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## MUSINGS

*By Father Lee Chase*

### The Need for Quiet in Church

For the past few years, not kidding – years! parishioners have come to me asking if somehow there could be more quiet time in the Church before and after Mass. It is a challenge, to be sure.

The culture has changed. Growing up in the Church, I remember as a child that speaking out loud in the Church was just something you didn't do. When you arrived for Mass, you went up the aisle, genuflected to the Tabernacle, moved into the pew and knelt for quiet prayer. After a bit, you sat down and waited for the Mass. No one conversed. No one turned around. Any necessary conversation was done in a very soft and low whisper.

I know decorum is different today. People want to greet their friends. They want to take some time to catch up or inquire how things are going. And most people do try to speak in a lower, softer voice. But not all do. Unfortunately, before Mass becomes so loud that one can barely hear the organ or instruments from the choir. And, at times, the noise eruption after Mass is finished can be sometimes deafening.

I've asked the Music Directors to begin the sung or instrumental preludes a little earlier. The goal is that the preludes will quiet us down as a community gathered to pray. And that after the hymn or musical piece is finished, we can have two or three minutes of quiet prayer before the Lector goes up to the pulpit to give the Introduction and Announcements.

Quieting ourselves helps in our spiritual life. It allows us to center our thoughts and spirit on God. God is always present to us. Those few minutes – maybe 180 seconds – can allow us to make ourselves present to Him.

I don't think this is a big ask. Let's make it a point to be quiet before and after Mass. Let's limit the conversations. Let's speak softly. Let's remember that the Church is a consecrated space, a sacred space, a prayerful space.



This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp  
in memory of

**Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly  
Families**

**By Ginny Pierce**

*Wedding Banns*

*Week III Abbey Shannon & Owen Copey*

## *THIS WEEK'S PRAYER*

### *Monday, September 28*

*Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joseph DiDomenico by Deacon Richard &  
Rose Marie Lombard

### *Tuesday, September 29*

*Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Jimmy Fava by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Fournier

### *Wednesday, September 30*

*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Thomas Vattappara by Mrs. Jessie John

### *Thursday, October 1*

*Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### *Friday, October 2*

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Maurice & Josephine Wattie by Wattie Children

### *Saturday, October 3*

*Weekday*

4:00 p.m. Mass for Margaret Malin by Family

### *Sunday, October 4*

### *Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. Mass for Dominick DiVasto by Anna DiVasto

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

## **Readings for the week of September 28, 2026**

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday, September 28:    | Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50                 |
| Tuesday, September 29:   | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51          |
| Wednesday, September 30: | Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62          |
| Thursday, October 1:     | Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12               |
| Friday, October 2:       | Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10 |
| Saturday, October 3:     | Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24    |
| Sunday, October 4:       | Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43      |

# STEWARDSHIP

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

Attendance September 19 & 20, 2026  
Total –938

| Fund                | Amount Received | Weekly Budget | Surplus (Shortfall) |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection   | \$12,518.65     | \$14,230.00   | \$(1,711.35)        |
| General Maintenance | \$516.00        | \$1,154.00    | \$(638.00)          |
| School Support      | \$565.00        | \$577.00      | \$(12)              |

## 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

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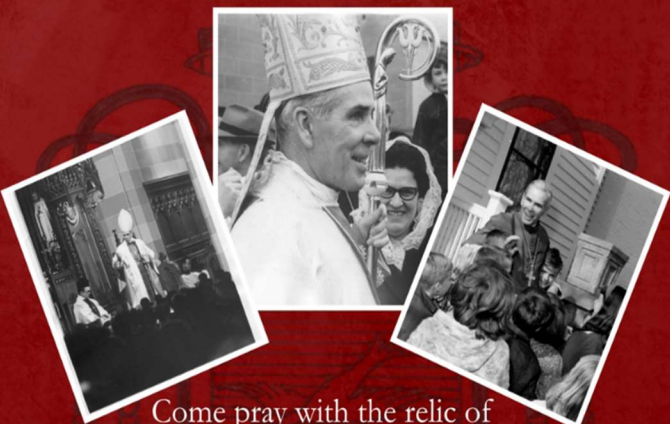
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Steve Amico  
Faithful Voices, 225-7338*



## WHAT'S NOW – THIS WEEK AT ST. LAWRENCE

|                                                                                                                                        |                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, September 28</b><br>Bible Study-Deacon Hall                                                                                 | 6:30 pm                       |
| <b>Tuesday, September 29</b><br>Monroe West Deanery Meeting-Deacon Hall<br>First Penance Meeting-Deacon Hall<br>Faithful Voices–Church | 1:30 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>Wednesday, September 30</b><br>CYO Soccer-Soccer field<br>Song Prayers–Church                                                       | 5:00 pm<br>7:15 pm            |
| <b>Thursday, October 1</b>                                                                                                             |                               |
| <b>Friday, October 2</b>                                                                                                               |                               |
| <b>Saturday, October 3</b><br>CYO Soccer-Soccer field                                                                                  | 10:30 am                      |
| <b>Sunday, October 4</b><br>Confirmation-Deacon Hall                                                                                   | 11:00 am                      |

### Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



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#### Locations/Dates

|                                                                                         |                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL</b><br><i>Rochester</i><br>Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm    | <b>ST. MARY</b><br><i>Geneseo</i><br>Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm                |
| <b>ST. STEPHEN</b><br><i>Geneva</i><br>Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm                   | <b>ST. JOSEPH</b><br><i>Penfield</i><br>Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm           |
| <b>ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b><br><i>Spencerport</i><br>Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm | <b>ST. MARY OUR MOTHER</b><br><i>Horseheads</i><br>Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm |
|                                                                                         | <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b><br><i>Ithaca</i><br>Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm   |

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|--------------------|------------|
| OCTOBER 2          | JANUARY 8  |
| NOVEMBER 6         | FEBRUARY 5 |
| <b>NO DEC. MTG</b> | MARCH 5    |
|                    | APRIL 2    |
|                    | MAY 7      |
|                    | JUNE 4     |

From the 7-parish Vocations Committee-check out the vocations page on the ROC Catholics Northwest website!

Are you wondering if God is calling you to do something different on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ? Do you want to encourage the young people in your life to find the future that God desires for them—for example, encourage your sons and grandsons to consider ordained ministry? Check out the new vocations section of the ROC Catholics Northwest website. You'll find resources about priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and local religious communities for women. Please also read Dcn. Eric Bessette's homily: when Jesus says, "the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few," he's not just talking about priests, deacons and women religious. He's talking about all of us. To view the vocations page, go to [Vocations-ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org/vocations) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org/vocations>

## St. Lawrence Minister Schedule For October 2026

### October 3 - October 4: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                          | Lector/Greeter   | EMHC                             | Altar Server                                               |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, Oct 3, 4:00 PM | Joe Kelly        | Rick Antelli<br>Alexis Kavanaugh | Charlie Carr<br>Chloe Carr<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>            |
| Sunday, Oct 4, 8:00 AM   | John Chamberlain | Jim Kutrybala<br>Suzanne Mangano | Gavin Powers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br><b>NOT FILLED</b>     |
| Sunday, Oct 4, 10:00 AM  | Rick Russotti    | Anne Webster<br>Michael Webster  | Alexandra Burger<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |

### October 10 - October 11: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                           | Lector/Greeter | EMHC                               | Altar Server                                           |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, Oct 10, 4:00 PM | Chuck Romano   | John Andreano<br>Leslie Romanchick | Leah Gillette<br>Jack Voellinger<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>  |
| Sunday, Oct 11, 8:00 AM   | Caitlyn Ebert  | Suzanne Mangano<br>David Zeh       | Gavin Powers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |
| Sunday, Oct 11, 10:00 AM  | Anne Webster   | Robert Newton<br>Jamie O'Mara      | Ava Iannoli<br>Nicolas Sutter<br>Mary Weber            |

### October 17 - October 18: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                           | Lector/Greeter  | EMHC                               | Altar Server                                            |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, Oct 17, 4:00 PM | Jim Kutrybala   | Cathy Leonardo<br>Angela Valentine | Leah Gillette<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |
| Sunday, Oct 18, 8:00 AM   | Scott Breiner   | Kevin Doell<br>Chris Wille         | Olivia Gigliotti<br>Gavin Powers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>   |
| Sunday, Oct 18, 10:00 AM  | Barbara Packard | Kathy Edsall<br>Jerry LeBlanc      | Alexandra Burger<br>Nicolas Sutter<br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |

### October 24 - October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                           | Lector/Greeter  | EMHC                             | Altar Server                                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, Oct 24, 4:00 PM | David Zeh       | Erin Hathaway<br>Candy Minchella | Chloe Carr<br>Charlie Carr<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>        |
| Sunday, Oct 25, 8:00 AM   | Aaron Baker     | Nancy Beck<br>Patricia Urbinelli | Gavin Powers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b><br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |
| Sunday, Oct 25, 10:00 AM  | Michael Webster | Robert Newton<br>Jane Pfeifer    | Leah Cook<br>Nora Cook<br>Mary Weber                   |

### October 31 - November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

|                           | Lector/Greeter | EMHC                              | Altar Server                                          |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, Oct 31, 4:00 PM | Kevin Doell    | Alma Jastrzembski<br>Chuck Romano | Chloe Carr<br>Charlie Carr<br>Jack Voellinger         |
| Sunday, Nov 1, 8:00 AM    | Joan Ciero     | Patty Amico<br>Sue Ellen Sahmel   | Olivia Gigliotti<br>Gavin Powers<br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |
| Sunday, Nov 1, 10:00 AM   | Tony Baccaro   | Dick Pfeifer<br>Annabelle Sutter  | Nora Cook<br>Leah Cook<br>Ava Iannoli                 |

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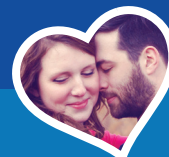
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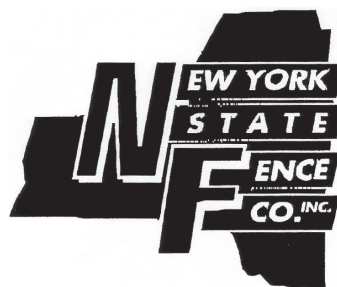
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