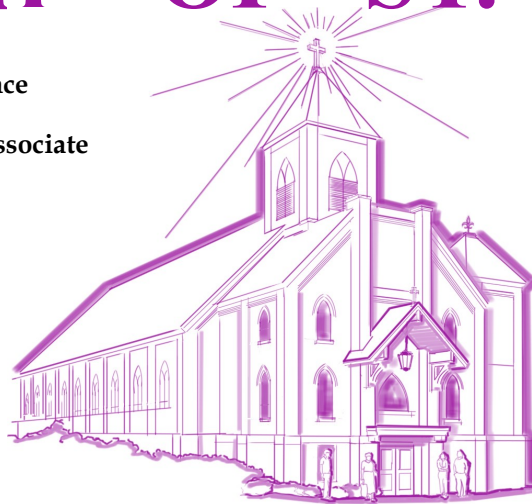


# CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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December 27, 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*



## Prayer for the Holy Family

O Heavenly Father, our loving God, you have given us the Holy Family as our patron to bless and guide our families that the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control, shall reign in our homes.

As husbands and wives, teach us to love our spouses more than ever. As parents, give us wisdom and knowledge in rearing our offsprings to be responsible and successful Christians forever. As brothers and sisters, may we learn to care and support for one another and be of inspiration to each other. As children, teach us to be obedient just as Jesus showed obedience and respect to Mary and Joseph.

As Christians, melt us, mold us, fill us, and use us, in spreading the good news in our community that they may see Christ in us. When trials come, help us to face them with trusting faith and confidently hope that all things work for good for those who love God. May we have a happy holy family forever through Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, our miraculous patron, the adorable Holy Family.

Amen.

## *Christ, Our Light*

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

The CMA goal for St. Jerome Church for **2020-2021**, has been reduced. The new Parish Goal for 2020-2021 is **\$80,090.00**.

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 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.

**Fr. Leone asks that you make a “pledge”** as soon as possible your pledge can be paid in installments through May 2021.

### CMA Update

Goal:	<b>\$80,090.00</b>
Pledged to date:	<b>\$48,462.00</b>
Number of Donors:	<b>143</b>
<b>Accomplished 60.51% of our goal.</b>	



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 28, 2020**

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

7:30 a.m. *Robert White* by Wife & Family

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

**Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**

7:30 a.m. *For the Intention of Janet, Sarah, Hal & Mason, Merry Christmas* by Toni

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020**

**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. *The Macaluso Family* by Laura

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**

**Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

7:30 a.m. *Jeanne Whitley Dailey* by Sister, Sr. Nancy Whitley

5:30 p.m. *For the Intention of Dave & Pam, Merry Christmas* by Toni

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. *Living and Deceased Members of the Ned & Irene Quinzi Family* by Children

**Saturday, January 2, 2021**

**First Saturday**

8:00 a.m. *Rev. Anthony Calimeri* by Sister, Helen Napoli

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

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. *Gary Raschiatore* by Joyce & J.P. Fountain

10:00 a.m. *Ray Wehner* by Herb & Jackie Allen

*Theresa & John Anderson* by Laura Rawlins



**Thank You!**

Thank you to **Harloff Funeral Home** for their generous donation of the 2021 calendars for the parish. We appreciate their kindness.



**Updates to Military List**

We are asking for your help in updating our Military Prayer List. Please let us know if you know of a person on the Military List that is no longer serving in the Military. If a person on the list is still serving in the Military but has been elevated to a new rank. If you have a new person in the Military that you would like to add to the list. If you have any helpful information or questions, please contact Denise in the Rectory Office at [estjerom@dor.org](mailto:estjerom@dor.org) or call 586-3231.



**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://stjeromrochester.org>



**Parish Office Closed**

Please note that all Parish Offices in the Diocese of Rochester remain closed to the public. Although the physical office is closed, please call or email us and we will get back with you as soon as possible.  
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Website: [www.stjeromrochester.org](http://www.stjeromrochester.org)  
If you have a true Pastoral emergency call 585-586-3231 and press 2.

**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 **Lorenzo Aloisio and Nicholas Morabito**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



**Good News!**

December 27, 2020

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**Dear Padre**

December 27, 2020

**Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.**

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father.

As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9). The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—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 13, 2020	
Total Collection Sunday	\$9,177.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,075.00
Sunday Loose	\$2,782.00
Utilities	\$92.00
Postage	\$96.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
All Saints	\$18.00
All Souls	\$22.00
Immaculate Conception	\$405.00
Christmas	\$1,245.00
Christmas Flowers	\$311.00
Catholic University	\$4.00
World Mission Sunday	\$7.00
Candle Money	\$120.00
Total Attendance	223