Next weekend, if all goes as planned, we will welcome back Father Caton after his period of surgery and healing. I know he has missed being with you. I thank you for your prayers for him and for all in our parish who are sick and in need of our prayers.

It would be remiss of me if I did not thank Father Felicjan and Father Temple for helping me with Sunday Masses of Obligation during this time, as well as Christmas Masses. Their assistance was and is invaluable. I would also like to thank Deacon David and those of the Daily Mass community who led Communion Services on the mornings I was unable to celebrate Mass. It is good to know that we have such faithful and willing parishioners to step up to the plate in times of need.

During this period that Fr. Caton has been on medical leave, I have had the opportunity to attend a few meetings with the priests of Monroe County to discuss the future—the next five to ten to twenty years. We are facing some challenges as we move ahead and we need to begin that planning.

The most important fact before us is that Diocesan priests are getting older and fewer in number. What that means for the immediate time is that it is getting more and more difficult to find priests to fill in for another priest if he should go on vacation, become sick, or attend a personal matter. In just the last four months, at least four separate situations arose that were not expected in west side parishes where priests became unavailable to celebrate Sunday Masses. Working together, the neighboring priests, religious order priests, and hospital chaplains worked it out in covering for those Masses.

We need to pray for vocations to the priesthood. We need to encourage men who may have a vocation to explore those vocations and we need to support them. We will discuss more of this as time goes on. For now—I ask that you dedicate your prayer this weekend and this week to the increase of priestly vocations in our Church. God be with you.
This Week’s Prayer

Monday, February 17
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Bill Thomas by Eileen Thomas

Tuesday, February 18
Weekday
8:30 a.m. For the Vocation of Priests

Wednesday, February 19
Weekday
8:30 a.m. For St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Thursday, February 20
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 21
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Sunday, February 23
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. (Sat. Vigil) Richard Furia by Furia family
9:00 a.m. For the St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase
9:30 a.m. Barbara Thesing & Marylou Boerner by family
11:00 a.m. Omero Paris by wife and family

This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly families

At the request of Ginny Pierce

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
STEWARDSHIP

Our time, talent and treasure

February 8-9 2020 Collection

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As of February 11, 2020
2019-2020 CMA goal is $157,563
So far we have received $108,445 from 511 donors

Attendance for February 8-9 2020

4:00 p.m. - 356
8:00 a.m. - 280
9:30 a.m. - 287
11:00 a.m. - 260

Total Attendance – 1183

My name is Shawna Welch. My husband John and I have been ushers, first at Holy Name of Jesus, and then here at the 11:00am mass for a total of 42 and 35 years respectively. We have been happy to do so but we are going to be stepping away from this ministry. This will leave the 11:00 mass short 2 more ushers. I can’t speak for the other masses but the 11:00 mass has been in need of ushers for a while now. You may have been asked by my husband or myself if you could help and if you have helped out in the past, we thank you. Recently, you may have read in the bulletin or heard Deacon Dave say that St. Lawrence is in need of ushers, as well as other ministries! What we are looking for is simply someone, MALE or FEMALE at least 18 years old to help take up the offertory collection and possibly pass out bulletins after mass. All we are asking is that if you are willing to help with this, let an usher know that you are there and would like to help. This wouldn’t mean that you’d be committing to any one particular mass. Just please let an usher at ANY mass that you happen to be attending know that you are there and willing to help. It would be up to YOU as to whether you’d want to do this every week or just on occasion. Thank you.
**WHAT’S NOW**

*This Week At St. Lawrence Church*

**Monday, February 17 Presidents’ Day**
Rectory Office Closed  
School Closed for February Recess

**Tuesday, February 18**
School Closed for February Recess  
Faithful Voices– Church  7:00pm

**Wednesday, February 19**
School Closed for February Recess  
Song Prayers-Church  7:15pm

**Thursday, February 20**
School Closed for February Recess

**Friday, February 21**
School Closed for February Recess  
*Divine Mercy - Church*  2:30-3:30pm

**Saturday, February 22**
CYO-Gym  6:00pm

**Sunday, February 23**
RCIA-Deacon Hall  10:30am

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**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**TODAY**

**SHARE SUNDAY**

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**HILTON-PARMA EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF**

The Hilton-Parma Emergency Food Shelf offers assistance to people in the Hilton Central School District who are in an emergency situation, are in need of food and are not covered by other services. They are grateful we will be making them our “special valentine” this month! At this time, your generous donation of the following items will be especially appreciated:

- tuna
- canned pasta
- pasta sauce
- baked beans or pork & beans
- cold and hot cereals
- peanut butter and jelly
- hash, stew or chili
- coffee, tea and hot cocoa
- soap and body wash
- shampoo, conditioner
- deodorant
- paper towels
- tissue
- toilet paper

Please bring your donations to church by 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 16th. Thank you for your kindness and your prayers on behalf of those in need.

--Your Human Development Committee

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**Save The Date**

The Church of St. Lawrence celebrates St. Joseph’s Table on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 after 4p.m. mass in Deacon Hall. We ask each family to bring a meatless dish or dessert in a disposable pan to share. Please complete an RSVP slip in the narthex next to the poster. In the spirit of St. Joseph, a collection basket will be at the Feast of St. Joseph to help the poor. Previous donations have benefitted those at The Dimitri House.
ST. MARK’S KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
LENTEN FISH FRY

FRESH FISH DINNERS – FRIED or BAKED
$12 ea.

Dinners include: Coleslaw or Salad, Potato, Roll,
Coffee or Tea

Other Items: Ziti Dinner $6, Pizza $2
French Fries, Beverages and Desserts

5:00PM to 7:00PM FRIDAYS during LENT
FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2020.
St. Mark’s Church 54 Kuhn Road Greece
stmarksknights.org

Come help out a great cause, this is our main fundraiser
with proceeds directed to charities in our area.

TAKEOUT SERVICE!! NO TAX or TIP!! RAFFLES!!

Please note day change
Men’s Club of St. John -
St. Lawrence

St. John parish center

Euchre $7 per individual
Thursday Feb. 27th Euchre
Tournament

Please note day change
Reservations are required by Feb. 23rd, Sunday.
Pay at the door. Bring exact cash
Event doors open at 5:45pm in-
cludes Pizza from Trotto’s , Soda,
Snacks, (cheezits & peanuts) and
prize monies
Tournament begins at 6:30pm
Include your partner when
making reservation.
A partner will be assigned to
those without a partner

Euchre Reservations
Email wrs.greece.ny@gmail.com
for reservations (preferred),
or call Bill Smith 225-1586
No Greater Love a five-part Bible study program

Beginning for 5 weeks

Monday March 2nd 6:30pm and Tuesday March 3rd 9:15am

St. Lawrence Deacon Hall

We often hear about Jesus’ Passion and death in the Gospels, the Rosary, the Mass, the Stations of the Cross, and many other devotions. Because we hear about Christ’s Passion so often, it’s easy for us to lose sight of its profound significance. But imagine if you had never heard these stories before. Imagine experiencing them for the very first time, and realizing that Jesus is a real person who really suffered and died for you and for me so that we can have eternal life. We will be offering a Bible Study at our St. Lawrence that will help you to experience Christ’s Passion and Death as you never have before.

In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his Agony in the Garden to his Crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

No Greater Love Bible Study Registration

Name:______________________               Circle one:

Phone:______________________             Monday, March 2   6:30pm

Email:_______________________            Tuesday, March 3   9:15am

Optional Study Guide $15. Ck. payable to: St. Lawrence Church

(please place in weekend collection).