

26 July 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Lawrence Church

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Rochester, NY 14626

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Joseph Vattappara
By Mrs. Jessy John*

Monday, July 27

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Alan Selover by Gail Doohan, Robin, Al Jr. & Kenny

Tuesday, July 28

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Paul Apa by Linette Henry

Wednesday, July 29

Saint Martha

8:30 a.m. Mass for Charles Vallone by wife, Jennifer

Thursday, July 30

Weekday

No Mass Communion Service

Friday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

No Mass Communion Service

Saturday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. Mass for Jeanette Cuiule by family

9:30a.m. Mass for deceased residents of Gardens at Town Center & friends
by Jeanne Swan

11:00a.m. Mass for Francis P. Palermo by Joseph C. & Robert Palermo &
Kathleen Kilpatrick

Readings for the week of July 27, 2020

Monday, July 27:	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 28:	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 29:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Jn 11:19-27
Thursday, July 30:	Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday, July 31:	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, August 1:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday, August 2:	Is 55:1-3/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Attendance for July 18-19 2020	Total	401
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July 18-19 2020 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,782.16	\$16,200.00	\$(5,417.84)
General Maintenance	\$318.00	\$1,040.00	\$(722.00)
School Support	\$139.00	\$360.00	\$(221.00)

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 9:30 am
 11:00 am

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation
 As scheduled, please see bulletin.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

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 - Thursday
 9 a.m. - Noon, 1 pm - 4 pm
 Fridays 9 a.m. - Noon
 Phone: 723-1350 fax: 723-1361

St. Lawrence School

585-225-3870

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Marriage Banns

Week I Meghan Bauer & William Krupp

Week II Jenna DeForte & Austin Reiber



Parish Staff

Rectory Office 723-1350

Rev. Lee P. Chase, S.T.L.
Pastor, x 207

Frank Arvizzigno
School Principal, 225-3870

Marisa Stieve
Finance Director, x.206

Pastoral Ministry

Deacon David Squilla
Pastoral Associate, x. 212

Rev. Scott Caton, Ph.D.
Assisting Priest, x. 201

Deacon Manny Asis
Senior Deacon, x. 201

Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale
Office Manager, x. 201

Kerry Nolan
Office Assistant, x. 205

Bob Gray
Maintenance, x. 201

Faith Development Ministry

Jamie O'Mara
Faith Formation, 225-7320

Donna Gray
Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485

Debbie Cichelli
Office Manager, 225-7320

Music Ministry

M. Virginia Pierce
Music Director, 227-7236

Susan Judkins
9:30 a.m. Mass Choir, 797-3719

Mary Kay Huber
Young People's Choir, 957-8947

Steve Amico
11:00 a. m. Mass Choir, 225-7338

Mass for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Psalm 68:6-7, 36)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

FIRST READING (First Book of Kings 3:5, 7-12)

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered: "O Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 119)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R.**

Let your kindness comfort me

according to your promise to your servants.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. **R.**

For I love your commands

more than gold, however fine.

For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. **R.**

Wonderful are your decrees;

therefore I observe them.

The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING (Romans 8:28-30)

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

GOSPEL (Matthew 13:44-52 Shorter Form [], 13:44-46)

[Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.] Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.* who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Psalm 103:2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

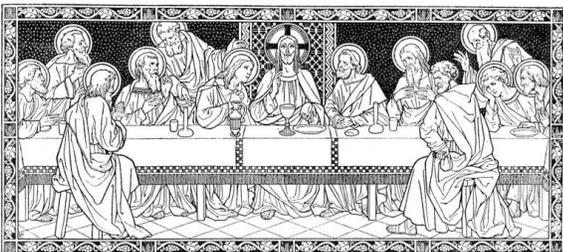
Or (Matthew 5:7-8)

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

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.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 26, 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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*Please contact Faith Formation or
Youth Ministry to register before Au-
gust 28.*

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Deborah Housel

585-328-3228, ext. 1555

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