Saint Lawrence Church

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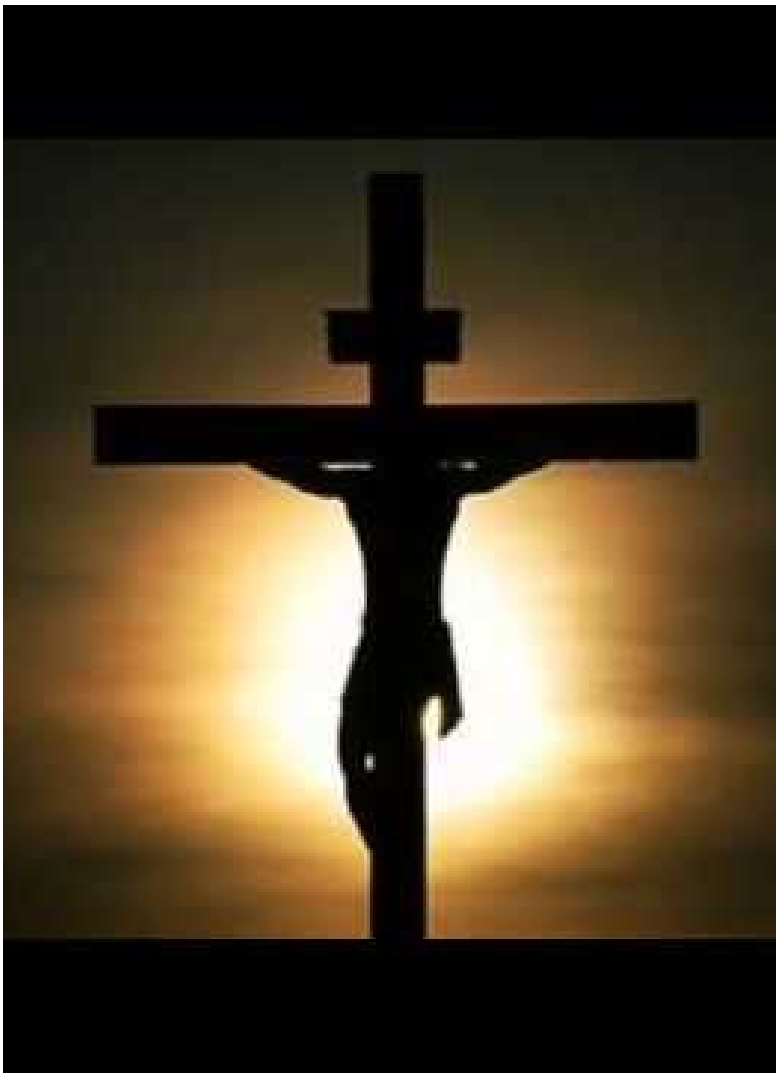

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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We are a Stewardship Parish committed to giving our time, talent , and resources for others!

Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m.
Holy Days	8:30 a.m.
of Obligation	7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 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 date.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Lawrence School

585-225-3870

This Week's Prayer

Monday, September 12 **1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10**
The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:30 a. m. Sarah Molinelli by Lillia Casilio

Tuesday, September 13 **1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/ Lk 7:11-17**
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop And Doctor of the Church
8:30 a. m. Mark Della Pietra by The Flanagan Family

Wednesday, September 14 **Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17**
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:30 a.m. Peter Krist by Barb and Ron Keiser

Thursday, September 15 **1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35**
Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30 a. m Lawrence E. Phillips by The Phillips Family

Friday, September 16 **1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/ Lk 8:1-3**
Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs
8:30 a. m. Juana C. Machuca by Barb and Ed Walsh

Saturday, September 17 **1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15**
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Grace Skaria and Sony

At the request of Mrs. Jessy John

Sunday, September 18
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

4:00 p. m. Italo Argo' by children and grandchildren
8:00 a. m. The deceased members of the Burst and Mangano Families by Frank and Suzanne Burst
9:30 a.m. For Saint Lawrence Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Michael F. Contestabile by his mother and family

MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

The Christian Grief

When I sat down in my office to write this column, I had in my mind to write about the beginning of school, the parish's Garage Sale happening this coming week, or the end of summer. That is, until I noticed the date of this bulletin - September 11. Fifteen years have passed since the tragedy of that 2001 day when our country was attacked by terrorists pretending to be religious. They drove airplanes into buildings and into the ground killing thousands. They did so, in their minds and hearts, in the name of God. This is the truest version of taking the Lord's Name in vain.

This year's high school Freshmen were not born yet when this happened. This year's college Freshmen were three or four years old. Time has a way of moving along.

We cried over the tragedy, the loss, the incredulity of the moment and we sought answers. For many, the answer was (and still is) revenge. Doing unto others as they did unto you is not the golden rule as taught by our faith. The moment I bring that up, others will accuse me of letting "them" get away with it. No. Criminals need to be brought to justice. But justice cannot be revenge. We don't steal from those who steal. We don't assault those who assaulted.

If we hate those who hate us, are we any better? Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you are not easy teachings of Jesus. Yet, they're not optional. It's not as if God says, "Oh, okay. I know it's hard. So, move on." No, we must do this.

Even more, though, the memory of 9/11/01 sparks in me a deeper reflection: how we as Catholic Christians grieve. Death is a part of life. Death is always all around us. Yet, more and more, I see our culture moving to a death denying one and I see that creeping into the Church.

When we perform the Rites of Christian Burial, we pray for the repose of the soul of the one who died. We don't shy away from using the words *death, die, final farewell, etc.* Why? Are we ghouls? No! We know that we must accept that death is a part of life; but, for the Christian, it is a door and not a wall.

I can't tell you the number of times I've met with grieving family members who insist that the Funeral Mass not be called a Funeral Mass. One family, I remember from years ago, even insisted that I don't mention the name of the deceased so that they could simply attend a Mass together and then go home "like he would be there waiting for us, as he always was." I was a bit dumb-founded. I knew it wasn't a healthy approach.

Death is a part of life. The seasons change and we see plants live and die. The flowers in the Church come in vibrant and colorful. After a while, they fade and droop and die. The candles start out tall and strong. After a while, they diminish and grow dim. These are the liturgical symbols of death.

"The Mass has ended." The most ancient words to end our liturgy - the very word *Mass* comes from the Latin *missa* or dismissal. We arrive (in birth), we participate (in life), we leave (in death), we anticipate (the resurrection). This is our faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At the time of the death of someone we love, our human emotion fills us with denial, anger, sadness, rage, sorrow, and a million other emotions that have no name. To grieve, we must express these emotions. In faith, we must not hang on them like a security blanket. We need to move on.

I once read a sermon by a Protestant minister who said that to hold on to our loved ones by always grieving their loss and not let them go is to be selfish and mean. To remember them the most, we must let them die. It reminded me of Jesus when he told his disciples that his mission was to go to Jerusalem and die - die for our salvation.

Weekly Stewardship
September 4, 2016 Collection

The collection totals for the weekend of September 3rd / 4th were not available at the time of publication.

Those figures will be included, along with the September 10/11 totals, in the bulletin dated September 18

Attendance for September 4, 2016
(Our Church seats 1,150 people)

4:00 p. m. –356 8:00 a. m. - 285
9:30 a. m.—344 11:00 a. m. - 365

Total Attendance - 1350

REMINDER

There is an emergency second collection **TODAY** to assist those recently affected by the devastating flooding in Louisiana. U. S. dioceses nationwide will be participating in this collection.

These funds will support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and provide support to Catholic dioceses impacted by this disaster.

Your help will be greatly appreciated by those in need. We thank you so much for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP

Our time, talent and treasure

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help.

CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves.

With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide.

Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins.

Please give to the CCHD Collection.

stmarksknights.org

The Knights of Columbus Council #11374 will be selling coffee and donuts in the morning and hamburgers, hots, chips and beverages the rest of the day during the **St. Lawrence Garage Sale on September 15th, 16th and 17th.**

Stop by Deacon Hall and have some food and refreshments while you shop.

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Knights of Columbus Council #11374 has a "COFFEE for HOSPICE" box in the Narthex to collect coffee donations for hospices in our area. Coffee is the most requested item we receive from them, their supply gets used very quickly caring for the patients and their families. The Knights of Columbus "COFFEE for HOSPICE PROGRAM" is the main supplier of coffee donations to these facilities. Please consider dropping off a pound or Keurig Type K – Cups on the way to Mass. We thank you in advance for your donations.

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, September 12

Eucharistic Adoration - Church	9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Pre-K Orientation -School	6:30 p.m.
Bible Study - Deacon Hall	6:30 p.m.
Faithful Voices Choir Rehearsal - Church	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

Bible Study - Deacon Hall	9:00 a.m.
Camerata Practice - Church	2:00 p.m.
Camerata Practice - Church	7:00 p. m.

Wednesday, September 14

Song Prayers - Church	7:15 p. m.

Thursday, September 15

Garage Sale - Deacon Hall	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Parent Info Night - School	7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 16

Garage Sale - Deacon Hall	9:00 a. m. - 7:00 p.m.
Hour of Divine Mercy - Church	2:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Garage Sale - Deacon Hall	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18

Faith Formation - School	4:00 p.m.

The Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn at our garage sale this week.

Marriage Banns

Week II *Jayla Burton and Matthew Lombardo*
Week I *Alicia Marie Mastrella and Bryan Hubbard*

Parish Staff

Executive Leadership Team

Rev. Lee P. Chase, S.T.L.
Pastor, x 207
Bruce M. Watson
Finance Director, x. 206
Tina McAuliffe
Business Manager, x. 205
Frank Arvizzigno
School Principal, 225-3870

Pastoral Ministry

Rev. Scott Caton, Ph.D.
Assisting Priest, x. 204
Deacon David Squilla
Pastoral Associate, x. 212
Deacon Manny Asis
Parish Deacon, x. 213
Deacon Tom Beck
Senior Parish Deacon, x. 208

Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale
Office Manager, x. 201
Linda DeMarco
Office Assistant, x. 203
Bob Gray, Jim Grotke
Maintenance , x. 201

Faith Development Ministry

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

Music Ministry

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

Diocesan Respect Life Sunday Mass

Bishop Matano is celebrating this Mass in honor of 20 years of Project Rachel ministry in the Diocese of Rochester. He will bless and commission all who are involved in Project Rachel. There will be a reception afterward in appreciation of Fr. James Hewes, whose vision and 18 years of Project Rachel leadership were instrumental. Mass is Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 PM in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester. All are welcome!

Blessed Sacrament's Famous Next to New Sale requests your donations!

Blessed Sacrament's Next-to-New Sale is just around the corner! Donations may be brought to the Blessed Sacrament School basement, 546 Oxford Street, Rochester, 14607 (corner of Monroe Ave. and Oxford St.) beginning Saturday, September 17 through Friday, September 30. Hours: Saturday and Sundays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We welcome most items: from furniture to fall and winter clothes and books, from jewelry to dishes and computers, – we'll be happy to receive them all.

Please do not donate child car seats, couches, mattresses, large appliances, magazines, or encyclopedias! NO TV's or monitors.
Donated items should be cleaned and in good repair!

SALE DATES – October 6 and 7 (9:00 AM to 8:00 PM) and **October 8** (9:00 AM — 12:00 PM). DO COME! You have been most generous, making our past sales successful. For more information, visit southeastrochestercatholics.org or call 271-7240.

REMINDER

Mother of Sorrows Fall Bash TODAY

This event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11 at the church, 5000 Mt. Read Boulevard, Greece. The Fall Harvest Bash will feature a chicken barbeque, a coffee house, children's games, karaoke, entertainment, a bouncy house, a petting zoo, a ministry fair, raffle and more.

Please join us at Holy Cross Church for our annual parish renewal. September 25, 26, and 27th from 7:00 To 8:15 pm in church. Father Edward Salmon, is this year's presenter. Father is a former president of McQuaid Jesuit high schools and was the presenter for the Eastern Greece/Charlotte Lenten retreat. Father will guide us on how God depends on us to be His agents for goodness and mercy. He will invite us to love the way God loves. If you have any questions , please call the parish office at 663-2244.

WHAT'S NEXT

Upcoming Parish events and courtesy announcements

As Fall begins and routines change, come and spend some quiet time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Even a short visit can refresh our busy lives.

Adoration
Monday, September 12
9am – 5pm
St. Lawrence Church.

Beginning Experience of Rochester Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced Catholics

Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated, and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend program will be held at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, October 14-16, 2016. For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

Men's Club Euchre
Wednesday Sept. 21st
St. John the Evangelist Parish Center

Tournament & Sub cost $11
No Sub $6
6 PM Subs served
7 PM Euchre Tournament begins
DiBella Submarine choices:
Corned Beef,, Ham, Italian Assorted, Roast Beef, Tuna, Turkey W/condiments and refreshments
Crackers & Cheese break at half time
Please reserve by Sunday Sept. 18th
To either:
Bill Smith 225-1586
Jerry Batog 225-0392
Joe DeJohn 225-0485
Provide your name and partner, if you have one, and your choice of sub

Note: Walk INS not likely to play

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Empowered By The Holy Spirit

Registration For
Confirmation Candidates
YEAR **1** & YEAR 2
Students in Grade 8 and Higher
(As of September 2016)
Classes Begin Fall 2016

All interested Candidates Beginning Year **1** or Year **2**, along with a parent, must attend the Information Meeting noted below to register and learn about the preparation process for the year ahead.

Sunday, September 11th 12:00 — 12:30 PM
in The School Gym

Kindly understand that the Preparation & Instruction Fee will be due upon Registration.
****(The Church is happy to support any family in financial need No family is ever turned away.)**

Public School Students: **$100.00 per Student** (per year)
$75.00 per Student (per year for each additional sibling)

Catholic School Students: **NO FEE Required for Year I**
*****(The vast majority of the curriculum requirements are met in using their Catholic School Religion Textbooks, therefore, these students will not need to attend the majority of Confirmation Sessions for Year I.)**
$50.00 per Student for Year II($25.00 for each additional sibling)

We Need Many Catechists

Volunteer for ONE or MULTIPLE Class Sessions!
For more information to volunteer as teacher or aide, please contact us!
Youth Ministry Office: 225-1485
dgray@dor.org
Faith Formation Office: 225-7320
dcichelli@dor.org OR jomara@dor.org

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Catholic Education and Life-long Faith Formation

St. Lawrence Youth Ministry
FUN, FAITH and FELLOWSHIP
LOOK
What's planned for all
Junior and Senior High Youth

Mark your Calendars:
MEETING: *Sunday, September 11th* in the Youth Room from 7:00-8:30 p.m. *All 6th through 12th graders* are welcome! AND bring a friend.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *Saturday, September 17th* please join in St. Lawrence's Garage Sale. There's a lot to do, so we could sure use your help between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and Noon.
CARWASH: *Saturday, September 17th* during our Parish Garage Sale between the hours of 9:00 a.m. til Noon.
SOCIAL: Bring your friends to Laser Quest on *Friday, September 23rd* beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will play 2 games of laser tag and have pizza in between.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY/FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEEDY: 8TH Annual Campout to Help the Homeless hosted at St. Lawrence beginning *Friday evening, September 30th @ 6:00* until *Saturday Morning @ 8:00.*
This event is for all 8th-12th graders. Please see the website for more information.

Hope to see you there!
Donna Gray 585-225-1485
Paperwork for these events are available in the Youth Ministry Office

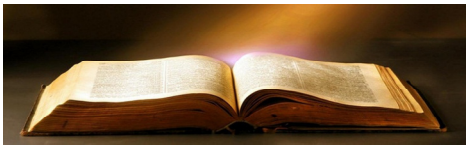
EXULT

"Strengthen Your Brothers"

Rochester Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday October 1st, 2016
8:00am – 4:00pm
at St. Jude the Apostle
Featuring EWTN's Fr. Mitch Pacwa, "The Dynamic Deacon" Harold Burke-Sivers, and Patrick Coffin - host of "Catholic Answers Live"

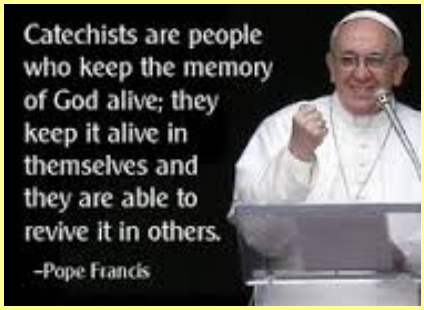
Cost: $50 - Early-bird and Student discounts available Details and registration at:**www.exultrochester.org**

ATTENTION
The Young Adult Pilgrimage scheduled for Sept. 18 has been canceled.



Thank You To All
Faith Formation Catechists for Your Dedicated Service
In our 2016-2017 School Year!

May God Bless You All!



Nora Barrera
Agnes Falbo
Dan Filipek
Jillian Filipek
Shirley Frank
Monica Gaffney
Paula Green
Carla Gundy
Pauline Hull
Cathy Leonardo
Mary Lyke
Beth Mancuso
Janel McKee
Savannah Ottman
Jodi Rosati
Ashley Rourke
Sue Sahmel
Stephanie Smyka
Sandra Whitcomb
RJ Whitcomb
Janice Wychorski

The William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies at Nazareth College Presents: SR. NORMA S. PIMENTAL, M.J

The Human Face of Migration:
Learning Mercy at the Border September 22, 7 p.m.
Forum, Otto A. Shults Community Center

Nurturing a Culture of Caring
September 23, 1:30 p.m.
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Catholic Education and Life-long Faith Formation

RCIA

WE WELCOME YOU TO TAKE PART IN
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults!

Begin a journey in faith,
as you allow God to lead you with an open heart,
learning from His Word,
and the teachings of the Catholic Church,
in preparing to receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Please call or e-mail to register. 225-7320
dcichelli@dor.org jomara@dor.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Sept. 17-18, 2016

The Gospel tells us "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones". God has entrusted your spouse to your care – are you trustworthy in that care? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 18-20, 2016 at Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua. For more information, call 877-NYS-WWME or go to www.wwme-wny.org

Sept. 24-25, 2016

As men and women of God we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on November 18-20, 2016 at Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua. For more information, call 877-NYS-WWME or go to www.wwme-wny.org

SAINT LAWRENCE GARAGE SALE !!

THIS WEEK!!!

Deacon Hall

1000 North Greece Rd

Thursday, September 15 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, September 16 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 17 9 a. m. - Noon

Browse awhile and find a new Treasure!

Electronics -
Dishware, Glassware Household items, small kitchen appliances
CDs, DVDs, LP Vinyl Albums
Lawn Furniture, Office furniture
Furniture (bookcases, coffee tables, end tables)
Books
Jewelry, Wall décor, picture frames
Antiques
Garage items, tools, hardware, bicycles
Lighting
Athletic equipment
Knick knacks, vases, toys, puzzles, games
Too many items to list!!

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Scheduling of Mass Intentions for 2017

IN PERSON ONLY: Friday, **September 23 2016 , 12-3pm in Deacon Hall**.

(No scheduling will be done in the rectory office on that day.)

BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON AT THE RECTORY OFFICE: Scheduling will begin on **Monday, October 3, 10 am.**

- Each parish family may schedule **one (1) weekend** and/or **one (1) weekday Mass**.
- Please give us 1st choice and 2nd choice for each Mass.
- Each Mass offering is $10.00. Offering is to be made at the time of scheduling.
- For your convenience, you may fill out this form and bring it with you on September 23rd
- Any scheduling done by mail will be processed after September 26th.

Weekend Mass: (ONLY 1)

For: _____

From: _____

Please Circle Time

1st choice	Date: _____	Time: 4pm 8am, 9:30am and 11am
2nd choice	Date: _____	Time: 4pm 8am, 9:30am and 11am

Weekday Mass: (ONLY 1)

For _____

From: _____

1st choice	Date: _____	Time: 8:30 am
2nd choice	Date: _____	Time: 8:30 am

Your Name: _____ Phone #_____

Please bring this from with you when scheduling in person.