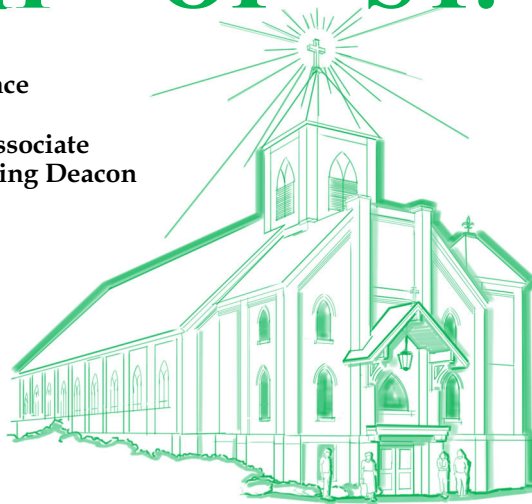


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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

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September 20, 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. Please contact Judy Joslin for more information or any questions you may have at 586-3231 or 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.



Congratulations to the following members of our parish who were Confirmed by Bishop Salvatore Matano in August, at St. Lawrence Church, in Greece: *Matthew Bittner, Mason Dall, Teddy Emmings, Caitlin Farrell, Ryan Farrell, Ryan Flanagan, Hayden Frey, Jack General, Leah Griffith, Mariangela Morreale, Sabrina Sciortino, Stella Sciortino, Joshua Schofield, Madison Tamburrini, and Adam Winship.*

With the help of the Holy Spirit, may they continue to grow in faith, love and service to God, the Church and others.



CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

Second Collection

This 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.



Parish Office Closed

Please note that all **Parish Offices** in the Diocese of Rochester **remain closed**. While most employees are working remotely, emails and calls will be returned as soon as possible but communication should be limited to important or urgent matters due to our present limitations and restrictions.



Monday, September 21, 2020

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30 a.m. John Reed by Catherine Reed

Charles Marino by Maryann & Ralph DiTucci

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Karen Fazio Murray by Terry Meng

Peter Spoto by The Petruzelli Family

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:30 a.m. The Macaluso Family by Leslie Mills

Fred Galante by Larry & Julie Weise

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Raymond Wehner by Joe & Mary Ann Perham

Mary Ruggieri by Jeannette Pullano

Friday, September 25, 2020

Weekday

7:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Mario Fioravanti by Joe & Mary Ann Perham

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

4:30 p.m. Philip Bourgoïn, 5th Anniversary Remembrance by Wife & Children

Mario Fioravanti by Vince Alfieri

Jack Vienne by Jerry & Mary Cilento

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Alfred Galante by Barbara Crane Dorsey

Ray Wehner by Teresa Quinzi Willette

Mike Galante & Yola Galante Cort by Marian & Ron DiMino

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



A Back to School Prayer

If any school year needed to open with prayer, it is the one we are about to embark upon. Whether or not you have a child or grandchild in school, we invite all to join us in offering this one. We've adapted a Prayer to Begin a School Year found in the book "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers," published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, to be 2020 specific. Insert the name of a special, personal intention in the blank.

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year, in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we implore your mercy. Bless and protect our students, teachers, staffs, their families, and especially _____. Give wisdom to the decision makers, be they in our schools or in our homes.

Expand the horizons of our minds, and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways. Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need, particularly those isolated and lonely.

In these days when so much has changed, help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus, our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Amen.

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



Good News!

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Is 55:6–9; Phil 1:20c–24, 27a; Mt 20:1–16a

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The Lord is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

September 20, 2020

My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?

The Catholic Church teaches that "those who dwell in heaven" regularly intercede with God on our behalf (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some "healers" have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then "cured" for the sole purpose of getting people to give money to the "healer." We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God's instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any money to the "healer." The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.
—Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR



Collection for September 13, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$5,840.26
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,920.00
Sunday Loose	\$526.26
Utilities	\$226.00
Postage	\$3.00
Catholic Courier	\$5.00
Campaign Human Development	\$68.00
Candle Money	\$92.00
Total Attendance	264

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
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.



Collection for September 6, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$6,467.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,352.00
Sunday Loose	\$658.00
Utilities	\$115.00
Postage	\$60.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
Assumption	\$15.00
Campaign Human Development	\$65.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$100.00
Easter	\$25.00
Candle Money	\$77.00
Total Attendance	241