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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Last weekend, I mentioned in the homily that Pope Leo spoke via satellite to the NCYC (the National Catholic Youth Convention). The NCYC is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. Youth and young adults gather for prayer, interaction, and most importantly – for Mass. While I have never been to one of these gatherings, I know from watching events on YouTube and from conversations with people from Rochester who go – it is a powerful and spiritual experience for our young people.

What surprises many older people is that our youth and young adults are more and more expressing a desire for more traditional Catholic prayer, experiences, liturgy, and music. Benediction, Gregorian Chant, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are what they ask for. When Pope Leo XIV spoke to the convention a couple of weeks ago, there was an overwhelming applause for him. Our young people love our pope and our Catholic Church.

I am beginning to notice, happily, more young people coming to Mass. Young families and single young adults are here. You are most welcome and wanted. Of course, this doesn't mean we want the older people, the Middle-Aged or the Senior Adult. No, of course we want you. We want people of every age, race, language, and background to be with us and to pray as one Catholic community.

More and more, I find it important that we celebrate and honor our Roman Catholic faith, tradition, and heritage. We need to be proud of who we are. I am not saying that we throw out everything that has taken place in last fifty years – it is not either/or. It is both/and.

We can sing both more contemporary Catholic hymns AND sing together in Latin the Gregorian Chant. We must always remember that we are both a Church for today and a Church that is 2,000 years old. And we must, as Pope Leo told our youth, not label our Church in categories that are more suitable for politics. We should identify ourselves for who we are: Roman Catholic Christians.

As one parish, one community united by our Catholic faith to each other, to our bishops, to our Pope – let us spend some time in this Holy Season of Advent to once again give thanks to God for our Catholic Church. There is much to be proud of in our Church. There is much to give God thanks for. And as we, the parish of St. Lawrence move forward in our faith, let us do so proudly as the Catholics we are, proud of our faith!



This week the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Statue Lamp will be lit for

Rosanne Melita

From: Nasca Family

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

6:30 p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Tuesday, December 9

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Elizamma Joseph by Mrs. Jessie John

Wednesday, December 10

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Frank Canton by Ann Canton & Family

Thursday, December 11

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. Mass for Thomas Oldfield by Bill & Carol Howard

Saturday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

4:00 p.m. Mass for Joseph A. Cropo, Jr. Gerard, Ethel & Ralph Reichhart

By Carol & Quentin Cropo

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday Of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass for Daniel & Karen Eichas 50th Wedding Anniversary

By Daniel & Karen Eichas & Family

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

Readings for the week of December 8, 2025

Monday, December 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-28

Saturday, December 13: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 14: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Attendance November 22 & 23, 2025
Total -967

Fund	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$12,104.07	\$14,423.00	\$(2,318.93)
General Maintenance	\$593.00	\$865.00	\$(272.00)
School Support	\$185.00	\$442.00	\$(257.00)

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 or website
calendar.

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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S.T.L.
*Dean, Monroe West Deanery for the
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Song Prayers, 797-3719
Steve Amico
Faithful Voices, 225-7338

WHAT'S NOW – THIS WEEK AT ST. LAWRENCE

<i>Monday, December 8</i> CYO Cheer Practice – Deacon Hall CYO Basketball Practice – School	4:00pm 5:30pm
<i>Tuesday, December 9</i> CYO Basketball Practice - School Faithful Voices – Church	5:30pm 7:00 pm
<i>Wednesday, December 10</i> Brownies – Deacon Hall CYO Basketball Practice – School Knights of Columbus Christmas Party – Deacon Hall Song Prayers – Church	3:30pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:15 pm
<i>Thursday, December 11</i> Greece Food Shelf Mtg. – Deacon Hall	9:00am
<i>Friday, December 12</i>	
<i>Saturday, December 13</i> CYO Basketball - School	11:30 am
<i>Sunday, December 14</i> Sorting & Wrapping Giving Tree Items – Deacon Hall CYO Basketball - School	11:00am 1:00 pm

Each January St. Lawrence Human Development Committee accepts your generous donations of ***NEW*** pairs of socks for men, women and children on behalf of several agencies throughout Rochester. **Last January, we collected 3,343 pairs of socks!**

May we suggest that you take advantage of the holiday sales to purchase a donation and set aside the socks for **“Sock Sunday”** which **will be held on January 18, 2026**. Thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate during this upcoming winter season!

“It is in giving that we receive.”

The Human Development Committee is asking for your help to fulfill the Christmas wishes of people in need in the Rochester area.

We will be doing our Advent/Giving Tree again this year. The recipients of our gifts will include people from the Women’s Care Center, Rochester Academy Charter School, Hope Hall, Cabrini Parish and the Moms Mentor Group.

The love you share in the act of giving will be felt by those receiving your generous gift.

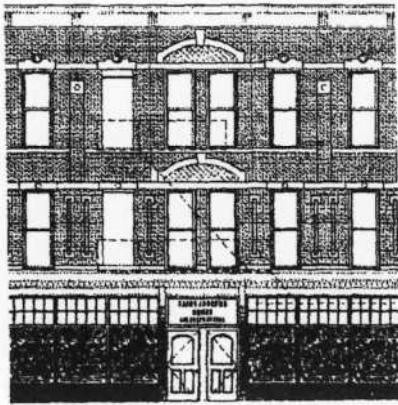
Please take a stocking or two from the tree on the weekend of December 6th and 7th and shop for the requested item.

All gifts need to be returned to church by Sunday, December 14th by 11:00 am. Please bring your gift UNWRAPPED, with the stocking attached along with wrapping paper.

We appreciate your help with this heartwarming event!

Christmas Flower Donations

Thank you to everyone for all the donations for Christmas flowers in honor of your loved ones.
St. Lawrence appreciates your generosity. Many blessings to all.



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Your gift helps ensure that our guests receive at least one meal a day, as well as the use of a shower and toiletries.

This letter will serve as a receipt for tax purposes. We certify that no goods or services were provided to you for this donation.

Again, thank you for your generous gift and for caring so much for the guests we serve.

Very truly yours,


Lucille Frisicano

For the Community at St. Joseph's

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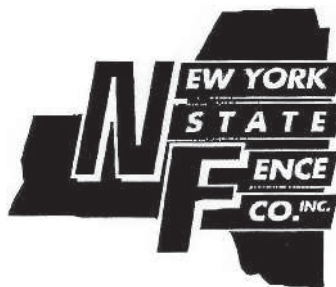


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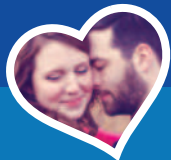
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