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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

As I write these words on Saturday morning of the 26th of April, I have just finished watching the Mass of Christian Burial of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Mass was truly a reflection of who he was and what his pontificate was all about. When you read this, the 9 days of official mourning are ended and our attention now moves to praying for our College of Cardinals who will enter the conclave this Wednesday, May 7, in the Sistine Chapel to elect our next pope. May the Holy Spirit guide them and give the wisdom and courage to choose our new Holy Father.

So much has happened over the last few weeks and so much will happen in the next few weeks! First, let me take a moment in this column to thank all of the people who made our Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Masses so beautiful. From the musicians to those who helped decorate the church, from the Altar Servers and Ushers, from the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to our deacons—I thank you from my heart!

This past week, I joined Bishop Matano and the priests of our diocese at the annual convocation. While our numbers grow smaller at each gathering—the desire to serve as best we can grows stronger.

This coming **Saturday May 10**, we will celebrate the **Mass of First Holy Communion at 10 a.m.** I am very proud of our 34 First Communicants and pray that they have a long and fruitful prayer life. On **Sunday, May 11** (Mother's Day) at the **10 a.m. Mass**, we will once again have the **May Crowning**. The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On **Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral**, Bishop Matano will celebrate Mass and the **Rite of Confirmation**. 56 of our parishioners will be confirmed that night. Please remember them in your prayers.

When you enter the church, I hope you will notice the votive candles that are now placed next to the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. These candles are a symbol of the prayers of the faithful and symbolic of our faith. The candles are 8 day candles. If you wish to have one of those candles burn in the memory of a loved one or for a special intention, contact our parish office. Just as we do for the Sanctuary Lamb near the Tabernacle, we will publish your intention in the parish bulletin. The suggested offering for the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp is \$20. The suggested offering for the candles near the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph is \$15. The suggested offering for the 5 days candles at the statue of St. Lawrence is \$10.

You will also notice that the usual Tabernacle is not there right now! Our Tabernacle is older and, with time, it has tarnished and grown dull. We are having the Tabernacle refinished/replated, the satin material on the inside replaced, and the locking mechanism checked and oiled. It will come back to us in a few months, probably July. We will use the smaller Holy Thursday Tabernacle of Reposition until then.

And thank you to our benefactors who are making this possible and who also made possible the new Coronation Tapestry Altar Cloth, statue of our Risen Lord, and pulpit tapestry. May God bless them and all of you!

Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,
May 5, 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
Robert Farren
By Wendy Farren*

Monday, May 5

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Robert Farren by Wendy Farren

Tuesday, May 6

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Thomas Eckler by Marcucci Family

Wednesday, May 7

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Thomas Oldfield by Ro Gruttadauria

Thursday, May 8

Easter Weekday

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

Friday, May 9

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Patrick Iatomasi by The Timms

Saturday, May 10

Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Tim Stephany & Jim VanNorman by Scott & Nancy Stephany

Sunday, May 11

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase
10:00 a.m. Mass for Carolyn H. McGarrity & Sr. Carlita by Stephen & Lisa McGarrity

Readings for the week of May 5, 2025

Monday, May 5:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, May 6:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, May 7:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, May 8:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday, May 9:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 10:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, May 11:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9,14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Attendance April 19 & 20, 2025
Total-1691
Attendance April 26 & 27, 2025
Total-944

April 19 & 20, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$22,363.01	\$14,423.00	\$7,940.01
General Maintenance	\$816.00	\$865.00	\$(49.00)
School Support	\$239.00	\$442.00	\$(203.00)

April 26 & 27, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$10,120.00	\$14,423.00	\$(4,303.00)
General Maintenance	\$546.00	\$865.00	\$(319.00)
School Support	\$150.00	\$442.00	\$(292.00)

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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Faithful Voices, 225-7338

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, May 5

Adoration - Church

9:00a.m. — 3:30p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

Cheer Practice - Deacon Hall

2:30p.m.

Faithful Voices - Church

7:00p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

CYO Kickball - Soccer Field

6:00p.m.

Cards for Comfort - Deacon Hall

6:00p.m.

Family Faith Formation - Deacon Hall

6:30p.m.

Song Prayers - Church

7:15p.m.

Thursday, May 8

Greece Food Shelf Mtg. - Deacon Hall

9:00a.m.

Chorus Concert - Deacon Hall

10:00a.m. & 6:00p.m.

Cursillo Mtg. - Deacon Hall

6:00p.m.

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

First Holy Communion - Church

10:00a.m.

Sunday, May 11

May Crowning - Church

10:00a.m.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Roman Missal)



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Our St. Lawrence Community, May Share Sunday will benefit the Crisis Nursery of Greater Rochester. The Crisis Nursery delivers emergency care to babies and children during family crises while addressing poverty by preparing young women and caregivers for employment.

The following items are most needed at this time:

Cleaning Supplies: Dish soap, sponges, Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaner, and Lysol spray.

Baby Items: Size 4 diapers, baby wipes, baby and toddler socks, toddler clothing size 2t, 3t, 4t and 5t both boys and girls.

Please drop off your donations at our church by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 18th. Thank you for your kindness in supporting Crisis Nursery for our May Share Sunday.

Thank you,
The Human Development Committee.

Garage Sale News

Where: St. Mark Church, 54 Kuhn Road, Rochester, New York 14612

GARAGE SALE HOURS

Thursday, May 8	8:30 am-9:00 am	\$10 entry
Thursday, May 8	9:30 am-4:00 pm	regular sale no entry fee
Friday, May 9	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
Saturday, May 10	9:00 am-1:00 pm	Half Price Sale

St. Lawrence Church

CYO CHEERLEADING

2025-2026

Interest Form

Please complete the form below and return it to the Faith Formation, School or Rectory Office by ***Monday, May 19th***. The season begins in August with practices, followed by tournaments then basketball season. Registration fee TBD as we may need to purchase more uniforms.

I am interested in CYO Cheerleading at St. Lawrence
For the 2025-2026 school year

Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers(s) _____

Grade in September 2025 ____3rd ____4th ____5th ____6th

E-mail address _____

Parishioners of St. Lawrence ____YES ____NO

Other Parish registered at _____

Does your child have any past CHEER experience ____YES ____NO

Thank you

Donna Gray, St. Lawrence CYO AD

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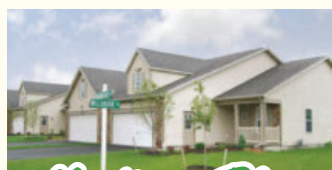
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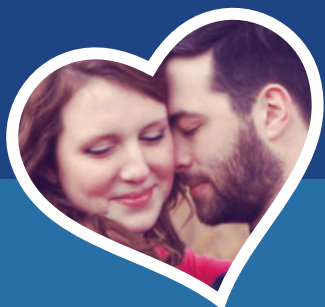
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