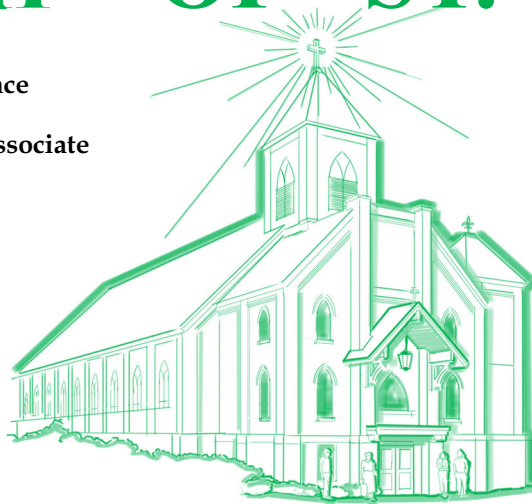


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February 14, 2021



PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY WEEKEND

February 13th & 14th, 2021

Advocacy Issue: Funding for NOURISH NEW YORK initiative.

This weekend we are participating in our Diocese of Rochester Public Policy Advocacy Weekend. Please **consider signing a postcard** available on the tables in church. Drop it in the box provided. Thank you for caring about food-insecure families in our community and the survival of farms and other food producers in New York State.

NOURISH NEW YORK is a NYS initiative that provides a lifeline for food insecure families and for farmers who have been struggling with the changes brought on by COVID-19. It provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This offers support to farmers, fishing community, and food processors AND provides food to individuals and families.

Help us keep this initiative alive! Sign the petition in support of NOURISH NEW YORK.



Second Collection

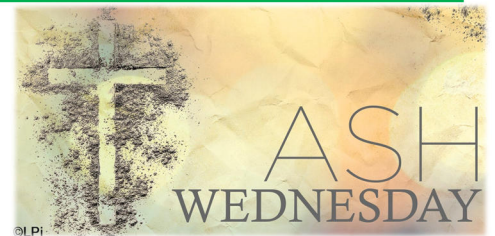
Next weekend, **February 20th & 21st**, our parish will take up the annual Collection for **Black and Indian Missions**. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the **Black and Indian Mission Collection**. We ask that you put your contribution in a separate envelope and mark it Second Collection.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins February 17th

Another Lenten season is upon us beginning **February 17th** with Ash Wednesday. Masses on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**, are at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Seating is limited. We ask that you sign up online. Go to our Website: <https://stjeromerochester.org/> Thank you.



Fast and Abstinence Rules and Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- * All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence as is Ash Wednesday
- * Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting.
- * All persons who are 14 years of age or older are bound by the law of abstinence.
- * All persons who are 18-59, inclusive, are bound by the law of fasting.
- * Catholics are especially encouraged to perform acts of penance during the season of Lent.

Abstinence—refrain from eating meat at all meals on the day.

Fasting—only one full meal, the other two meals must be small enough that taken together they do not equal one full meal.

Lenten regulations begin on the morning after Ash Wednesday and continue through to Holy Thursday. Good Friday has its own rule of fast and abstinence



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15, 2021

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Erminia Properzi, 10th Anniversary Remembrance
by Daughter

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of The Echaniz Family by Judy

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Giancarlo Galanti by Aunt Victoria

12:10 p.m. Tom & Clara Brown by Family

5:30 p.m. John Joseph Biehler by Joe Perham

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Maureen White by Judy

Friday, February 19, 2021

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Former Teachers by Judy

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:30 p.m. Virginia Schepis by Children

Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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

10:00 a.m. Giovanni Ballatori by Daughter & Family



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>



Celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph!

Join us at **St. Louis Church**, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY, for a series of talks and a special Mass for his feast day!

7:00 p.m. each night in the Main Church.

These events will be live-streamed!

Find the link at: <https://stlouischurch.org/live>

Thursday, Feb. 4th: Why We Need St. Joseph Today

Special graces available during the year of St. Joseph.

Model of strength and wisdom for our present day.

Invitation to read Fr. Donald Calloway's book Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father for a special consecration on his feast day.

Thursday, Feb. 11th: The Right-Ordered Manhood of St. Joseph. Guest speaker, Fr. Matthew Walter, Parochial Vicar at St. John of Rochester Church

· Joseph's Masculinity, Fatherhood, Courage, Role of Protector, Terror of Demons.

Thursday, March 4th The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

· Purity, Model of Obedience, Silent Witness, Adorer of Jesus, Lover of Poverty, Patron of the Dying.

Friday, March 19th: Mass, Fr. Mitch Zygadlo presiding.

· Invitation to make a consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph.

For more information contact Kathryn at mcalarney1@gmail.com.

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
CPT. AJ Spacher US Army
Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
Tech. 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 **Michael Parrell, Peter Gueli, Beverly Place and Phillip Fountain**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

February 14, 2021

At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

-From Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask

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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)

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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 February 7, 2021	
Total Collection Sunday	\$7,016.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,646.00
Sunday Loose	\$907.00
Utilities	\$160.00
Postage	\$62.00
Catholic Courier	\$50.00
Black & Native American	\$50.00
Candle Money	\$141.00
Total Attendance	253