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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Lent is soon upon us. Ash Wednesday is two weeks from this Wednesday. On February 14, we will begin this annual season of prayer, sacrifice and abstinence. In the coming weeks, I'll have more detailed information about how we will celebrate our Lenten season here at Saint Lawrence Church.

To begin with, let's remember our Catholic tradition. First, we spend the time of Lent in prayer. While we should pray daily, this is a time to increase our prayer. Come to daily Mass at 8:30. Pray the rosary. Come and pray during the times of adoration (February 22, March 4, Holy Thursday). Come to the multi-parish Lenten Retreat that we will offer March 17, 18, and 19. Plan on coming to church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

During the Season of Lent, we are called to fasting and abstinence. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we not only abstain from eating meat, we fast. That means we have two meals, not three that day. The amount of food we eat for both meals should be half proportions. And we have no in between snacks! On all Fridays in Lent, we abstain from eating meat. That doesn't mean we splurge on caviar, lobster, or fancy shrimp meals. Keep it simple. When you're hungry on those days, remember the poor who only eat simple meals once a day.

Lent is a time of almsgiving. We concentrate on how we can help the poor. We participate in the Rice Bowl collection. Pick up your carton and make it a point to include the entire family in the Rice Bowl.

Participate in the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This is an annual appeal to support our bishop, Bishop Salvatore Matano, and his ministries throughout the diocese. I thank you all who have participated so far. Let's continue our support and reach our goal before Easter!

Lent is a time for ongoing catechesis. I will be offering three adult education sessions. The topic will be on the Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke) and the Eucharist. The sessions will only be on Monday evenings—February 26, March 4 & 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Lent is a time of penance. On Thursday, February 22, we will see the return of the Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy. On that day, we at St. Lawrence will offer Mass at 8:30 a.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Confessions will be heard from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

We will, once again, celebrate the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table. This will happen after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 23rd. I want us to go back to the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table - meaning, we will not sell tickets nor collect any money. Your "price of admission" is a dish to pass for 10-12 people. If you bring more in your party than 12, bring enough food for your party. We will share our food and give the left overs to the hungry, the homeless, the poor. No meat dishes. As we get closer, we'll have sign up sheets so we know what is coming and what to ask for!

Let's make this a holy Season!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, January 29

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Henry L. Woodward by Pamela & David Spencer

Tuesday, January 30

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Dorothy Mayer by Bob & Elaine Mayer

Wednesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:30 a.m. Mass for Deacon Thomas Beck by Nancy Beck

Thursday, February 1

Weekday

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

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Mass for Gregory Groat by Ro Gruttadauria

Saturday, February 3

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Rosalie Cinotti by Mr. & Mrs. Marciano

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Elaine Fico by Ro Gruttadauria

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



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of*

Jim Laley

By Wife, Jeanne and Norb

**Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,
Feb. 5, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Readings for the week of January 29, 2024

Monday, January 29:	2 Sm 15:13-14. 30;16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday, January 30:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, January 31:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, February 1:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday, February 2:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Saturday, February 3:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday, February 4:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

Attendance January 13 & 14, 2024
Total-804
Attendance January 20 & 21, 2024
Total-754

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.

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January 13 & 14, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,670.80	\$13,269.00	\$401.80
General Maintenance	\$901.00	\$846.00	\$55.00
School Support	\$135.00	\$384.00	\$(249.00)

January 20 & 21, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,161.56	\$13,269.00	\$(107.44)
General Maintenance	\$356.00	\$846.00	\$(490.00)
School Support	\$200.00	\$384.00	\$(184.00)

Parish Staff

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The Very Rev. Lee P. Chase, V.F., S.T.L.
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 Deacon Manny Asis
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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, January 29

CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

School Musical Practice - Deacon Hall 2:00p.m.
Daiseys - Deacon Hall 4:00p.m.
Girl Scout Bridging Up Ceremony - Deacon Hall 5:00p.m.
5th Grade Retreat Meeting - Deacon Hall 5:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

Thursday, February 1

School Musical Practice - Deacon Hall 2:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.

Friday, February 2

School Musical Practice - Deacon Hall 2:00p.m.

Saturday, February 3

CYO Basketball - School 8:00a.m.

Sunday, February 4

CYO Basketball - School 12:30p.m.



Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is a program for married couples who feel disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage.

Some don't want to air dirty laundry at counseling.

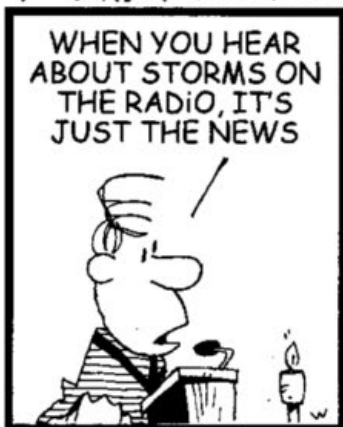
Some are counseling but going nowhere.

Sometimes life-changing events occur (car accident, illness, addictions) and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it.

This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

Our next program starts March 22nd, please call **585-293-1552** with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Some of the neediest times in our community come after the holidays...

During the month of February, the Human Development Committee is helping collect donations for the **Rochester Hope North Clinton Food Pantry**.

The pantry is in St. Michael's Church in Rochester, part of the Cabrini Parish made up of several local churches.

The need in the area is great. St. Michael's Church is in *one of the highest food-insecure communities in all of New York State*.

The North Clinton Ave. neighborhood where the church is located is home to New York State's second largest Hispanic population, so products for Latino households are greatly appreciated including:

- Any Goya product- particularly pink beans and lentils
- Canned meats- tuna, chicken, salmon, spam Vienna sausages
- Shelf stable prepared meals – SpaghettiOs, ravioli, stew, chili, soup, especially helpful if it is a pop-top lid that doesn't require a can opener
- Baby items - formula, baby food, diapers
- Boxed Cereal
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Personal care items - soap, shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant, etc.

Please bring your donations to the church no later than 11am Sunday, February 11th.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Now, more than ever, it's time we embrace Our Lady's call to prayer, penance, and conversion for peace in the world.

Our Lady's Blue Army of Fatima meets 7pm every Thursday to pray the Holy Rosary. Holy Communion service and Eucharistic Adoration prior (when the Deacon is available).

The Parish of the Holy Family, 4100 Lyell Rd Gates 14606 off Elmgrove Rd.

ST. LAWRENCE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

	EMHC	Lector/Greeter	Altar Server
Feb-03-2024 Saturday 4:00 PM	Bob Mayer Diane Kozlowski	Sheila Soehner	Brandyn Arcarese Kayleigh Arcarese Liam Adams
Feb-04-2024 Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Amico Sue Ellen Sahmel	Caitlyn Ebert	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
Feb-04-2024 Sunday 10:00 AM	Dick Pfeifer Mary Ann Vaccaro	Jane Pfeifer	Leah Gillette Nicolas Sutter
Feb-10-2024 Saturday 4:00 PM	Angela Valentine Leslie Romanchick	David Zeh	AJ Argenti Brandyn Arcarese Liam Adams
Feb-11-2024 Sunday 8:00 AM	Alexis Kavanaugh Chris Wille	Jeffrey Hoover	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
Feb-11-2024 Sunday 10:00 AM	Chet Edsall Jerry LeBlanc	Annabelle Sutter	Leah Gillette Nicolas Sutter
Feb-17-2024 Saturday 4:00 PM	Jeanne Sutton John Andreano	Joe Kelly	
Feb-18-2024 Sunday 8:00 AM	Eddie Ehrmentraut Nancy Beck	John Chamberlain	
Feb-18-2024 Sunday 10:00 AM	Barbara Hulbert Cathy Leonardo	Barbara Packard	
Feb-24-2024 Saturday 4:00 PM	Alma Jastrzembski Candy Minchella	Jim Kutrybala	AJ Argenti
Feb-25-2024 Sunday 8:00 AM	Kevin Doell Rose Marie Gruttadauria	Linda Mitrano	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
Feb-25-2024 Sunday 10:00 AM	Chuck Romano Robert Newton	Barbara Hulbert	

Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women would like to invite your school to attend a special performance:



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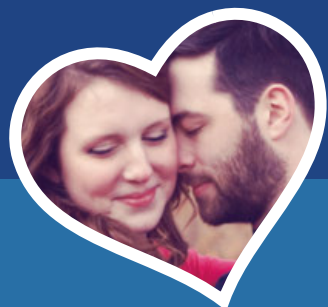
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