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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Garage Sale

One last giant thank you to all of you who helped with the parish garage sale. We took in over \$20,000 this year, the best year ever. After expenses, the parish earned \$19,150. All of the proceeds go to the parish for our operating expenses. What a great year we had. Please note that we are taking a hiatus for next year. The garage sale will return in 2027.

St. Lawrence Catholic School Walkathon

As the school students spoke so beautifully last weekend at Mass, for the next few weekends we'll have the students in the foyer of the Church collecting donations for the Walkathon. This is the major fundraiser for St. Lawrence School. Thank you for your help.

Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and OCIA

In the foyer of the Church are flyers about our Faith Formation programs, Sacramental Preparation programs, and the OCIA (formerly the RCIA). If you have children or grandchildren who are not in Catholic schools, I strongly encourage you to enroll them in one of our Faith Formation programs. Please contact Maura Spencer or James Sarkis for more information. Also, if you are interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please let us know. The OCIA is the process by which adults become Roman Catholic. You can speak to me, Deacon David, or James Sarkis. See the Staff Directory for phone numbers.

Advent Giving Tree Envelope

In a few weeks, the Advent Giving Tree will be in the church foyer with the stocking tags on it. The items listed on the tags are what we are looking for. In years past, we collected gift cards for Advent. We're not doing that this year, we're asking you for cash donations in the envelope you see marked with Advent Giving Tree. If you don't have one, please make your own!

Autumn

Beginning Monday, October 6—I will be away for some R and R for two weeks. Fr. Robert Schrader who is a senior priest in our diocese living at Mother of Sorrows Church will be with you for the two weekends I am away. When I first ordained, I served as the Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Church in Auburn for three years. Fr. Schrader was the pastor. I leave you in good hands for these two weekends. I know he will take care of you well. Say a prayer for me as I take my time. And know that as your pastor, I pray for you always and every day. Enjoy the Season of Autumn. It's my favorite season of the year.

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Joseph Kandankary & Mary Kutty
From: Mrs. Jessy John*

Monday, October 6

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 8

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, October 9

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, October 10

Weekday

No Mass & No Communion Service

Saturday, October 11

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Dominic Tantillo by Children

Sunday, October 12

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Jenny Loria & Matilda Hendrix by Linda & Mike

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

Readings for the week of October 6, 2025

Monday, October 6:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday, October 7:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday, October 8:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday, October 9:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday, October 10:	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday, October 11:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday, October 12:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Attendance September 27 & 28, 2025
Total-993

September 27 & 28, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,484.04	\$14,423.00	\$(938.96)
General Maintenance	\$796.00	\$865.00	\$(69.00)
School Support	\$8.00	\$442.00	\$(434.00)

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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Volunteers needed to count money once a month on Monday from 9-11am.

Please contact the rectory office for more information . If you are interested please call (585) 723-1350. Thank you.

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

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Steve Amico
Faithful Voices, 225-7338

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, October 6

Adoration— Church	9:00a.m.— 3:30p.m.
CYO Soccer Practice - Soccer Field	6:00p.m.
Bible Study - Deacon Hall	6:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Registrations - School	6:00p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field	4:30p.m.
CYO Open Gym - School	6:00p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church	7:00p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field	5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church	7:15p.m.

Thursday, October 9

Greece Food Shelf Mtg. - Deacon Hall	9:00a.m.
CYO Cheer - School	5:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Registrations - School	7:00p.m.

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field	8:30a.m.
Collecting Donations for Walk A Thon at all Masses	

Sunday, October 12

Rosary Group - Deacon Hall	11:00a.m.
Collecting Donations for Walk A Thon at all Masses	

Overview of Caregiver Services & Supports by the Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute at Lifespan

Thurs., 10/16, 6:30-7:30 PM,
Holy Cross Church Parish
Center. The presentation will
highlight services/resources
with a focus on supporting family
and friend caregivers of
individuals living with dementia
or any type of memory loss. Also
livestreamed:

[https://video.ibm.com/channel/
holy-cross](https://video.ibm.com/channel/holy-cross)

Calling all volunteers!

We are in desperate need of catechists and assistants for our Family Faith Formation program. We will hold two classes a month from October through May alternating each month between Mother of Sorrows (9:45 – 10:45 am) and St. Charles Borromeo (9:30 – 10:30 am). All volunteers will become Safe Environment certified. No fancy degree or prior experience is required. Are you interested in helping parents to form our parish children in the Catholic Faith? Reach out to the Faith Formation Director, James Sarkis, at james.sarkis@dor.org or (585) 663-8000 ext. 1 Thank you!

Register your children today for Faith Formation

The time has arrived to sign up your children for Faith Formation and sacramental preparation! Our first Family Faith Formation class is **Sunday, October 19th**. Our first parent meeting for First Penance/Communion preparation is **Thursday, November 13th**.

Family Faith Formation—This program is intended for children in grades 1-7 and their families. We meet twice a month on Sunday mornings. One of the monthly meetings focuses on family catechesis while the other focuses on age-specific instruction, including a parent talk specifically geared toward adults. Classes will alternate each month between Mother of Sorrows (9:45 to 10:45 am) and St. Charles Borromeo (9:30 to 10:30 am). The registration fee is \$100 per family. Parents who volunteer as catechists will receive 50% off their fee! To register please fill out a paper registration form and return it to your parish office or sign up online at: www.nwfaith.org/register-ff (make sure to select "Family Faith Formation" on your registration).



Home Study Program—In addition to Family Faith Formation we offer a home study program where parents work with their children on a workbook at home and return the completed workbook to the Faith Formation office in May 2026. The fee for home study is \$50 for one child and \$10 for each additional. To register please fill out a paper registration form and return it to your parish office or sign up online at: www.nwfaith.org/register-ff (make sure to select "Home Study Program" on your registration).



First Penance and First Holy Communion Preparation—This sacramental program is designed to prepare children to receive the sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion. The diocese requires at least one year of Faith Formation prior to enrolling whether in parish Faith Formation or through a Catholic school. Children ordinarily receive these sacraments when they reach the age of reason, generally in the second grade. The program includes a parent informational meeting and two workshops leading to the celebration of First Penance, and a parent informational meeting and two workshops leading to the celebration of First Communion. The program fee is \$50 per child. To register please fill out a paper registration form and return it to your parish office or sign up online at: www.nwfaith.org/register-fhc



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beginning October 8th, alternating between our four churches

Are you...

- Not baptized but want to become baptized and enter the Catholic Church?
- Baptized in a Protestant denomination and want to convert to the Catholic Faith?
- A baptized Catholic who needs to receive First Penance, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?
- A Catholic who would like a refresher on the teachings and practices of their Faith?
- Someone who is simply curious and wants to learn more about Catholicism?

If you see yourself in the list above, we invite you to join our OCIA program! OCIA, or the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, offers everyone an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Those who wish to enter the Catholic Church or complete the Sacraments of Initiation will be prepared to do so. Sessions are held Wednesday evenings at 6 pm and feature talks by knowledgeable speakers on various topics pertaining to Catholicism. To get started, please fill out a paper OCIA Inquiry Form and return it to your parish office or scan the QR code to the right to register online. We look forward to having you join us! *Note: Spouses, spouses-to-be, sponsors, and supporting family and friends are welcome to attend too.*



For more information or to submit your inquiry form please contact the Faith Formation Director,
James Sarkis, at: james.sarkis@dor.org or call (585) 663-8000 ext. 1

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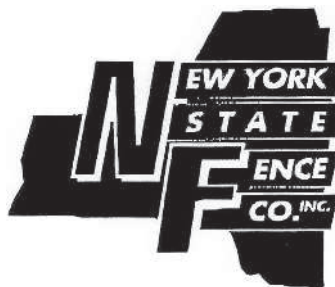


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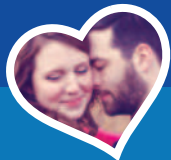
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