

7 JANUARY 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saint Lawrence Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

- Mt 2:10

Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,
Jan. 8, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Peter Fiorica & Family
By Madafferi Family*

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Mass for Mary Donnelly by Eileen Thomas

Tuesday, January 9

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for James R. Murphy Mary Kay Vaicialis

Wednesday, January 10

Weekday

8:30a.m. Mass for William Beck by Mary Kay Vaicialis

Thursday, January 11

Weekday

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

Friday, January 12

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Levi, Jane & Charles Burke by Gene & Mary Kay Volpe

Saturday, January 13

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Melanie Karkos by Mom & Dad

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Peter Castro by Lorrie & Jim DeSiena

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

Readings for the week of January 8, 2024

Monday, January 8:	Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday, January 9:	1 Sm1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 10:	1 Sm3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 11:	1 Sm4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 12:	1 Sm8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 13:	1 Sm9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 14:	1 Sm3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Attendance December 23 & 24, 2023
Total-803
Attendance December 24 & 25, 2023
Total -1,764

December 23 & 24, 2023 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$18,600.00	\$13,269.00	\$5,331.00
General Maintenance	\$618.00	\$846.00	\$(228.00)
School Support	\$480.00	\$384.00	\$96.00
Christmas	\$14,429.00		

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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The Very Rev. Lee P. Chase, V.F., S.T.L.
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WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, January 8

Adoration - Church	9:00a.m.- 3:30p.m.
CYO Cheer - Gym	2:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.

Tuesday, January 9

CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church	7:00p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

School Musical Practice - Deacon Hall	2:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church	7:15p.m.

Thursday, January 11

Greece Food Shelf Mtg - Deacon Hall	9:00a.m.
School Musical Practice - Deacon Hall	2:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.

Friday, January 12

School Musical Practice - Deacon Hall	2:00p.m.
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Saturday, January 13

CYO Basketball - School	8:00a.m.
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Sunday, January 14

Rosary Group- Deacon Hall	10:15a.m.
CYO Basketball - School	12:30p.m.

Each January St. Lawrence Human Development Committee accepts your very generous donations of ****NEW**** pairs of socks (for men, women and children) on behalf of Bethany House, Cabrini Parish, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and St. Peter's. Last year we collected 2432 pairs of socks!

"Sock Sunday" this year will be held the weekend of January 20-21, 2024. Please bring new socks to church by Sunday at 11 AM.

Once again, we thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate during this winter season.

St. Lawrence Human Development Committee



+ 2023

Dear Friends,

Thank you for bringing Christ's abundant Love in so many ways to Women's Care Center. Your generous gifts make the mission of serving our community's many families in Rochester each week possible!

Joy, Peace, Hope, Faith, Goodness are felt at Christmastime and always!

Merry Christmas !!

Blessed New Year

Dear St. Lawrence Church,

*In His birth we are blessed,
in His name we rejoice
at Christmas and all through the year.*

Thank you again. May the Newborn Savior abundantly bless you in every way this Christmas Season, and throughout the New Year, 2024.

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Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.” — Isaiah 60:2

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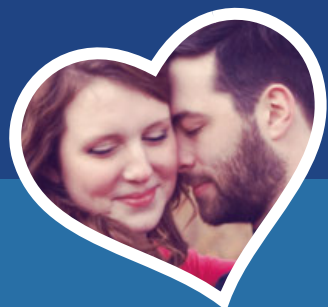
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