving of your grace.

I will linger, encircled by the depth of your care, and receive the endless nature of your mercy.

I will whisper, in the quiet of this sanctuary, and be honest and real in your presence.

I will listen, awaken all my senses to your voice, and become expectant and hopeful of your kingdom work in my life.

## Lenten Schedule

**This Schedule is subject to change.**

### Individual Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment.

There will be **NO** confessions on Holy Saturday

### Holy Thursday: April 9th

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Good Friday: April 10th

**(Day of Fast & Abstinence)**  
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death  
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday: April 11th

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service & Mass

### Easter Sunday: April 12th

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



### Mass Intentions

Monday, March 23, 2020

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
7:30a.m. *Magda Gonzalez* by Son & Family

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

**Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr**  
7:30 a.m. *Jeanette D'Agostino Banker* by Teresa Sorge

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**The Annunciation of the Lord**  
7:30 a.m. *Dalip Singh* by Vince & Lois Alfieri

Thursday, March 26, 2020

**Lenten Weekday**

7:30 a.m. *Fanny & Tony Lopez* by Adina & Sam Lopez

*James Nagle, 1st Anniversary Remembrance* by Wife

Friday, March 27, 2020

**Lenten Weekday**

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

Saturday, March 28, 2020

**Lenten Weekday**

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

Sunday, March 29, 2020

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. *Shirley Raschiatore, Birthday Remembrance* by Husband, Tom & Family

10:00 a.m. *Antonia Malara & Maria D'Agostino* by Nino Spano & Family

*For the Intention of Nancy Perrilleon* by Sister Jeanette

*Giovanni & Elena Porretta* by Vince & Mary Porretta



## Pancake Breakfast Thank you!

St. Jerome's wishes to thank all the people who volunteered for the Pancake Breakfast. You did a wonderful job! Our biggest thanks go to **Mark Leeper, as well as to The Jean Daniels Senior Center**, who generously supported the Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to all the parishioners and young people of St. Jerome's who lent their support and made our Pancake Breakfast a success for another year! This was a wonderful way to bring the people of St. Jerome's together to support and strengthen our faith community.



## 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 bring your Rice Bowl back on **Palm Sunday**. Thank you for your generosity.



## Diocesan Day of Penance

Day of Penance and Mercy on **Wednesday, April 1st**. Has been cancelled.



## CMA Update

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$82,090.00</b>
<b>Pledged to date:</b>	<b>\$78,213.00</b>
<b>Number of Donors:</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Accomplished 95.28% of our goal.</b>	

## 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



## Religious Artifacts

The proper disposal of religious statues, artifacts and mementos is available through the Diocese of Rochester call Deb Housel at 585-328-3210. Please share this information with your loved ones, or place a copy of the information with your will, in case they are unaware of this service.



## 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 **Lawrence Cilento**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

# Good News!

March 22, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Do we? Do we really see? Do we understand? There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# Dear Padre

March 22, 2020

## Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Saint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.

Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: "Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt" (Matthew 2:14).

It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

—Fr. Paul Coury, CSsR



Collection for March 15, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$4,382.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,343.00
Sunday Loose	\$691.00
Utilities	\$32.00
Postage	\$10.00
Catholic Courier	\$135.00
Black & Native American	\$2.00
Catholic Relief	\$55.00
Easter Flowers	\$40.00
Solmnity of Mary	\$5.00
Candle Money	\$69.00
Total Attendance	318

## 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.

## Stand Out for Life

Saturday Morning - **March 28th**, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at The Headquarters of Planned Parenthood of Central and Western NY, 114 University Ave, downtown Rochester.

We must not ignore or minimize the massive, ongoing, human rights atrocity of abortion that is happening on our watch. We must love enough to do more. Let's show up for love of God and neighbor: to pray together and to stand out in public witness for the end of abortion. Save the dates of future Stand Outs: 4/25 - Every 4th Saturday. You are needed!