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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Last weekend, we witnessed very disturbing and frightening images on our television screens. Protests and riots erupted all over the country, even here in Monroe County. We were placed on curfew and there was fear of looting at the Greece Ridge Mall, just as there had been looting in Rochester and Irondequoit. Of course, as you know, this is all in response to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN at the hands of 4 police officers. But, of course, we know that it goes much deeper than that.

The anger, frustration, hurt, helplessness, and fear experienced by people of color in our country every day is the motivating factor behind these protests. As with so many things, some people decided that this would be a good time to loot stores, to set cars on fire, to hurt other people. That is not what the overwhelming majority of the protestors did.

This cannot be sugar-coated. Racism is a sin. The deliberate and conscious decision to hate people simply because of the color of their skin or the shape of their eyes is evil! It cannot be accepted under any circumstance. It must be eradicated from our culture.

We cannot stand by silently as people of color are blamed for things for which they bear no responsibility. We cannot accept as normal that young African-American men are stopped in their cars simply for being African-American. We cannot tolerate this as a Catholic Christian people!

I ask you to join with me in prayer and in learning. Let us all learn how not to hate. Let us all learn that other people, people different in appearance from us, are not to be suspect. Let us all learn, once again, that Jesus Christ—our Lord and Savior—asked us to love one another, to forgive one another, and to lift each other up. How you treat the least of these, he said, is how you treat me.

We do not know what Jesus looked like in his appearance. But, since he was born to a Jewish mother in the Middle East, we can bet his skin was not as white as mine is. Jesus was a person of color, to use our own vernacular.

Let us honor and love him by honoring and loving each other.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, June 8

Weekday

Ronald Nicol by Norma Nicol

Tuesday, June 9

Weekday

Joyce Panepinto by Izzo family

Wednesday, June 10

Weekday

Wayne & Timothy Stephany by Scott & Nancy Stephany

Thursday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

For all those contemplating suicide

Friday, June 12

Weekday

Deceased members of the Molinari & Granville families

Saturday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Bernie Bubel by Bob & Marilyn Spall

For St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Sunday, June 14

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Richard M. Alexander by wife, Shirley and family

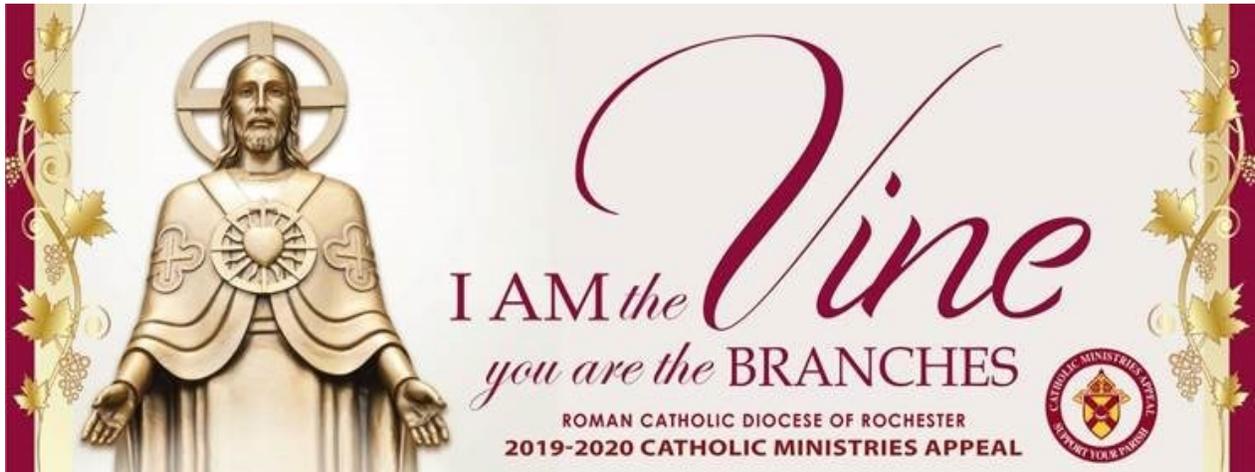
Joseph & Dora Berardi by children and grandchildren

Please note: Fr. Chase and Fr. Caton continue to celebrate Mass without a congregation and offer these intentions during those Masses. Thank you.

**This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Deceased members of the Baker
family
By Marjorie Baker**

Readings for the week of June 8, 2020

Monday, June 8:	1Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday, June 9:	1Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 10:	1Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 11:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 12:	1Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:37-32
Saturday, June 13:	1Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
Sunday, June 14:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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

May 23-24 2020 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$11,276.00	\$16,200.00	\$(4,924.00)
General Maintenance	\$550.00	\$1,040.00	\$(490.00)
School Support	\$116.00	\$360.00	\$(244.00)

May 30-31 2020 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$10,811.38	\$16,200.00	\$(5,388.62)
General Maintenance	\$197.00	\$1,040.00	\$(843.00)
School Support	\$2.00	\$360.00	\$(358.00)

Virtual Collection Basket!

Did you know you can support the Church, School, and CMA online? Go to our website :

www.stlawrencegreeceny.org

On line and televised liturgies from our Diocese:

(Weekly) Mass Schedule on TV:

WHEC.Com -streaming mass

Channel 10-5:30am

ME TV 10.2 / Cable Channel 1245- 8:00am

You may also go to www.dor.org for a link to the
livestreamed Masses of Bishop Matano.



Please note: we continue to hear confessions every Saturday from 2:30—3:30 p.m.

Confessions are heard in the Infant Chapel / Family Cry Room.

You must stand at the line marked on the floor— keeping a safe social distance.

Some FAQ About What Mass Will Be Like When We Re-Open

Father, when will we open again for public Masses?

The quick answer is: I don't know. This will depend upon the Governor and the Bishop. Churches are in Phase IV of the state's reopening.

Some parishes are holding public Masses, why not St. Lawrence? Masses for less than 10 people are allowed. Some parishes are asking people to register and some are inviting specific groups. These are smaller parishes. St. Lawrence typically has 50-100 people come to a weekday Mass and nearly 1,500 people on the weekend—between 300 and 500 per Mass. I don't want to have to turn people away from coming to Mass. So, after much thought and discussion with Father Caton and Deacon David, we decided we'll wait until we can have larger gatherings. Please understand that our first and foremost concern is your health and safety.

Will Sunday Mass and weekday Masses be just like before? No. Until further notice, we're planning on changes. Here is what it will be like:

1. You'll come to Mass and you (and all the members of your family) will wear their facemasks.
2. When you enter the Church, there will be hand sanitizer dispensers available in the foyers. We'll ask you to use them before entering the Church.
3. Bulletins will be on a small table for you to take. Ushers will not distribute bulletins.
4. There will be a basket or wooden collection box for you to drop off your offering. A collection will not be taken up during Mass.
5. The children's cry room, the wings, the Holy Family chapel will be closed so as to limit the areas we will need to clean before and after Masses. Every other pew will be cordoned off.
6. You may sit with your family but must maintain social distance from others.
7. The priest and deacon will come from the sacristy to

the altar. There will be no formal procession. You will know to stand when the bells are rung.

8. The priest and deacon will offer the greeting and readings. There will be no lectors or altar servers.
9. There will be no Presentation of the Gifts from the assembly.
10. There will be no sign of peace
11. The priest and deacon will distribute communion.
12. There will be no music, at least for the summer. Singing aerosolizes oral water droplets at a much higher rate than speaking. Music will gradually be reintroduced with only organ/keyboard and cantor. Until we have further guidance from the diocese, our choirs will remain paused.
13. When you come to communion, you will maintain a 6 ft. social distance while in line. We will have the floor measured out with tape to assist you.
14. When you reach the top of the line, you will remove your mask. We will say "The Body of Christ" while holding up the host. You will respond "Amen." With your mouth closed, you come forward to receive communion in the hand. You will then move 6 ft. away from the priest/deacon and consume the host and then return to your pew.
15. **Those who are concerned about their health and safety may continue to make a Spiritual Communion. If you do not receive communion at Mass, we ask that you step out of the pew to allow others to exit for communion so that they do not have to step over you, and can maintain social distance.**
16. We encourage all to receive communion in the hand. (Those who wish to receive communion on the tongue, we ask you to come up last in line.) Ushers will not direct communion lines.
17. Communion will be offered under the one form of the consecrated host. The cup will not be offered.

The Sunday Mass Obligation is suspended by Bishop Matano for all the faithful in the Diocese of Rochester until further notice. Even when we reopen for public Masses, if you are sick or if you are concerned about contracting illness from coming to Mass, you are asked to stay home.



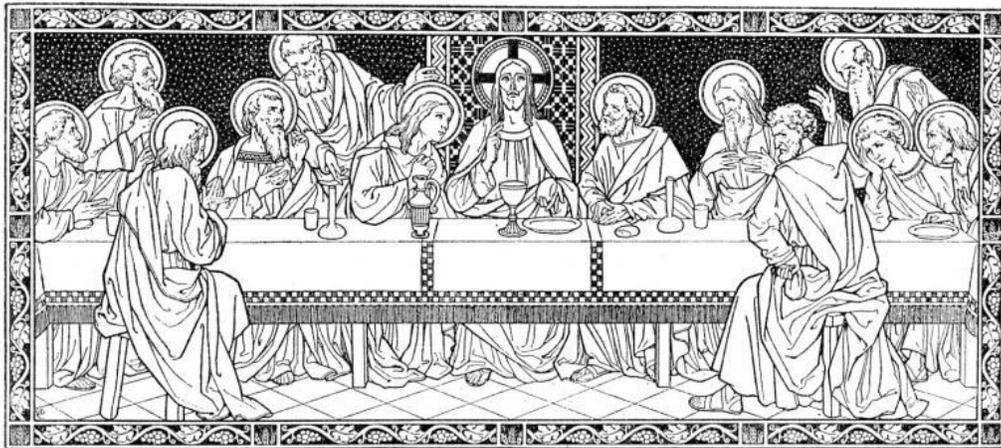
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an *Act of Spiritual Communion*, which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion.

(Saint Thomas Aquinas).

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.