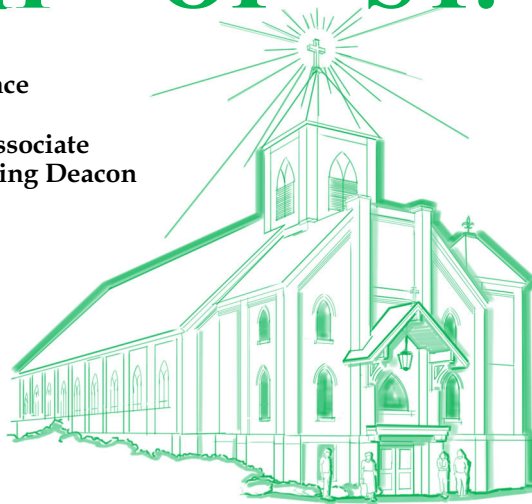


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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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September 13, 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.



Faith Formation Registration

Mail in registration for the 2020/2021 Religious Education Year for grade levels K-9 is now being accepted. If you would like to register your child/children and you did not receive a Registration Form call the Faith Formation Office at 586-3231. Please leave your name, address, and e-mail address. We will be happy to mail you the required forms and email you the updated Faith Formation format for this upcoming year. Early registration helps with planning for the upcoming year. Tuition this year is \$20.00 per family. Our first Parent Meeting is **Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. Please contact Judy Joslin for more information or any questions you may have at judith.joslin@dor.org.



Private Prayer: Please Note the change to the hours the Church is open for private prayer. The Church will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

The CMA goal for St. Jerome Church for 2020-2021, will remain the same as last year. The Parish Goal for 2020-2021 is \$82,090.00. Last year St. Jerome achieved 96% of its goal. The Parish collected \$78,029.00 in CMA Donations. St. Jerome had 243 CMA Donors. Our Parish participation rate was 26%. This left St. Jerome Church with a **shortage of \$4,061.00** which was reimbursed to the Diocese from Church funds. Please join all of our parishioners who made their donation last year and make your pledge to this year's Catholic Ministry Appeal; not only to support these important diocesan ministries, but to help our parish fulfill its responsibility to meet its CMA goal. In doing this, we will all be reminded that each person's donation to the CMA does really make a difference in our diocese and to our parish.



CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

Second Collection

Next weekend, **September 19th and 20th**, there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Donation envelopes are available in the front of the Church.

Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously. Thank you. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Update on Father Leone:

Father is expected to return to St. Jerome's at the end of September. Father would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Father has everything he needs and is asking if you would please refrain from sending food or gifts at this time. If you would like to send Get Well Wishes to Father, you may mail cards to the Rectory or drop them in the collection box in Church. Thank you.



Monday, September 14, 2020

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. *The Schofield Family* by
Leslie Mills

Adeline Crane by Daughters

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 a.m. *Lucia Youngers* by Laura
Trama

*Jerre Tyree, 5th Anniversary
Remembrance* by Wife, Carol

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

**Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian,
Bishop & Martyrs**

7:30 a.m. *Dominic Quinzi* by Lillie
Leone

Anthony LaFarciola by Wife
& Family

Thursday, September 17, 2020

**Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

7:30 a.m. *Irene Polovneva* by Marc
Arena

*For the Intention of John &
Peggy Finucane* by Katie
DiNolfo

Friday, September 18, 2020

Weekday

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

*Personal Intentions of all
Parishioners & Clergy of St.
Jerome* by Laura & Nick
Macaluso

Saturday, September 19, 2020

St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

4:30 p.m. *Michael Yacono* by Mary &
Richard Pugliese

Mario Fioravanti by Jerry &
Mary Cilento

*Linda Kruzynski & Charlie
Richardson* by Family

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. *For the People of the Parish*

10:00 a.m. *Dominic Quinzi* by Joe &
Maryann Perham

Anna DiStefano by Family

Jack Vienne by The Bulbulia
Family



Notre Dame Retreat House is offering "Desert Days"

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

Special days for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. In these uncertain times, give yourself an opportunity to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart.

Spend a day in Prayer. Allow yourself time to recover emotional balance, interior unity, inner balance and peace of soul. During September and October, we will be offering "Desert Days" for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. Our staff will provide materials to reflect on. Space and time will be given in order to read, reflect, respond and pray in solitude with God. These days are open to men and women.

DATES:

Wednesdays – September 16th & 23rd, October 14th, 21st & 28th and November 4th.

Saturdays–September 19th & 26th, October 3rd, 24th & 31st, and November 7th.

SCHEDULE:

9:00am – Gathering and Orientation

Noon – Bagged Lunch

2:00 pm – Gathering & Closing followed by Mass.

Specific times for confession and spiritual direction will be available during the day and given at orientation gathering.

COST: \$25.00 per person

** By Cash, Check or Credit Card day of retreat

REGISTER: For a Specific DATE, please call us at 585-394-5700 or email at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

Collection figures for the week of September 6, 2020 Will be published in a future bulletin.

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

September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

September 13, 2020

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (CCC 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (CCC 2283).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (Order of Christian Funerals, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—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

John Schroth - Grand Knight, 585-202-1673, 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.



Mass Intentions

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. We will do our best to accommodate your requested date. Mass Intention donations (\$10) can be paid by mailing a check to the office.