

29 DECEMBER 2024

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

# Saint Lawrence Church

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Rochester, NY 14626

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## MUSINGS

*By Father Lee Chase*

*The parish and school staff wish all of you a very  
Happy New Year!*

**Holy Day of Obligation-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Tuesday, December 31st**  
**4 p.m. Mass**  
**Wednesday, January 1st**  
**8:30 am. Mass**

### **Our Neighbor Parishes of Greece/Charlotte/Hilton Holy Day Mass Schedules**

Holy Cross Church, Lake Ave, Charlotte: Jan 1 @ 10 a.m.

Mother of Sorrows Church, Mt. Read Blvd.: Dec 31 @ 5:30 p.m. and Jan 1 @ 8:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Dewey Ave: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5 p.m. and Jan 1 @ 10 a.m.

St. John the Evangelist Church, W. Ridge Rd.: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6 p.m. and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9 a.m.

St. Leo the Great Church, Old Hojack Lane, Hilton: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> @ 4 p.m. and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mark Church, Kuhn Road: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> @ 4 p.m. and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10 a.m.

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the  
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of  
Father Donald J. Haycock*

**Spend some time with Jesus!  
Adoration is Monday, January 6,  
2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

## **Monday, December 30**

*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*  
8:30 a.m. Mass for Lee W. Jones by Joyce, Annette & Amelia

## **Tuesday, December 31**

*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*  
8:30 a.m. No Mass and No Communion Service  
4:00 p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners  
by Father Chase

## **Wednesday, January 1**

*The Octave Day Of The Nativity Of The Lord, Solemnity Of Mary,  
Mother Of God*  
8:30 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

## **Thursday, January 2**

*Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the  
Church*  
No Mass & No Communion Service

## **Friday, January 3**

*Christmas Weekday*  
No Mass & No Communion Service

## **Saturday, January 4**

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
4:00 p.m. Mass for Howard & Julia Turpyn by June Stephany

## **Sunday, January 5 Epiphany Of The Lord**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Jenny Loria & Libby Volonino by Joey  
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

# Readings for the week of December 30, 2024

Monday, December 30:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday, December 31:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday, January 1:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday, January 2:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Friday, January 3:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday, January 4:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Sunday, January 5:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Attendance December 14 & 15, 2024**  
**Total-939**

## December 14 & 15, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$15,302.25	\$14,423.00	\$879.25
General Maintenance	\$854.00	\$865.00	\$(11.00)
School Support	\$95.00	\$442.00	\$(347.00)

The rectory office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 and on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of the new year.

The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

**Happy New Year !**

## 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  
 Facebook - www.fb.me/STL Greece

## 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

### 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, December 30**

**Tuesday, December 31**

Rectory Office Closed

Mass in Anticipation of Holy Day - Church 4:00p.m.

**Wednesday, January 1**

Solemnity of Mary Mass - Church 8:30a.m.

**Thursday, January 2**

CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.

**Friday, January 3**

**Saturday, January 4**

CYO Basketball - School 9:00a.m.

**Sunday, January 5**

CYO Basketball - School 12:00p.m.

A huge Thank You to all who have donated to Christmas Flowers.

St. Lawrence Parishioners are very generous. We are very grateful for each and every donation!

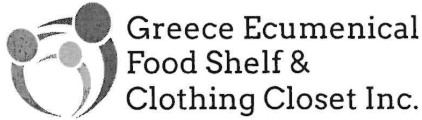
## **Year-end 2024 contributions**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have contributions that you would like reported for 2024, according to IRS regulations, we **MUST** receive them on or before Tuesday December 31, 2024. Anything received after that date will be credited in 2025.

- Cash and checks (no matter what date is on them) received in the collection of Sunday, December 29, 2024 are recorded as contributions for 2024.
- Cash and checks (no matter what date is on them) received in the collection of Sunday, January 5, 2025 are recorded as contributions for 2025.
- Cash and checks (no matter what date is on them) received at Masses on Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2025 are recorded as contributions for 2025.

**Thank you**



Greece Ecumenical  
Food Shelf &  
Clothing Closet Inc.

Serving the Greece and Charlotte Areas

December 2024

Dear Friends, + members of *St Lawrence Church*

Thanks to the immense generosity of our Food Shelf friends and sponsors, we had another great experience this year in our Thanksgiving Program. We seem to grow in both the numbers we serve and in the donations that come to us to make this all happen. We are most grateful to our generous community who allows us to help make Thanksgiving a little more special to some of our struggling neighbors. As you know, we only use specifically donated funds for this program. Anything left over is saved to add some extras at Christmas time for our Basket Program folks and for our regular clients as they come into the Shelf.

We have chosen to provide assistance at Thanksgiving time instead of Christmas because as a Food Shelf our emphasis is on food. We want to see all of our families enjoy each other surrounded by a few extras they might not be able to normally afford. We heard so many words of gratitude telling us we were enabling them to do just that. Those words were really meant for you – because it was your donations that we were giving them. They were accepting them in the true spirit of “thanksgiving”.

The stories we hear continue to amaze us – the things that happen to people out of nowhere. The career nurse who had a heart attack on the job, now unemployed and very fragile, with a handicapped daughter, had just bought her first home now worried about mortgage payments, hospital bills, and programs for her child. The man who hit a deer and did mega damage to his car, now with repair bills and no way to get to work. The grandmother who now has custody of her 4 grandchildren in a 2 bedroom apartment. Children, with their children, moving back home...Medical emergencies without adequate coverage...Cut back work hours...No benefits because they make \$20 over the limit...The elderly living on small fixed incomes.

We thank you for trusting us to distribute your donations, and to hear the “thank yous” that are really meant for you. We are just the avenue between you and those benefitting from your kindness. We are fortunate to live in a very generous community and one so supportive of our Food Shelf/Clothing Closet and its programs.

This year we distributed over \$19,000 worth of cards to close to 450 households. This was close to what we did last year. But if you recall, last year there was a big jump of 110 families added to the program. We are beyond grateful for your continued support of us. We could not do this without such a committed and generous community. Blessings to you and your families! Happy Holidays!

With abundant gratitude,

*Key Cooper*

*Please share with your Congregation  
Your generous parish donated over  
1/4 of the cost of this program. Your  
money w/ Aide cards amounted to  
\$5,477. You assisted over 100 families!*

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**ST. LAWRENCE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2025**

	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Lector/Greeter</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
<b>Jan-04-2025 Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Alma Jastrzembski John Andreano	Ryan McCombs	Brandyn Arcarese Kayleigh Arcarese Liam Adams
<b>Jan-05-2025 Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Sue Barker Suzanne Mangano	Scott Breiner	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
<b>Jan-05-2025 Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Carol Dalle Chet Edsall	Tony Baccaro	Alexandra Burger Leah Cook Nora Cook
<b>Jan-11-2025 Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Angela Valentine Leslie Romanchick	Glenn Argenti	AJ Argenti Grayson Argenti Leah Gillette
<b>Jan-12-2025 Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Alexis Kavanaugh Chris Wille	Sue Ellen Sahmel	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
<b>Jan-12-2025 Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Annabelle Sutter Zenny Asis	Trevor Pettit	Harper Hausle Jack Voellinger Nicolas Sutter
<b>Jan-18-2025 Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Mary Ann Vaccaro Patricia Urbinelli	Joe Kelly	Brandyn Arcarese Kayleigh Arcarese Liam Adams
<b>Jan-19-2025 Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	Nancy Beck Sue Ellen Sahmel	Caitlyn Ebert	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
<b>Jan-19-2025 Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Cathy Leonardo Jerry LeBlanc	Eugene Welch	Alexandra Burger Ava Iannoli Jack Voellinger
<b>Jan-25-2025 Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Erin Hathaway Patty Amico	Jim Kutrybala	Charlie Carr Chloe Carr Leah Gillette
<b>Jan-26-2025 Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	David Zeh Kevin Doell	John Chamberlain	Dominick DiVasto Jack DeBadts Paige DeBadts
<b>Jan-26-2025 Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	Dick Pfeifer Rick Antelli	Rosemarie Becker	Harper Hausle Madeline McCarthy Nicolas Sutter

The 2025 free calendars will be available in the entrance of the church beginning December 28 & 29, 2024.