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Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State

On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot.

Educating oneself will be especially important in the case of Proposal 1, sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment." The title suggests a noble cause, as all children of God should be treated equally under the law. However, this proposed amendment to the state Constitution is broadly written and could have dangerous consequences if enacted, which is why we oppose it and urge you to vote no. The measure would, effectively, permanently legalize abortion without restriction and up until the moment of birth in New York. Aside from being redundant in a state that already has stripped away all abortion limitations, the amendment would render impossible any change to the law if the hearts and minds of New Yorkers were ever to shift toward protecting the child in the womb.

The amendment's sweeping language and inclusion of "age" as a protected class could also lead to parents' rights being stripped away. Courts could decide that parents have no authority over their minor children on important matters and permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions on their own which they could well live to regret, including but not limited to so-called "gender affirming" treatments and surgeries. The relationship between parents and their children is sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law, without interference from the government or courts, which would be reaching beyond their competency.

Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote no. Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

September 5, 2024

Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,
October 7, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



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

Monday, October 7

Our Lady Of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, October 8

Weekday
8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 9

Weekday
8:30a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

Weekday
No Mass & No Communion Service

Saturday, October 12

Weekday
4:00 p.m. Mass for Dominick DiVasto by Family

Sunday, October 13

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Jenny Loria by Joe & Family
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Readings for the week of October 7, 2024

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| Monday, October 7: | Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 |
| Tuesday, October 8: | Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42 |
| Wednesday, October 9: | Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4 |
| Thursday, October 10: | Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13 |
| Friday, October 11: | Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26 |
| Saturday, October 12: | Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 |
| Sunday, October 13: | Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 |

Attendance September 28 & 29, 2024
Total-990

September 28 & 29, 2024 Collection

| | Amount Received | Weekly Budget | Surplus (Shortfall) |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$11,660.97 | \$14,423.00 | \$(2,762.03) |
| General Maintenance | \$762.00 | \$865.00 | \$(103.00) |
| School Support | \$211.00 | \$442.00 | \$(231.00) |

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
Facebook - www.fb.me/STL Greece

The Keeping in Touch Ministry needs help.

The Keeping in Touch group which delivers Holy Communion to homebound parishioners can use at least 2 new people to take Communion. Many of the good folks who have been helping us over the past 14 years can no longer drive or have passed on. If you can volunteer for an hour or two every few weeks, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Wendy in the parish office at 723 1350. Your help for our homebound parishioners is much appreciated.

Thanks, Kathy Edsall

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
You can email them both @ STLFinance@dor.org
Shawn Mascho
Regional Bookkeeper, x. 201

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
Maura Spencer
Faith Formation Administrator, (585) 225-7320
Donna Gray
Regional Youth Ministry/CYO, (585) 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, October 7

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| Adoration - Church | 9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m. |
| CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall | 2:30p.m. |
| Bible Study - Deacon Hall | 6:30p.m. |

Tuesday, October 8

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| Bible Study - Deacon Hall | 9:00a.m. |
| Faithful Voices - Church | 7:00p.m. |

Wednesday, October 9

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| CYO Soccer - Soccer Field | 5:00p.m. |
| Cards for Comfort - Deacon Hall | 6:00p.m. |
| Family Faith Formation - Deacon Hall | 6:30p.m. |
| Song Prayers - Church | 7:15p.m. |

Thursday, October 10

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| Greece Food Shelf Mtg. - Deacon Hall | 9:00a.m. |
| CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall | 2:30p.m. |
| ROC Mtg. - Deacon Hall | 6:30p.m. |

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

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| CYO Soccer - Soccer Field | 9:00a.m. |
| Walk-A-Thon donation collection at all Masses | 4:00p.m. |

Sunday, October 13

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| Walk-A-Thon donation collection at all Masses | 8:00 & 10:00a.m. |
| Rosary Group - Deacon Hall | 11:00a.m. |

TODAY

BBQ Fundraiser Dinner St. Lawrence Parking Lot

1000 North Greece Road—Sunday, October 6, 2024

11:00AM until sold out

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Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on August 27. Work continued on preparing a recommendation for the Bishop. The central component of the recommendation will be the wisdom of the 7 parishes regarding how we can best handle what we anticipate may be coming because of a lack of sufficient number of priests/pastoral leaders. That situation (a trigger event leading to a change) could arise with priest retirements, health issues, or needs elsewhere in the diocese. The draft recommendation includes the possible future parish groupings which make the most sense to us if/when there is future clustering. The draft also mentions additional appointments of Pastoral Administrators to lead parishes in our area as another viable option for the future.

This recommendation to the Bishop will not be finalized before Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils contribute their input on 10/15 and Parishioners do the same on 11/20. The complete task force minutes are available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>

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2024

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

10 AM - 1 PM

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**JE  US
IS MY SUPERHERO.**

LUKE 19:10



The CYO Basketball program will be starting soon for 2024/25 season. The nights listed below will be used for in-person registrations at which time we will determine the number of teams St. Lawrence Parish will have at each level of play.

Eligibility

3rd thru 12th Grade Boys & Girls

Families registered as Parishioners of St Lawrence Church and families attending St. Lawrence School

Families registered at nearby parishes that do not offer a CYO program

Please Note.....in many cases, we will have multiple teams at a grade level. Additional coaches may be needed. If you are unable to attend the registration nights, contact Donna Gray at donna.gray@dor.org or 585-225-1485.

Registrations will be held inside the North entrance of the school building from

6:00-7:00p.m. Please be prepared to fill out paperwork, including a Health form, and have payment ready for the registration fee. Parents, please accompany your older kids to registration night as the paperwork needs your signature.

Registration dates are: **1) Tuesday October 15th**

2) Thursday, October 17th

Registration fees: *(checks payable to St. Lawrence Church)*

3/4 teams \$120

5/6 teams \$140

7/8 teams \$170

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Donna Gray

Parish Youth Minister

CYO Athletic Director

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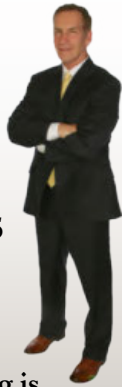
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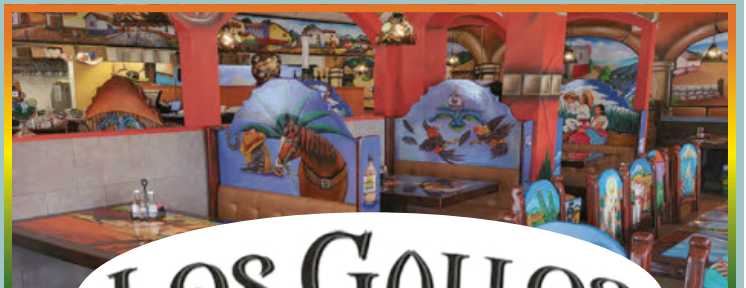
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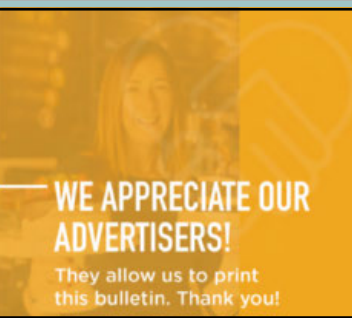
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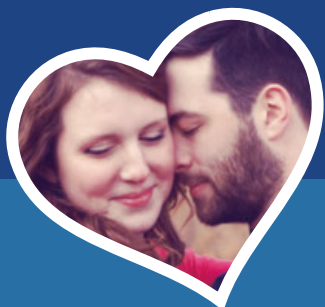
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