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## MUSINGS

*By Father Lee Chase*

Over the last two years, representatives and the pastors/pastoral leaders of the seven parishes in Greece/Charlotte/Hilton have been meeting in a task force. The mission of this task force is quite simple: to discuss and come up with multiple options for the seven parishes for the future, to give those options in writing to the bishop of the diocese as he moves forward with pastoral assignments. Our driving force and foundation of our discussions are the following realities: the number of available and active diocesan priests is growing smaller and not larger; the number of active and worshipping Catholics is growing smaller and not larger; the available resources, both financial resources and human resources, is growing smaller and not larger; and the infrastructure of the seven parishes is aging and demanding.

In light of this, the discussion is centered on a key question: how do we best meet the needs of the Catholic community of Greece/Charlotte/Hilton as we move forward into the future?

As we've reported before, some of what needs to be done has already happened. Our Faith Formation ministry and some of our Sacramental Preparation Ministry is now shared amongst St. Lawrence, St. Charles Borromeo, Mother of Sorrows, and Holy Cross. Our Youth Ministry is shared between St. Charles Borromeo and St. Lawrence. I certainly can see easily the day that Confirmation preparation, marriage preparation, baptismal preparation, RCIA, and CYO are shared.

Our Finance office is shared with St. Leo's, St. Mark's, St. John's Spencerport, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hamlin, Nativity parish in Brockport, and St. Marianne Cope in Henrietta. I can foresee the day when that list grows larger.

In the midst of change, our faith remains strong.

Please note the four page handout given in church last week and this week regarding all the spiritual opportunities amongst our seven parishes for Lenten prayer, activity, and growth. This is very good and very positive.

I pray that we all begin thinking of ourselves as Catholics. The word means "universal." We are not just parishioners at this or that parish. We are Roman Catholics and belong to one Catholic church. We are not competing with neighboring parishes. We are joining with them in our faith efforts. As time goes on, we'll hear more about the work of the Task Force. Pray for its continued success.

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the  
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of  
**Robert Lagnese**  
By Joe & Geraldine Wattie*

## **Monday, February 19**

*Lenten Weekday*

No Mass and No Communion Service  
Presidents' Day

## **Tuesday, February 20**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Shirley Hagstrom by Bill & Athalene Fisher

## **Wednesday, February 21**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30a.m. Communion Service

## **Thursday, February 22**

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

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

## **Friday, February 23**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

## **Saturday, February 24**

*Lenten Weekday*

4:00 p.m. Mass for Annabelle Mamo by Eva Galambos

## **Sunday, February 25**

### **Second Sunday Of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Mass for DiVasto & Purificato Families by Family  
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

## **Readings for the week of January 19, 2024**

Monday, January 19:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, January 20:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, January 21:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, January 22:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Friday, January 23:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, January 24:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, January 25:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

**Attendance February 10 & 11, 2024**  
**Total-871**

## February 10 & 11 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$15,396.61	\$13,269.00	\$2,127.61
General Maintenance	\$707.00	\$846.00	\$(139.00)
School Support	\$205.00	\$384.00	\$(179.00)

## 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  
 Phone: 723-1350 fax: 723-1361

## St. Lawrence School

585-225-3870

## Internet and Social Media

Email - rstlawre@dor.org  
 website - stlawrencegreece.org  
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## Come spend an hour with Jesus!

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent through March 22<sup>nd</sup>

3 to 4 pm

St. Lawrence Church

## 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, February 19

Rectory & School Closed for Presidents' Day

CYO Basketball - School 3:00p.m.

Human Development Meeting - Deacon Hall 6:15p.m.

### Tuesday, February 20

Finance Council Meeting - Rectory 11:00a.m.

CYO Basketball - School 3:00p.m.

Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.

### Wednesday, February 21

CYO Basketball - School 3:00p.m.

Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

### Thursday, February 22

Adoration - Church 9:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.

Day of Penance Confessions - Church 12-2p.m. & 5-7:00p.m.

CYO Basketball - School 3:00p.m.

### Friday, February 23

Stations of the Cross - Church 3:00p.m.

CYO Basketball - School 3:00p.m.

### Saturday, February 24

Confessions - Church 3:00p.m.

Mass - Church 4:00p.m.

### Sunday, February 25

Mass - Church 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.

Confirmation- Deacon Hall 11:15a.m.



A SEASON FOR REFLECTION During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

"Rice Bowls" with Lenten Calendars are available at the Church entrances. Please take one home and use the resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience.

### ***ST. LAWRENCE 2024 HANDS OF CHRIST RECIPIENTS***

**Congratulations** to our High School Seniors who have been the Hands of Christ to us. Through your participation in our Church Ministries, Faith Formation and Community Service you have demonstrated commitment to your faith and the gift to balance your social, school and spiritual lives.

**Ryleigh Smith**

**Tara Visca**

**Austin Gillis    Teddy Visca    Justin Ball**

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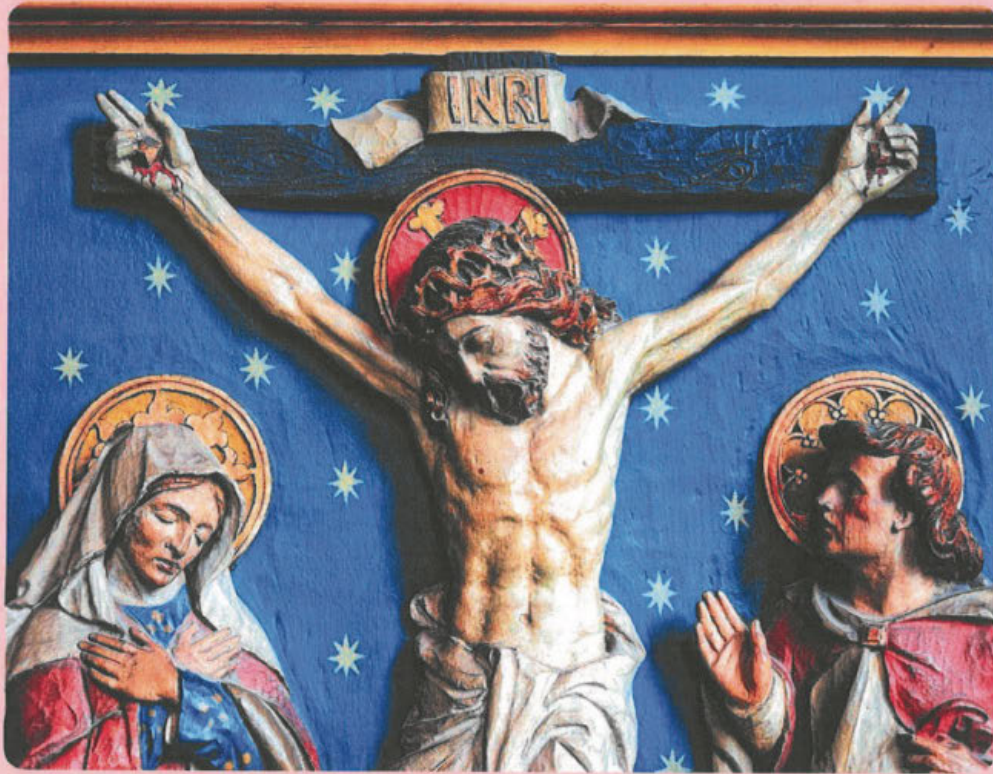
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## **Pope Francis on Fasting for Lent**

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words; be silent and listen.**



# FORGIVENESS



## DIOCESAN DAY OF PENANCE AND MERCY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

*For Parish locations and times offering the  
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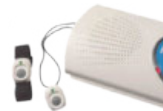
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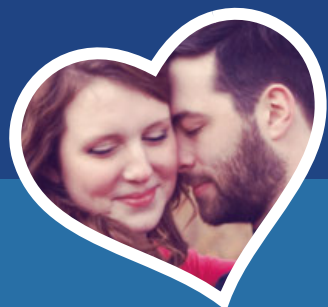
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