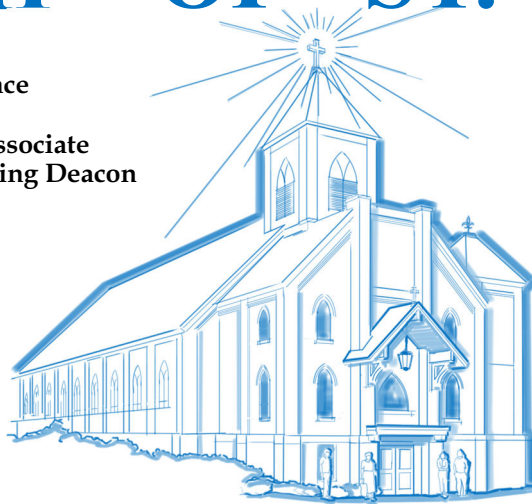


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

Rev. William B. Leone: Pastor
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207 Garfield Street
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May 24, 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.



In response to the coronavirus outbreak, Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has composed a prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe. He says the difficult situation facing the world has reminded us that we are all brothers and sisters. As "one family under God", we turn to our Mother for protection and delivery from the threat of the Covid19 virus.

Here is Archbishop Gomez's prayer:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



This prayer below brings our Lord's stirring words to mind:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!



PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



ONLINE COLLECTION BASKET

During these difficult and uncertain times your continued support of St. Jerome's and our vital ministries is most appreciated. We want to thank all of our parishioners who have continued to mail in their envelopes and/or utilized our electronic transfer options. Your generosity will help us to continue serving you and the community. All gifts will be recorded in your name as always. St. Jerome's Contributions can be mailed to:

207 Garfield Street, East Rochester, NY 14445 Or to set up for recurring payments online go to: <http://stjeromerochester.org>

CMA Update

Goal:	\$82,090.00
Pledged to date:	\$78,373.88
Number of Donors:	241
Accomplished 95.47% of our goal.	



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25, 2020

Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. *John Dutko* by Family

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:30 a.m. *Priests of St. Jerome* by Leslie Mills

Anna Passalacqua by John

Lois Alfieri by Vince & Family

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

7:30 a.m. *The Oyer Family* by Leslie Mills

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Easter Weekday

7:30 a.m. *The Schofield Family* by Leslie Mills

Friday, May 29, 2020

Easter Weekday

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

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Easter Weekday

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

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

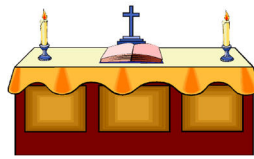
8:00 a.m. *The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, Especially Anthony Pacilio & Bill Krieg* by St. John Fisher Council 3676

10:00 a.m. *Costantino Porretta & Francesca Porretta* by Vince & Mary Porretta.

Frank Crane by Daughters



If you would like to remember your loved ones with the celebration of the Eucharist, please leave a message for Denise in the Rectory Office at 586-3231 to schedule a Mass, and a staff member will get back to you. You may wish to have a Mass offered on the anniversary of death, a person's birthday or a significant date in the person's and your life. Although Masses are not currently open to the public, our priests are still offering private Masses for your Mass Intentions every day.

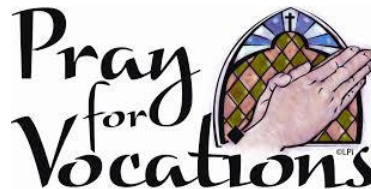


The Mass

To limit the spread of COVID-19, the Coronavirus, all public Masses in the Diocese of Rochester are suspended until further notice effective immediately. Father Leone will be saying Mass privately at the regular scheduled times. All Masses are streamed live on our website. The 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.



Pray for Vocations with Mothers of Lu!

The Mothers of Lu is the remarkable vocations story of mothers from the small Italian village of Lu who met weekly to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life to come from their own families. 323 vocations was the astonishing fruit of the Lu mothers' prayers!

A 21st Century Mothers of Lu Prayer group has formed in the Diocese of Rochester to pray with the same specific intention of calling priests and religious from our own families.



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 **Alfred Galante and Catherine Acciari**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1–11; Eph 1:17–23; Mt 28:16–20

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: “Why are you standing here looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus’ ascension. However, today’s understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus’ ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God’s right hand, “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion” with “all things beneath his feet” (Ephesians 1:21–22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: “Watch what is going to happen.” Instead he told them to go out: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don’t worry, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Look where you’re going, not where I went. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

May 24, 2020

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a threeday retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It’s difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There’s spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit” (1 Corinthians 12:4–7).

—Fr. John Gouger, 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

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Kevin & Karin Spears, Youth Ministry
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Patrick Vogt, Business Manager
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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.



Total Collection Sunday	\$3,887.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,236.00
Sunday Loose	\$200.00
Utilities	\$70.00
Postage	\$50.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
Easter Envelopes	\$140.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Holy Land	\$10.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$8.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$5.00
Ascension	\$55.00
Candle Money	\$45.00
Diocesan Missions	\$58.00
Total Attendance	0