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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Funeral Planning

Q. What do I do when my loved one passes away?

The first thing you do when your loved one dies is to say a prayer. If you cannot think of a prayer, simply say, "Lord, may N. rest in peace." That's all that's necessary. And then call the Funeral Director. When you call them, be prepared to tell them the two or three days when you would like to possibly have the funeral. *Please do not settle on a day or time before you speak to the Funeral Director. The Funeral Director will contact the parish.* This is very important. The Church is not always available and there are times when I am not available to the Mass of Christian Burial. If another priest needs to be contacted, I will do the contacting. Please, for the ease of the process, let us do this. Once the day and time have been confirmed by both the Church and the Funeral Director, you may go ahead and prepare the Obituary notice. Please work closely with the Funeral Director.

Q. When do we begin to prepare the Funeral Mass?

You can begin at any time you wish. On our parish website, we have all the materials ready for you to begin that preparation. Pre-planning can save a lot of time, and your loved ones will appreciate it. Remember, the Church has already planned more than 80% of the Mass of Christian Burial. You can choose the Scripture readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the music. The readings must be from Scripture (no stories or poems), and the music must be from the hymnal. We do not play or sing popular songs, movie themes, or Broadway tunes. Secular music does not belong in the Mass. Even some popular songs that sound religious (for example, Josh Groban's "The Prayer") are not appropriate. The hymns are for all the congregation to participate and sing, music at Mass is not a performance. You can certainly play the songs at the reception after the Mass or at the Calling Hours or Cemetery.

Q. I heard we can't do a Eulogy. Is this true?

The Church's rules regarding the Mass of Christian Burial do not allow for a traditional eulogy, meaning a biographical and/or anecdotal speech. When he was our Bishop, Bishop Matano enacted policies which allowed for **Words of Remembrance of Faith** to be delivered. The preference is that they be delivered at the Gathering after the Mass or at the Calling Hours, or at the cemetery. If they are delivered at the Mass, they must be no more than 250 words, delivered by one person, focused on the faith of the deceased, and written out and approved by the pastor. The Words of Remembrance of Faith are delivered at the beginning of the Mass, right after the Entrance Hymn.

Q. Can our loved one be cremated?

Yes, cremation is allowed in the Roman Catholic Church. The Church prefers that the cremation takes place after the Mass of Christian Burial. Your funeral director can explain this more in detail. Once the cremation is completed, the Church teaches that the cremains be buried in the ground at a cemetery or placed in a mausoleum/columbarium as soon as possible. The Church teaches that the cremains should not be divided up, scattered on land or sea, or kept on a fireplace mantel.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office and speak to Fr. Chase or Deacon David Squilla.



This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp in
memory of

Gerry Bader

By Wife Patricia Bader

Blessed Mother Candle will be lit for

Kathy & John Campbell

By Anne Elphick

Wedding Banns

Week II Abbey Shannon & Owen Copey

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 a.m. Mass for Marie Gagen by Artie & Cathy Gubernick

Tuesday, September 22

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Anna Rotoli by All Her Children

Wednesday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 a.m. Mass for Jon Dalle by Jim & Carol Dalle

Thursday, September 24

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 25

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Deacon Jim & Mary Chatterton by Gerald Connor

Saturday, September 26

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Richard Kosko by The Kosko Family

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

10:00 a.m. Mass for Deceased Members of Falbo & Jermyn Families
by Tom & Agnes Falbo

Readings for the week of September 21, 2026

Monday, September 21:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday, September 22:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday, September 23:	Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday, September 24:	Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday, September 25:	Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday, September 26:	Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday, September 27:	Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

We are a Stewardship Parish committed to giving our time, talent, and resources for others!

Attendance September 5 & 6, 2026

Total –855

Attendance September 12 & 13, 2026

Total-903

Fund	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$17,057.70	\$14,230.00	\$2,827.70
General Maintenance	\$777.00	\$1,154.00	\$(377.00)
School Support	\$565.00	\$577.00	\$(12.00)

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 to schedule the baptism of
 their child.

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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St. Lawrence School

585-225-3870

Internet and Social Media

Email - rstlawre@dor.org
 website - stlawrencegreece.org
 Facebook - www.fb.me/STLGreece

September 12 & 13, 2026

Fund	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$11,346.55	\$14,230.00	\$(2,883.45)
General Maintenance	\$861.00	\$1,154.00	\$(293.00)
School Support	\$280.00	\$577.00	\$(297.00)

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

*Joseph Gaudio – School Principal,
 225-3870*

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 Mary Mann
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 Donna Gray
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 (585) 723-1350 x. 205*

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

Monday, September 21	
Tuesday, September 22 Faithful Voices–Church	7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 23 CYO Soccer-Soccer field Song Prayers–Church	5:00 pm 7:15 pm
Thursday, September 24 Mass Book Opening-Deacon Hall	9:00 am
Friday, September 25	
Saturday, September 26	
Sunday, September 27 Rosary Group-Deacon Hall	10:00 am

SHARE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Our September Share Sunday will support the Veteran's Outreach Center, Inc. (VOC). VOC offers a trusted place for veterans and their families, a place to turn to when they need help. VOC offers housing, workforce development, wellness, and legal services along with a food pantry that provides basic necessities for the veterans they serve in Monroe and surrounding counties. The September Share Sunday will be supporting their Rochester food pantry, and the items they have requested can be found below. This will be the first time that St. Lawrence will be supporting this organization, and they could not be more grateful. Thank you for all you do to support our community.

Please bring your donations to the Church (foyer) by 11:00 a.m., Sunday, September 20th.

Food Items	Hygiene Items	Cleaning Supplies
Canned Fruit	Men's 3 in 1 Body Wash	Laundry soap/laundry pods
Canned Chicken	Women's shampoo	Toilet paper
Shelf Stable Milk (1 or 2%)	Women's Conditioner	Hand soap
Jelly	Shaving Cream (Men's and Women's)	Dish soap
Canned Soup	Men's Deodorant	Baby wipes
Cereal Boxes (any)	Dental Floss	
White Rice	Toothpaste	
Pancake & Corn Muffin Mixes	Mouthwash (alcohol free only)	





The CYO Basketball program will be starting soon for 2026/27 season. The nights listed below will be used for in-person registrations at which time we will determine the number of teams St. Lawrence Parish will have at each level of play.

Eligibility

- 3rd thru 12th Grade Boys & Girls
- Families registered as Parishioners of St Lawrence Church and families attending St. Lawrence School
- Families registered at nearby parishes that do not offer a CYO program

Please Note.....in many cases, we will have multiple teams at a grade level. Additional coaches may be needed. If you are unable to attend the registration nights, contact Donna Gray at donna.gray@dor.org or 585-723-1350 ex. 205

Registrations will be held in the gym (enter through north entrance of the school building). Please be prepared to fill out paperwork, including a Health form, and have payment ready for the registration fee. Parents, please accompany your older kids to registration night as the paperwork needs your signature.

Registration dates are: 1) Thursday, October 1st from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
2) Thursday, October 8th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration fees: (checks payable to St. Lawrence Church)

3/4 teams	\$120
5/6 teams	\$140
7/8 teams	\$170
High School	\$170

**REGISTRATION FOR ST. LAWRENCE CYO BASKETBALL WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8TH**

Donna Gray
Parish Youth Minister
CYO Athletic Director
Donna.gray@dor.org
585-723-1350 ex. 205

TODAY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHICKEN BBQ Fundraiser

Sunday, September 20, 2026

11:00 AM until Sold Out

Cash Only

\$15.00

1/2 Charcoal Roasted Chicken

BBQ Beans - Corn and a Roll

St. Lawrence Parking Lot

The poster features the St. Lawrence Catholic School logo on the left and the Bill Gray's logo on the right. The central text reads "FUNDRAISER NIGHT" in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow background. Below this, it says "Support St. Lawrence School and enjoy a meal out!" in blue and yellow. A red banner with white text states "15% of your purchase comes back to the school!". The date and time are listed as "Thursday, September 24th 4pm - 8pm" with a calendar icon. The location is "Bill Gray's North Greece Road Location" with a red location pin icon. A photo of a burger and fries is on the right. The bottom line says "We hope to see you on September 24th!" with a blue background and yellow text.

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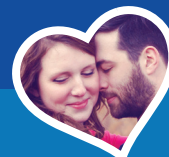
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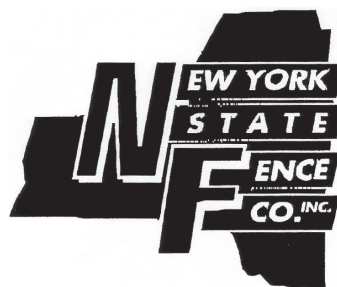
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