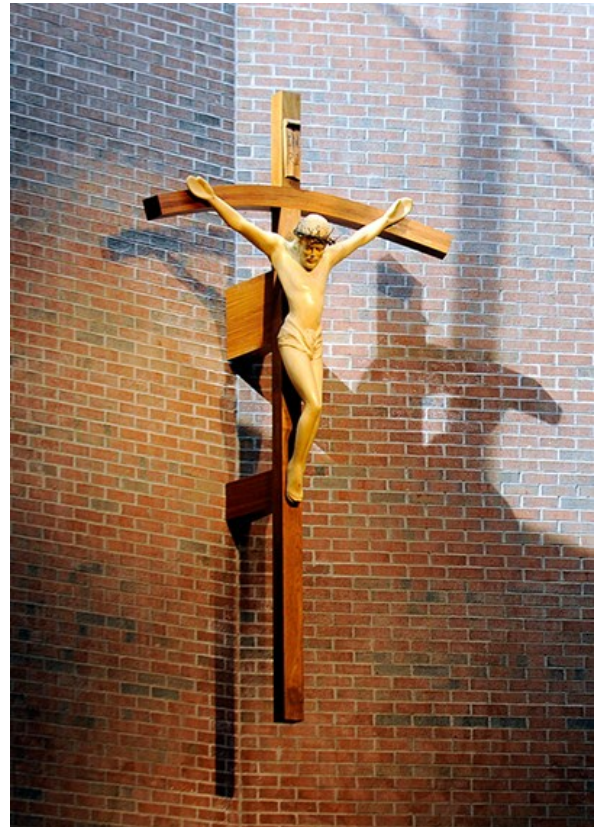


Saint Lawrence Church  
1000 North Greece Road  
Rochester, New York  
14626



*The poor are the real treasures of the Church, by the inestimable gift of their faith and because they convert our alms into imperishable treasures for us.*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 8, 2015**

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday through Friday  
8:30 a.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

8:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

**Baptism**

Parents should contact us as soon as they know they are expecting.

**Marriage**

Engaged couples should contact us at least one year in advance of their desired wedding date.

**Rectory Office**

1000 North Greece Road  
Rochester, NY 14626  
Phone: 585-723-1350 fax: 585-723-1361

**Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**St. Lawrence School**

585-225-3870  
[www.stlawrenceschool.org](http://www.stlawrenceschool.org)

**Parish Staff**

**Pastoral Ministry**

Father Lee P. Chase - Parochial Administrator x. 207  
 Father Scott B. Caton - Assisting Priest x. 204  
 Deacon David Squilla - Pastoral Associate x. 212  
 Deacon Tom Beck - Parish Deacon x. 208  
 Deacon Manny Asis - Parish Deacon x. 213

**Administrative Staff**

Bruce M. Watson - Finance Director x. 206  
 Tina McAuliffe - Business Manager x. 205  
 Wendy Speciale - Office Manager x. 201  
 Linda DeMarco - Office Assistant x. 203  
 Bob Gray - Maintenance Director x. 201

**Faith Formation Ministry**

Jamie O'Mara - Faith Formation 225-7320  
 Debbie Cichelli - Faith Formation Office Assistant 225-7320  
 Donna Gray - Youth Ministry/CYO 225-1485

**St. Lawrence School**

Frank Arvizzigno - School Principal 225-3870

**Music Ministry**

M. Virginia Pierce, Music Director 225-7061  
 Organist, 4:00 p.m. Mass choir  
 Susan Judkins 225-2076  
 9:30 a.m. Mass Choir Director  
 Steve Amico 225-7338  
 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Director  
 Susan Judkins 225-2076  
 Mary Kay Huber 957-8947  
 Young People's Choir Directors

**Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 9, 2015 - Lenten Weekday / Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

**2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30**  
 8:30 a. m. - Lauren Weaver - by Family

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - Lenten Weekday**

**Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35**  
 8:30 a. m. - Vicotr and Katarzyna Mikiciuk - by Sygmunt & Theresa Mikiciuk

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - Lenten**

**Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19**  
 8:30 a.m.- Dave Marinelli - by Maureen Marciano & James Bonacci

**Thursday, March 12, 2015 Lenten Weekday**

**Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23**  
 8:30 a. m. - Mary Loria - by Frank & Janet Langelotti

**Friday, March 13, 2015 - Lenten Weekday**

**Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34**  
 8:30 a .m. - Michael Perry and Sylvia & Dominick Perry - by Jennifer ,Meagan, and Kathie Perry-Burge

**Saturday March 14, 2015 - Lenten Weekday**

**Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14**

**Sunday, March 15, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

Saturday 4:00 pm - Alexander Galardi - by Sandy & Borden MacMillan

8:00 a.m. - Anna Loeb - by her husband, Bill

9:30 a.m. - For Saint Lawrence Parishioners

11:00 a. m. - Estelle & Harry Capadano - by Daughter and Son-In Law.



**Weekly Stewardship**

**Collection of March 1, 2015**

	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted Amt.</u>	<u>Surplus / Shortfall</u>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 16541.80</b>	<b>\$15,618.00</b>	<b>\$923.80</b>
<b>General Maintenance (Blue Env.)</b>	<b>\$ 926.00</b>	<b>\$1,412.00</b>	<b>( \$486.00 )</b>
<b>School Support</b>	<b>\$ 419.00</b>		

**Weekly Attendance March 1, 2015**

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>423</b>
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>1602</b>		

**The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week**

**For:**

**Aleyamma Joseph**

**From:**

**Jessy John**

# MUSINGS

by Father Lee Chase

## Sacred Space

We don't always think about this, do we? We think about Sacred Words of Scripture, Sacred Sacraments such as the Holy Eucharist. We even think about Sacred Things such as Chalices or the Book of the Gospels. But do we think about Sacred Space?

The Church building is made of brick and mortar, wood, carpeting, glass and roof shingles. The Altar is made of marble and granite. The chairs have fabric cushions. None of these things, in and of themselves, are sacred.

But when the Church we worship in now was built, it was dedicated. The Altar was consecrated. Prayers were lifted up, hymns sung and the People of God gathered. At the first Mass celebrated, the Word of God was proclaimed and Holy Communion was distributed. As Roman Catholics, we believe that the Eucharistic species - the Consecrated Bread and Wine - is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is the Real Presence of Christ, not a symbolic presence.

We reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle under the form of the Communion wafers, not the consecrated wine. We do this for two reasons: to reserve Holy Communion to be brought to the sick and to the dying as well as for private devotional purposes. This is why we have chairs and a kneeler in front of the Tabernacle so that individuals are able to come and spend a few quiet moments in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and meditation.

The point I am making is that the Church is Sacred Space. It is not a gymnasium, an auditorium, a playground or a cocktail lounge. It is not entirely inappropriate to greet someone when coming into the Church or as they enter your pew. It is entirely appropriate to say good-bye after Mass or have a short conversation. But loud volume, running, long conversations need to be taken into the vestibule or outside.

Over the last few months, a few incidences have occurred at St. Lawrence that prompts me to write this article. When we celebrated First Penance with our young children on the evening of December 4, we had to make 4 announcements for the noise level to be lowered. Two visiting priests were here in addition to Fr. Caton

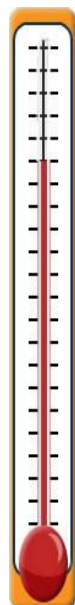
and myself. The visiting priests mentioned to me that the noise level in the Church was very distracting. Even though our parish musicians were trying to play some quiet music conducive to prayer - I don't think the gathered adults really understood the nature of the moment nor that the loud conversations going on were really inappropriate for Sacred Space.

A few times over the last six months, at both weddings and funerals, as people gathered in the pews, the noise level of conversations were actually drowning out the music preludes. At two occasions, I had to step into the pulpit to request that people maintain a respectful and dignified tone in the Church building.

There have even been some very emotional and disturbing conflicts and arguments at certain liturgies that have been absolutely inappropriate for the Sacred Space of the Church.

We shouldn't be scared going into a Church building. We should be respectful of the Sacred Space. Carrying into the Church water bottles or cups of coffee to drink during Mass is not appropriate. Food brought in for the little ones needs to be contained and, if spilled, picked up. Chewing gum during Mass should not go on. We are still called to fast (abstain from all food and drink except water) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. Smoking outside the Church doors is not allowed and entirely inappropriate. Our entire campus is a non-smoking campus. The only place you can smoke is in your car.

Alcoholic beverages have no place on this campus. Drinking is not allowed in the parking lot or anywhere else. Tailgate parties after weddings or rehearsals are not allowed. And, yes, I have had to break these up. As our engaged couples are preparing their wedding liturgies - please inform your wedding party, friends, and even the limousine companies that alcohol is strictly forbidden! For all of us, we need to be mindful that those few moments before and after Mass are for many people, times for prayer. Loud and on-going conversations interrupt that prayer, distract, and remove the sense of Sacredness from our space. When Moses approached the Voice of God heard in the fire, he was told to remove his shoes for the ground on which he walked was holy ground. Let us all remember that our Church is Holy Ground, a consecrated and holy place. And let us all conduct ourselves appropriately.



### CMA UPDATE

Our goal for this year is \$167,986.00

As of March 2nd we have received \$135,370.00 in pledges.

80.58% of our goal from 748 households.

The balance that we need to raise is now \$32,616.00, due May 31st

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays -- 7:00 pm

March 13th -**Living Stations presented by the school children**

March 20

March 27

### ST.MARK'S KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

[stmarksknights.org](http://stmarksknights.org)

### LENTEN FISH FRY



St. Mark's Star of the Sea Council #11374 will serve fish fry dinners priced at \$11.00/dinner (fried or baked fresh fish) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church hall, 54 Kuhn Road, Greece (off Long Pond or Flynn Road) on the following Fridays of Lent: March 13, 20, 27th, and Good Friday April 3, 2015. Dinners include coleslaw, potato, roll, coffee or tea. Pizza will also be available at \$2.00/slice and Ziti dinners at \$5.00/dinner. French fries, desserts and other beverages will be available for purchase. Please plan on coming and enjoying this family/community event. Take out service available. Remember, no tax, no tip and coffee or tea is included.

**The St. Lawrence Youth Group will be selling beverages and assisting us again. This is the main fundraiser for the year that the Knights from St. Mark's and St. Lawrence hold; therefore we need your support to enable us to carry out our charitable works. Be sure to check out the many raffle items.**

Albert R. Bodamer, St. Mark's K of C 585-227-5734 [al@bodamer.com](mailto:al@bodamer.com)



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

The Most Reverend Salvatore Matano will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester on Sunday May 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. You do not need to register in order to attend.

If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50 and above) to be included in the Catholic Courier Marriage Anniversaries June Edition please send an email, or a letter with the following information:

Names, Church/Town where you were married, wedding date/year

Email: [newsroom@CatholicCourier.com](mailto:newsroom@CatholicCourier.com)

Mail: **Wedding Anniversaries  
Catholic Courier P.O. Box 24379  
Rochester NY 14624-0379**

Any anniversary over 25 years will be listed in the online Courier.



# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Two-Week Summer Faith Formation Classes  
For Grades 1-7**

**Please Join Us  
As A Teacher Or An Aide**

Please contact us today to learn more!



Faith Formation Office 225-7320 Debbie Cichelli: [cichelli@dor.org](mailto:cichelli@dor.org) Jamie O'Mara: [jomara@dor.org](mailto:jomara@dor.org)



## Third Week of Lent

### Who benefits from our parish's participation in CRS Rice Bowl?

75% of your contributions to CRS Rice Bowl fund programs that positively affect tens of thousands of lives around the world through Catholic Relief Services development programs.

- Agriculture** projects teach farmers sustainable and ecologically sensitive farming techniques to improve crop yields and increase food security .
  - Water** projects make clean water accessible and improve the health of communities.
  - Microfinance** projects provide credit training and encourage the growth of small businesses.
  - Mother and Child Health** projects provide basic health and nutrition education for families.
  - Education** projects provide participants with resources and training to improve their livelihoods.
- 25% of your contributions support local hunger and poverty alleviation programs in our diocese.

Please support CRS Rice Bowl. Let us extend a helping hand to the least advantaged of our neighbors, here and around the



## Day of Penance and Mercy

March 24, 2015 • 12:30-7:30 pm

<http://forgiven.dor.org>



# St. Lawrence School Weekly Newsletter

*“Shine Through Me”*

February 24, 2015

Dear St. Lawrence School Community,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful winter break. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. The students had so much fun participating in this event, and it was such a great way for us to promote heart health in our school. I am so excited to announce that we exceeded our goal and raised a total of \$7013.25 for the American Heart Association. Congratulations St. Lawrence! I want to thank Ms. Toscano for all of her planning and hard work in order to make this event so successful!

As we begin the Lenten Season, the students of St. Lawrence School will be participating in an activity to promote kindness in our school building. Each class has read the book, *How Full Is Your Bucket?* It is a story about how everyone has an invisible bucket that can be filled with acts of kindness. A bucket filler is a loving, caring person who says or does nice things that make others feel special. When you make someone feel special, you are filling that person's bucket. During the Lenten Season, students in each class will be writing down acts of kindness that they observe others doing on slips of paper shaped like drops. These drops will be put in St. Lawrence School's Bucket in front of the main office. I will read these acts of kindness during morning program. Our goal is to completely fill the bucket during Lent.

This Friday we will be participating in Read Across America and Read the Most Coast to Coast. This year's theme is Fairy Tales. Students will be allowed to dress up as their favorite fairy tale character. Please review the St. Lawrence School Costume Guidelines with your child before choosing a costume. If you have any fairy tales at home, feel free to bring them into school. Please make sure to write your child's name in the books. Our goal this year is to read 860 books and pass an AR quiz for each book by the end of the school day! I know we can do it! Good luck St. Lawrence School!!!

Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who helped to organize Valentine's Day Parties in classrooms before our winter break. It was absolutely amazing to see so many of you volunteering your time in the school building to help create a memorable day for every child. You do so much for our students, and I am truly grateful to have such amazing families in our St. Lawrence School Community!

I hope you are all staying warm! As always, thank you for all of your support!

God Bless,

Frank Arvizzigno  
Principal



### Please Note:

After School Roller skating	Tues. 2/24
Read Across America Day	Fri. 2/27
Family Bingo	Fri. 2/27
Gym Uniform/Fleece Order due	Thurs. 3/5
First Friday Mass	Fri. 3/6
Walkathon T-shirt	Wed. 3/11
Living Stations	Fri. 3/13
11:00 a.m. Early Dismissal	Fri. 3/20
After School Roller skating	Tues. 3/24
NO School	3/30 - 4/3

### Today's Envelope includes:

- Enrichment Clubs flyer
- Read Across America flyer
- Ice - skating permission slip
- Costume Guidelines (attached)
- Gym uniform order (attached)
- Family Bingo Night flyer (attached)
- Bowling Club flyer (attached)

### Registration Updates

Additional paperwork (health forms, transportation forms, and FACTS information) will be sent home NEXT week.

**Gym Uniform Order**                      **DUE Thursday 3/5**

Attached to this newsletter is the order form for the gym shirts and fleece. **Reminder:** Students may wear ANY navy shorts or navy sweatpants with the uniform gym shirt.



**Jump  
Rope  
For  
Heart**



## PARISH MISSION

### “To Create and Form

### Communities of Missionary Disciples”

Next weekend **Father Romane St. Vil**, a Maryknoll priest will speak at all the Masses. He will give our parishioners an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ’s name and message to all people.

Father St. Vil was ordained in 2003. He was born in Haiti and continues to be involved in leading efforts to assemble medical teams and recovery services from the earthquake in Haiti in 2010. He is presently assigned to the Mission Education & Promotion Dept. at Maryknoll, NY. Fr. Romane served in mission with Maryknoll in Tanzania, East Africa, and Cambodia.

Those who wish will be invited to sign up for the MARYKNOLL MAGAZINE. While at the Parish, Father St. Vil will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother or lay Missioner.

#### **Brother John J. Blazo, M.M.**

John Joseph Blazo was born in Rockville Centre, New York. Brother John was assigned to the Maryknoll Central America Region, serving in Nicaragua and Guatemala. While in Central America, Brother worked in catechetical programs with adult leaders and also with other dedicated local people and missionaries in sacramental preparation for people of all ages. Working with the parish youth group and the local Boy Scout troop, brother was able to set up a small recreation center and library for the youth of the town of Poptun, in the Peten are of Guatemala.

Brother John currently is assigned to Maryknoll’s Mission Education and Promotion Dept. In this capacity Br. John gives Mission presentations, visits schools and parishes, and works with many others to proclaim the Mission of Jesus Christ.

<b>LENTEN RETREAT SCHEDULE</b>
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#### **Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15**

The Maryknollers will preach at all our weekend Masses

#### **Sunday March 15 - 6:00 p.m.**

The Maryknollers will join members of our Youth Group and any interested teens and young adults (up to 35!) for a pizza dinner and informal talk about their work. This event will be held at the school.

#### **Monday, March 16**

8:30 Mass followed by a continental breakfast in Deacon Hall with our retreat leaders.

1:30 p.m. will lead some of St. Lawrence School students in a prayer service. At 7:00 p.m., we will have a Prayer Service in Church for the whole parish.

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

Mass at 8:30 followed by breakfast in Deacon Hall. At 1:30 p.m., some St. Lawrence School students will be lead in prayer by our retreat leaders. At 7:00 p.m., we will have a Penance Service and availability for individual confessions.

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

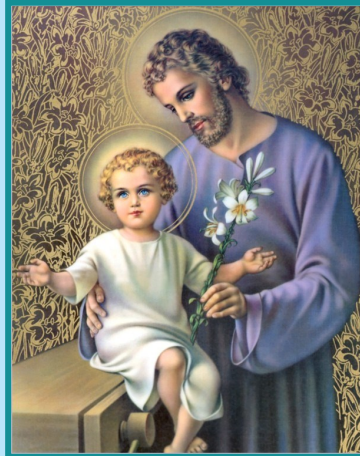
We begin once again with Mass at 8:30 followed by a breakfast in Deacon Hall. At 1:30 p.m., Fr. Chase will lead Grades 3-6 from our school in prayer in Church. On Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m., Fr. Chase will teach and lead the parish in contemplative prayer with Holy Icons.

#### Thursday, March 19

**Our Parish Mission concludes with a special Mass at 6:00 p.m. for St. Joseph’s Feast Day followed by the Annual St. Joseph’s Day Table. We hope you can join us for all or part of our Parish Retreat!**



Please join us as The Church of St. Lawrence celebrates  
*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity*



In the spirit of St. Joseph, a collection will be taken at the St. Joseph's table to help the poor. Previous donations have benefitted those at Dimitri House and Mary's Place Outreach. Any monetary contribution is appreciated.

*Thursday March 19, 2015*

*Mass at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by  
a traditional St. Joseph's Table in Deacon Hall.*

*We ask each family to bring a meatless dish or dessert to share.*

Meatless dish suggestions include: vegetable frittata, meatless quiches, artichokes, cauliflower, broccoli, eggplant, cheese strata, zucchini, greens & beans, vegetable lasagna, eggplant parmesan, pasta with red or white sauce, soup (provided in a crock pot), macaroni and cheese, meatless chili, fish, etc.

Dessert suggestions include: cream puffs, cannoli's, biscotti, sesame cookies, Italian meatball cookies, cuccidati, wandies, bow and knots, pizzelles, or any tasty treat.

*We will be accepting food before mass in Deacon Hall.*

*Please use two (2) disposable dishes (with the exception of soup held in a crock pot).*

**Please complete the RSVP slip below and return to:**

**Collection box in the narthex**

**Mass collection basket**

**Mail to the rectory office**

**Phone call to Cheryl Maggio at 392-3546 or Suzanne Burst 227-8386**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_

**I will bring** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number attending:** \_

**Questions? Or for more information Call Cheryl Maggio 392-3546 or Suzanne Burst 227-8386**

***ST. LAWRENCE 2015 HANDS OF CHRIST RECIPIENTS***

**Congratulations** to our High School Seniors who have been the Hands of Christ to us. Through your participation in our Choir, Vacation Bible School, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Lectors, Altar Serving, Mission Trips and Community Service you have demonstrated commitment to your faith and the gift to balance your social, school and spiritual lives.

Julia Maiola	Greece Athena
Amanda Canfield	Greece Arcadia
Kara Rosenthal	Greece Arcadia
Zachary Vacek	Greece Athena
Zachary Miguet	Greece Athena
Leah Spencer	Greece Odyssey
Joseph Chiapperi	Aquinas Institute
Alyssa Morales	Aquinas Institute
Daniel Wurman	McQuaid Jesuit
Andrea Stanchus	Aquinas Institute
Christopher Begy	Aquinas Institute
Molly Martin	Our Lady of Mercy

***May God continue to bless all of you in all you do***



The Diocese of Rochester has established a financial fraud and financial abuse hotline to report concerns related to financial fraud and abuse at the Pastoral Center, parishes, schools and/or agencies.

**Financial Fraud Hotline**

Anonymous calls may be made to the Hotline at 585-328-3228, extension 1266 (or toll-free to 800-388-7177, ext. 1266.)

Reports may also be made in writing to :

**Internal Audit Department  
Diocese of Rochester  
1150 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, N. Y. 14624**

**SAVE THE DATE Greece Crop Walk**

**Sunday May 3rd, Have people sponsor your walk. Details will follow March 22nd**

**FROM THE HOUSE OF MERCY**

Dear Father Chase and Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$250. 00 on 2/12/15 to help in "Stock our Shelves." This is exactly what we will do. We run out of food often so your donation is a great help.

Although we get donations of food, we often must go out and purchase food.

Please know how grateful we are for your help. May God bless you always,

Gratefully,  
Sister Grace Miller

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