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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

As I write this column Sunday morning, May 4, I know that you will be reading it as early as Thursday May 8. Most of you will read this on Sunday, May 11. As I write, we have no pope. As you read, we may have our new pope. I pray that if we do, the Lord will bless him with courage, wisdom, strength, tenacity, and most of all—discipleship. May he always look out for the poor and rejected, the lost, the forsaken, the people whom others hate.

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since we had baptisms last weekend, we weren't able to put the statue of our Blessed Mother in the sanctuary until this weekend where it will remain for the month of May.

Today, Sunday May 11 is Mother's Day. We wish a very special blessing upon all of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, god mothers, and all women who bring forth life. How appropriate that we celebrate the Crowning the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary today at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Some things to put on your calendar and look for. As we come to the end of the school year, our Run for the Young of St. Lawrence School, a school fundraiser will be happening soon. Look for the information in the bulletin. We're also going to plan for a parish campus clean up day. We'll let you know when the Saturday will be when our volunteers will walk around our campus and pick up the debris and detritus that accumulates over the winter and early Spring. We'll pick up branches and sticks, do some gardening, etc.

Please keep in mind the CMA. I would really want us to make our goal again! I know we can do it.

A note about funerals: please be flexible in the dates you request for your loved one's funeral. When a family zeros in on only one day before speaking with us it is not always possible for us to make that accommodation. Sometimes, another funeral is scheduled for that day. Or I am not available on that day and may not be able to find another priest to celebrate the Mass. By giving us a few days, three or four, we can work with the funeral director in scheduling the Mass. If you have people coming in from out of town, please ask them not to make travel arrangements until the funeral Mass is scheduled.

A note about the Anointing of the Sick: may I once again say to please contact me long before your loved one is near death. You need not wait until the last hours to call me. I may not be able to come. Further, the "Last Rites" are the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and Holy Communion. If someone is unconscious, I can only anoint them. And please remember that we do not anoint after someone dies. We will pray for them and bless the body, but not anoint. Call me when someone is sick, hospitalized, etc.— don't wait. And if they've been anointed, they do not need the sacrament again. Once anointed, one is anointed. If it's been a long time, they can be anointed again. If it's been a few months, they have received the sacrament!

Lastly, we inverted the numbers for First Communion and Confirmation in last week's bulletin. There are 34 of our parishioners making Confirmation and 56 making First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

May God bless you all.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



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

Lou Dalle & John Dick

By Jim & Carol Dalle

Monday, May 12

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joseph & Margaret Tantillo & Albert & Carrie Marasco
By Daughter

Tuesday, May 13

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Beck & Calhoun Families by Nancy Beck

Wednesday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Mass for Marjorie Baker by The Shannon Family

Thursday, May 15

Easter Weekday

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

Friday, May 16

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Mary Jane York by The York Family

Saturday, May 17

Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Harry & Anne Sinaguglia & Jim & Dolores Antonacci
By Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Christine Sarfaty by Robin Schmid
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Readings for the week of May 12, 2025

Monday, May 12:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, May 13:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, May 14:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday, May 15:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday, May 16:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, May 17:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday, May 18:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Attendance May 3 & 4, 2025
Total-1034

May 3 & 4, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$14,334.71	\$14,423.00	\$(88.29)
General Maintenance	\$980.00	\$865.00	\$115.00
School Support	\$440.00	\$442.00	\$(2.00)

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
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O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
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.

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WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, May 12

Tuesday, May 13

Cheer Practice - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.

Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Brownies - Deacon Hall 4:30p.m.

Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

Thursday, May 15

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18

Rosary Group - Deacon Hall 11:00a.m.

The Church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen: through him God bestows “new life” that is divine and eternal. This is the “Good News” which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet. “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” says Jesus in John 13:34.

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 17th and 18th, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail.

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.



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May 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

With this letter, I am pleased to announce the weekend of May 17 and 18, 2025, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, as Diocesan Mission Sunday.

The mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ to share the Good News, must remain a deep concern for every Christian. As a community of faith we express our genuine solicitude for our brothers and sisters throughout the world, thereby enriching our universal and treasured identity as His disciples. Indeed, proclaiming our salvation in Christ is the message that must be etched into the very heart of every member of God's family in the whole world!

In the first reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we see Paul and Barnabas proclaiming the Gospel and welcoming into the fold a growing number of disciples. "And when they arrived they called the Church together and reported what God had done with them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27). Furthermore, Jesus in the Gospel of John gives us a new Commandment to love one another. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Inspired by these passages we rejoice that we have the privileged opportunity to proclaim the Good News and put Jesus' love into action by generously aiding our dedicated sisters who serve the poor in the missions - the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile.

Additionally, this Jubilee Year is designated as a year of hope, a virtue so necessary in places marked by deep suffering and many serious challenges. Let us take advantage of this Mission Sunday to foster this hope for our brothers and sisters by offering our prayers and financial assistance to these areas so lovingly served. Our generous response will enable the sisters to continue to meet the pastoral needs in these countries, and I thank you for your dedicated prayerful support.

With an assurance of my prayers, and asking a remembrance in your good prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Salvatore R. Matano
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

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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

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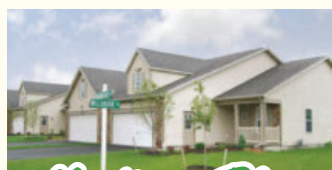
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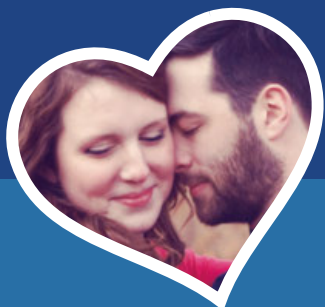
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