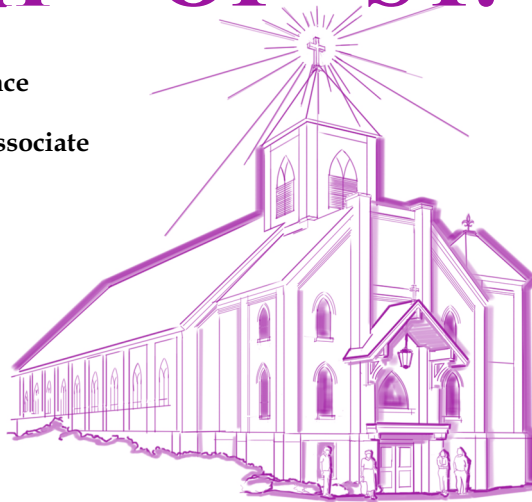


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

Rev. William B. Leone: Pastor
Rev. William Endres: In Residence
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December 13, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

Beginning **January 1, 2021**, there will be only one intention offered in each of the Masses celebrated daily at St. Jerome Church. This is a change from the practice of having multiple intentions offered at one Mass. The reason for this change comes from the Diocese of Rochester in the person of Chancellor Rev. Fr. Daniel Condon.

I would ask that each person (family) requesting Masses to be said here at St. Jerome, restrict their requests to "three" per year.

If you want more Masses offered I do know priests (retired) who offer Daily Masses where they live. You can be sure your Masses would be said. Also, there are Missionary Orders of priests who gladly accept Mass Intentions and say them as soon as they can. In such cases you may not know when the Masses are said, but you can be sure that they will be said within one calendar year.

Thank you for your patience and acceptance of this change. We must obediently comply with this directive from the Diocese of Rochester. It is in compliance with the very long standing practice of the Universal Church. May God bless you all.

Respectfully,
Father Leone



Third Sunday of Advent

*Most Holy God, as we
prepare to celebrate your coming
among us, help us to open our hearts
to your presence this Advent.*

*May we discover you in those with
whom we live and work, especially
the struggling and the needy.*

*May we find words of gratitude for
what we have and words of
encouragement for those who
despair.*

*May we desire the coming of your
kingdom, not just as a final fix at the
end of time, but as a renewal of our
hearts this very day.*



2020 Christmas Schedule

Each person attending Mass will have to sign up online. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the Rectory Office at 586-3231 to sign up. We would encourage parishioners to consider viewing the Mass online. All scheduled Masses will be Livestreamed and On Demand. If you cannot do this, please check the TV Schedule for televised Masses. May God bless you and let us pray for one another and world peace at this most holy time of the year.

Individual Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment during the week

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Evening Masses 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Carols at 3:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st
5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1st
9:00 a.m.



Monday, December 14, 2020

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. *Catherine Dianetti* by The Ziemba Children

Mary Frances Goodman by Brother, Dan

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Family & Relatives, Merry Christmas* by Toni

Domenico & Teresa Folino by Joe & Stella Constestato

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *For the Intention of Karen Fazio Murray* by Terry Meng

For the Intention of Linda McCauly by Milt & Dee Dries

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Mary Habberfield* by Ralph & Maryann DiTucci

Maria Oliveri by Niece, Patricia Galante & Family

Friday, December 18, 2020

Late Advent Weekday

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

The LaFarciola & Esposito Families by Anna & Family

Saturday, December 19, 2020

Late Advent Weekday

4:30 p.m. *Agnes & Michael Herko & Jessica Maranzano* by Larry & Irene Boyer

All Deceased Knights of Our Council & Their Families by Saint John Fisher Council 3676

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. *Fred Galante* by Dave & Kathy Young

T. J. Allen by Steve Werner

Anna Folino & Antonio Gallelli by Joe & Stella Contestato

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



The 2020 Giving Tree

This year in place of gift tags on the tree, we are asking for gift cards to Wegmans, Tops and Walmart. The suggested amount is \$25, but can be an amount of your choosing. Teresa Quinzi Willette will maintain the list of clients and knowing them as she does, will match the cards and clients perfectly. As in the past, there have been requests from parishioners for names of entire families. If you wish to sponsor a family, please contact Teresa Quinzi Willette at 586-0525. We ask that cards be returned to Church in the collection box or to the Rectory Office on or before Sunday, December 13th.

Thank you,
The Social Ministry



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>



We Welcome those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Harlee Estelle Barber** daughter of **Timothy and Makenna**.

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.
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 **Gary Raschiatore**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John’s Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, “Who are you?” (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as “perfectly holy... blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn’t know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

December 13, 2020

Who was John the Baptist?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John’s parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John’s death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means “God is gracious,” is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, 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

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 December 6, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$9,947.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$6,879.00
Sunday Loose	\$876.00
Utilities	\$82.00
Postage	\$55.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
All Saints	\$15.00
All Souls	\$15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$335.00
Christmas	\$1,220.00
Christmas Flowers	\$273.00
Campaign for Human Delvop.	\$40.00
Catholic University	\$22.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00
Candle Money	\$130.00
Total Attendance	255