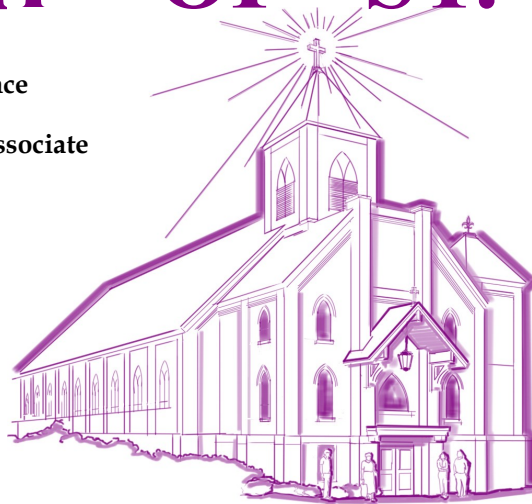


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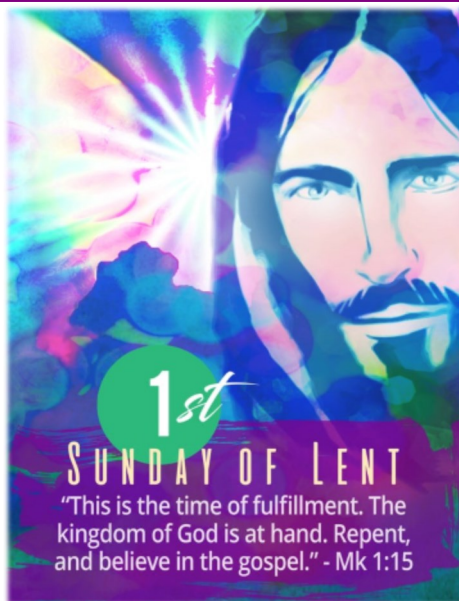
Second Collection

This 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.



Lenten Alms Change Lives

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through **CRS Rice Bowl**, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Please remember to take your Lenten Bank and bring it back on Palm Sunday.



A Lenten Gratitude Prayer for the Ultimate Sacrifice

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful” (Col. 4:2).
Oh God,

Whatever I can give up for Lent will never match what you gave. I’m not able to do what you have done, and my small actions serve only as desperate wildflowers waving in an open field of your mercy, in surrender to your majesty.

As I clear away distractions you invite me to let go of, hear my prayer of gratitude. That you are real. That you are truth. That you prepare a place for me whether I am in want or in plenty.

Thank you for the ultimate sacrifice of your only Son, Jesus, so that I can know that no matter what the world tempts me with...there is power to overcome. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



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 22, 2021

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:30 a.m. *Joseph Sciortino* by Vicky Galante

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 a.m. *Bill Dadey* by The Kelly Family

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Walter Cavatassi* by Maryann & Ralph DiTucci

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. *William Iwasiw* by Family

Friday, February 26, 2021

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Lydia Santucci* by Lynn Condon

Saturday, February 27, 2021

Lenten Weekday

4:30 p.m. *Teresa & John Anderson* by Laura Rawlins

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. *Rose Lorenzo* by The Arena Family

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



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>



Notre Dame Retreat House is offering "Lenten Desert Days"

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

This Lent we invite you to take time out of everyday life and spend some time reviewing your relationship with God. This past year has been challenging. What better way to put life in perspective than to seek God's guidance through reading, reflecting, and praying. We will provide material or you may bring your own. The day is yours to spend alone with God. We are offering six dates to make a retreat. Space is limited, so registration is required. (In order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each date to fifteen (15) people.) For specifics on dates, retreat format, cost and how to register, please visit: www.notredameretreat.org Other inquiries, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com



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, 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 Zygodlo 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
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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
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CPT. Shannon McPhee
Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt 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 **Connie Scalise, Angela Malley, Margaret McCluskey and Keith Hearn**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8–15; 1 Pt 3:18–22; Mk 1:12–15

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God’s graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God’s protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn’t have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today’s Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one’s defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even “lost at sea.” However, God’s protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God’s covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

February 21, 2021

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus’ Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the “Living Stations of the Cross.” This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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

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Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
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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 14, 2021	
Total Collection Sunday	\$6,425.40
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,393.00
Sunday Loose	\$407.00
Utilities	\$182.00
Postage	\$102.00
Catholic Courier	\$35.00
Black & Native American	\$127.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00
Campaign for Human Devel.	\$40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$15.00
Candle Money	\$99.40
Total Attendance	254

Stations of the Cross
Please join us for the Stations of the Cross at 8:00 a.m. on Fridays during Lent.