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## MUSINGS

*By Father Lee Chase*

Since March of last year, representatives of the parishes of Greece/Charlotte/Hilton have been meeting on a regular basis. We call this the Greece/Charlotte/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force. The parishes are: Holy Cross in Charlotte, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Lawrence, St. Mark, St. John the Evangelist on Ridge Road, St. Charles Borromeo, and St. Leo in Hilton.

What is the work of this task force? The work of the task force is to come together and, in light of the facts of a fewer number of priests, less financial resources, and fewer active parishioners—how can the parishes best meet the needs of the Catholic community in this area.

The task force began when I approached our bishop after a Priests' Council meeting in 2021. A presentation regarding pastoral planning in northern Cayuga County had been given. I was impressed with the presentation and mentioned to the bishop that I thought it might be a good idea for the parishes in this area of Monroe County to begin that conversation. As you know, I serve the diocese not only as a pastor of this parish but as a Dean of the Monroe West Deanery, assisting the bishop in this area of our diocese. I mentioned my idea to Fr. Bill Coffas who is the pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows and Holy Cross as well as Dean of the Monroe Central Deanery. We agreed to gather the pastors of Greece together to see if this kind of conversation was worthwhile. We gathered and agreed to form this task force. After that initial meeting of the pastors, before the task force gathered, St. Leo's in Hilton was brought into this group. Each parish has two representatives chosen by the pastoral leader and the pastoral leader

himself. Our first meeting took place in March 2022.

We have gathered a great deal of data, most of which has been shared in our church bulletins. We have also shared some reflections on the ministries of each parish, some unique ministries, and why this conversation is important.

Out of this group have come some subgroups to share and reflect upon the topics of evangelization, vocations to church ministry, and communicating effectively to our parish communities.

We cannot ignore the fact that the number of our diocesan priests is going down and the average age of our priests is going up. We cannot ignore the fact that the number of people actively attending our churches has gone down over the last 10 to 20 years and in all of our parishes in the northeastern United States. These two realities pose challenges for all of us and we need to prepare for our futures.

At St. Lawrence Church, three ways in which we have already prepared is in the sharing with other parishes in the area our financial division. Our Finance Director, Business Manager, and Bookkeeper all work not only for us but six other churches. Our Faith Formation Ministry is also regional. Four churches in our area share that staff. And our Youth Ministry is now paired with St. Charles Borromeo Church. This is the beginning of what can only be entitled "more to come." Please pray for this effort and that God will continue to guide us. And know, that our concern is to serve as best we can the Catholic community in our area.

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

**Monday, September 25**

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Maurice Wattie by Wattie Family

**Tuesday, September 26**

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joan Asmuth by Mike & Patty Fredericks

**Wednesday, September 27**

*Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:30a.m. Mass for Dominic & Jeannette Cuiule by Family

**Thursday, September 28**

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service, prayer for Priestly Vocations

**Friday, September 29**

*Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Dorothy & Louis Mangano by daughter, Suzanne

**Saturday, September 30**

*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

4:00 p.m. Mass for Gary Valentine & Gary James Valentine, Jr.

By wife & mother, Angela Valentine

**Sunday, October 1**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Mary Rose & Frank J. Spacher by the Spacher Family

10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase



***This week, we light the***

***Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of***

***The Pollet Family***

***By Gary & Carrie Carlson***

**Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,  
Oct. 2, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

## Readings for the week of September 25, 2023

Monday, September 25: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29: Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

Attendance September 16 & 17, 2023  
Total-865

## September 16 & 17, 2023 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$12,285.54	\$13,750.00	\$(1,464.46)
General Maintenance	\$542.00	\$807.00	\$(265.00)
School Support	\$105.00	\$403.00	\$(265.00)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
10:00 am

Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am  
Thu Communion Service 8:30 am.

Holy Days of Obligation  
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 the Parish Office at the rectory 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 pm - 4 pm  
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## St. Lawrence School

585-225-3870

## Internet and Social Media

Email - rstlawre@dor.org  
website - stlawrencegreece.org  
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Thank you to all parishioners and volunteers for making our annual garage sale a huge success. We were able to provide a lot of families with lots of great items. Again, thank you to everyone who donated items, collected those items, displayed those items, delivered those items and helped clean up those items. This is a wonderful ministry.

## Parish Staff

### Rectory Office 723-1350

The Very Rev. Lee P. Chase, V.F., S.T.L.  
*Dean, Monroe West Deanery for the Diocese of Rochester, Pastor, x 207*

### St. Lawrence School

Crystal Criticos - *School Principal, 225-3870*

### Finance Administration

Marisa Stieve  
*Regional Finance Director, x.206*  
Dawn Nudo  
*Regional Finance Manager, x 205*  
Cameron Hyzy  
*Regional Business Manager, x203*

### Pastoral Ministry

Deacon David Squilla  
*Pastoral Associate, x. 212*  
Deacon Manny Asis  
*Senior Deacon, x. 201*

### Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale  
*Business Manager, x. 201*  
Jim Grotke  
*Maintenance, x. 201*

### Faith Formation Ministry

Amanuel Malik  
*Regional Faith Formation Director (585) 663-2244, x106*  
Debbie Cichelli  
*Regional Faith Formation Administrator, 225-7320*  
Donna Gray  
*Regional Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485*

### Music Ministry

M. Virginia Pierce  
*Music Director, 227-7236*  
Susan Judkins  
*Song Prayers, 797-3719*  
Steve Amico  
*Faithful Voices, 225-7338*

# WHAT'S NOW

## This Week At St. Lawrence Church

### Monday, September 25

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.  
Bible Study - Deacon Hall 6:30p.m.

### Tuesday, September 26

Bible Study - Deacon Hall 9:30a.m.  
CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.  
First Communion Info Mtg. - Deacon Hall 6:45p.m.  
Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.

### Wednesday, September 27

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.  
Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

### Thursday, September 28

2024 Mass Book Opening - Deacon Hall 9:00a.m.  
CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.  
First Communion Info Mtg - Deacon Hall 6:45p.m.

### Friday, September 29

### Saturday, September 30

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 11:00a.m.

### Sunday, October 1

Confirmation Classes - School 11:15a.m.

#### Everyday Stewardship

As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**ST. LAWRENCE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2023**

	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lector/Greeter</b>
<b>Sep-30-2023</b> <b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	John Andreano Patricia Urbinelli	Sharon Fronheiser
<b>Oct-01-2023</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Sue Barker Suzanne Mangano	Jeffrey Hoover
<b>Oct-01-2023</b> <b>Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Jamie O'Mara Moureen Young	Tony Bellavia
<b>Oct-07-2023</b> <b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Bob Mayer Candy Minchella	Joe Kelly
<b>Oct-08-2023</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Anthony Ciero Sue Ellen Sahlmel	Kevin Doell
<b>Oct-08-2023</b> <b>Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Cathy Leonardo Chuck Romano	Barbara Packard
<b>Oct-14-2023</b> <b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Alma Jastrzembski Diane Kozlowski	Jim Kutrybala
<b>Oct-15-2023</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	David Zeh Nancy Beck	Scott Breiner
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<b>Oct-21-2023</b> <b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Mary Ann Vaccaro Rose Marie Gruttadauria	Eugene Welch
<b>Oct-22-2023</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Eddie Ehrmentraut Kevin Doell	Linda Mitrano
<b>Oct-22-2023</b> <b>Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Dick Pfeifer Jane Pfeifer	Chuck Romano
<b>Oct-28-2023</b> <b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Kathleen Enright Rick Antelli	David Zeh
<b>Oct-29-2023</b> <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Jim Kutrybala Nancy Beck	Sheila Soehner
<b>Oct-29-2023</b> <b>Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Jerry LeBlanc Robert Newton	Moureen Young

Thank you so much for once again including Nazareth Elementary in your August back-to-school supplies collection. Your kind hearts and generous spirits have truly blessed our children and families. We were overwhelmed with the large donation of supplies that Candy Minchella dropped off! We received everything on our wish list and more! THANK YOU!

There is always something exciting about new supplies at the start of the school year. However, some families are just not able to afford them. Others register late in the summer and the children arrive with no classroom supplies. All in need were thrilled to be able to choose from your wonderful donations! Please know that you have brought smiles to many children, and to their parents and teachers as well! With any supplies left, we will be able to replenish items for students as needs arise during the year.

Be assured of our prayers of gratitude. May God abundantly bless all of you on the Human Development Committee for the great work that you do and bless the members of St. Lawrence parish too!

Peace,

*Sr. Margaret Mancuso, SSJ*  
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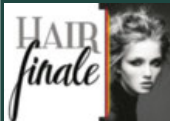
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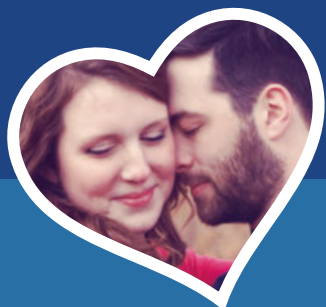


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