

Saint Lawrence Church

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We are one Body, one Body in Christ.

And we do not stand alone.

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday	3:00 p.m.
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Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

Baptism

Parents should contact us 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 p.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Lawrence School

585-225-3870

Monday, May 15

Saint Isidore

8:30 a.m.

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Maria Maddalena by Chris and Lina Maienza

Tuesday, May 16

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

The Deceased members of the Ladouceur and Payment Families by Claudette Payment

Wednesday, May 17

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

Fran Milliman by Tony and Maryann Greco

Thursday, May 18

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 a.m.

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Dorothy Shepanski by Carolyn Brescia

Friday, May 19

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17

Mary Jane York by The York Family

Saturday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



*This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp for
The Intentions of*

*The Deceased Members of the Molinari and
Granville Families*

Sunday, May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

4:00 p.m.

Vincent and Marianne Ross by daughters and families

8:00 a.m.

David M. Scheg by Dave and Gloria Scheg

9:30 a.m.

For Saint Lawrence Parishioners

11:00 a.m.

Leonard Figliole and Clem Lessard by
Jerry and Dee Figliole

By Father Lee Chase

Reality and Eucharist

We're in the midst of First Communions at Saint Lawrence. The first three weekends of May bring us to reflect once again on the reality of our faith. These seven year olds are receiving Holy Communion for the first time. We should take some time to think about just exactly what the Eucharist means to us and to our community.

You've heard the *popular* theologies, i.e. the theology of the Eucharist as giving thanks, the Eucharist as the gift of Christ to us, and so on. We preach often on the reality of the Bread and Wine becoming the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. I don't need to remind you of these.

What we don't reflect on much is the reality that the Eucharist is the pre-eminent symbol of our unity as a community. Some people like to join hands at Mass when the Lord's Prayer is prayed. Some think this prayer is what unites us. No. It is the Eucharist itself. As one loaf becomes many pieces, as one cup is given to all—so, too, the Eucharist is meant to join us together: from many - one, from the One - many!

Are we one? Are we united as a parish community? Are we united as a Catholic community? Every parish has to ask itself these questions, and ask them often.

Why? It is all too easy to fall into disunity. It is all too easy for a parish community to become fractured. Collaboration ends and

competition begins. Groups and cliques form and the community stops being welcoming. Gossip and rumor begin to swirl about. People lie. They make things up. Excuses abound.

Volunteers and committees begin to adapt the attitude that it's all about them and not God. People are doing what they do for personal glory, not for the Lord. Groups begin to think that they determine what the worship will be, or the life of the parish will be, for everyone. The Universal norms of the Church are ignored.

What begins to happen is the creation of "silos." Like a barn silo that is small in dimension but very vertical—the vision is turned inward. The circular walls surround and there is little desire or ability to see outside of one's self.

They gossiped about John the Baptist, saying he was a drunk. They spread rumors about Jesus and said he was insane. They killed both of them. Gossip and rumor can still kill holiness.

When we approach the altar to receive communion, do we receive communion from the hands of someone of whom we have gossiped? When we approach the chalice to consume the Precious Blood, do we touch the hands of someone we reject?

Or are we indifferent to the community? Do we just show up, come to Mass, take Communion, go home and forget about it until next week? That's not faith, that's just religion. Faith, the apostle said, is dead faith without good

works. That goodness has to start in our hearts.

Parish groups have to be welcoming to the new member who will change them. One new person changes everything and they should. Behold, he said, I make all things new. We can't be satisfied with "We've always done it this way." That leads to stagnation and ultimately, death. We need to change. It's the only way conversion can happen.

We need to take a good, hard look at ourselves as individuals and as a parish and ask ourselves the hard questions: who are we? where is God leading us? is it time to change? is it time for the new to replace the old?

Every time we receive Holy Communion, we need to be different. Every Mass at which we assist must be our First Mass. Every person we meet must be welcomed as if they are the Messiah of the world. "If you don't meet Christ in the next person you meet," said Dorothy Day, "you're not really a Christian."

As these children receive Holy Communion, I want all of us to ask ourselves if we are truly worthy to come up to the altar and receive Him. Are we truly part of our community and doing what we can to build up our community? If we're in it just for ourselves and our own glory, we shouldn't come up and take communion unless we understand that Communion is food for the sinner. and never a prize for being perfect.



Weekly Stewardship May 7, 2016 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$18,023	\$15,392	\$2,631
General Maintenance	\$1,519	\$882	\$637
School Support	\$741		

Attendance for May 7, 2017 (Our Church seats 1,150 people)

4:00 p. m. - 534 8:00 a. m. - 340
9:30 a. m. - 450 11:00 a. m. - 637

Total Attendance - 1961



STEWARDSHIP

Our time, talent and treasure

Share Sunday

Sunday May 28th Share Sunday collection will benefit The Women's Care Center

They are a self-funded Catholic organization that is the largest private provider of material aid (formula, diapers, layettes, etc.) to new mothers in Monroe County. They serve over 1,200 families annually and support women through pregnancy and beyond.

The following items would be greatly appreciated:

Diapers – sizes 4, 5, and 6

Enfamil Formula
6 – 9 months boys and girl clothing
Crib sheets
Hooded Towels

Please bring your donations to church by 12 noon on Sunday, May 28th. Thank you for your generosity!

Your Human Development Committee



WHAT'S Now

This Week At St. Lawrence Church



Monday, May 15

Faithful Voices Choir Rehearsal - Church 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

Camerata Practice - Church 2:00 p.m.
Faith Formation - School 5:30 p.m.
Blue and Gold Banquet - Deacon Hall 6:00 p.m.
Camerata Practice - Church 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

Band Club - Deacon Hall 2:30 p. m.
Spirit Singers - Church 6:00 p.m.
Song Prayers - Church 7:15 p. m.

Thursday, May 18

School Talent Show - Deacon Hall 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 19

Hour of Divine Mercy - Church 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

Sunday, May 21

Faith Formation - School 4:00 p. m.

**Divine Mercy
Prayer Hour
Friday , May 19th
2:30 p.m.**



Marriage Banns



Week III Susan Harnischfeger and Kenneth Roberts

Parish Staff

Executive Leadership Team

Rev. Lee P. Chase, S.T.L.
Pastor, x 207
Bruce M. Watson
Finance Director, x. 206
Tina McAuliffe
Business Manager, x. 205
Frank Arvizzigno
School Principal, 225-3870

Pastoral Ministry

Rev. Scott Caton, Ph.D.
Assisting Priest, x. 204
Deacon David Squilla
Pastoral Associate, x. 212
Deacon Manny Asis
Parish Deacon, x. 213
Deacon Tom Beck
Senior Parish Deacon

Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale
Office Manager, x. 201
Linda DeMarco
Office Assistant, x. 203
Bob Gray, Jim Grotke
Maintenance , x. 201

Faith Development Ministry

Jamie O'Mara
Faith Formation , 225-7320
Donna Gray
Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485
Debbie Cichelli
Office Assistant, 225-7320

Music Ministry

M. Virginia Pierce
Music Director
4 p.m. Mass Choir, 225-7061
Susan Judkins
9:30 a.m. Mass Choir
Young People's Choir, 225-2076
Mary Kay Huber
Young People's Choir, 957-8947
Steve Amico
11:00 a. m. Mass Choir, 225-7338



St. Lawrence Youth Ministry

LOOK

What's Happening in April and May

Youth Group Meetings, Sunday, May 21st. Youth Meeting for all 6th-12th graders in the Youth Room located in the school from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

SAVE the DATE: **Leadership Training** for 8th-12th graders Wednesday-Thursday, June 28th/29th at Holy Cross Parish. Please consider attending this training as it's a great opportunity for your job, NHS and college resumes!! Also we will have a team playing **KICKBALL** this summer so please sign up to play with your friends.

Youth Ministry Office 225-1485



The spirituality series *Fresh Wind in Our Sails* at the SSJ Motherhouse features:

Whatever Happened to the Common Good?

Saturday, May 20 ~ 9:30 am to 3 pm

Location: SSJ Motherhouse

Cost: \$30

The ancient concept of the common good has been lost in a sea of causes and conflicts, shifting priorities, indifferences and fear. This ecumenical retreat will offer grist for our thinking and allow us time for personal prayer, sharing, and developing our own plan to re-energize, all for the common good of our community and world.

Co-sponsored by Atonement Lutheran Church in Brighton
Presenters: Rev. Myra Brown, Associate Pastor, Spiritus Christi Church; Sister Beth LeValley, SSJ, Greater Rochester Community of Churches; and Rev. Deborah Fae Swift, Pastor, South Presbyterian Church & Acts of Faith Community

Mercy Bridges— a Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy

We offer free tutoring in reading to Adults who've had their education interrupted and they want to achieve their GED/TASC exam goals, improve their reading generally, or are working towards citizenship. Since this requires some funds to keep the program afloat with the resources needed to provide this education, we have several fundraisers—one of them is our Used Book Sale.

Mercy Bridges Used Book Sale

Mercy High School Gallery

Saturday, May 20 9:30 to 4:00

Sunday, May 21 11:00 to 3:00

WHAT'S NEXT

Upcoming Parish events and courtesy announcements

Men's Club Dinner

Wednesday May 24th

St. John the Evangelist Parish Center

Dinner cost \$12.00

6 PM Doors open for appetizers

7 PM Steak Roast by Katie

Dinner includes:

Steak, potato salad, baked beans chef salad, mixed vegetables, rolls & butter, dessert and coffee
Euchre or Poker available after dinner

Please reserve by Sunday May 21st

To either:

Jerry Batog 225-0392

John Argento 225-2264 or

Bill Smith 225-1586

This year commemorates the
100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God appeared six times to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Join us for a special six-part series hosted by
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Latin Mass Community
at

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
4536 St. Paul Blvd.
West Irondequoit, NY 14617

This series of devotions will feature an inspirational talk, rosary, and Benediction with Gregorian Schola and Children's Choir.

**JOIN US AT 4:00PM ON THESE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:
MAY 14, JUNE 11, JULY 9, AUGUST 13, SEPTEMBER 10,
OCTOBER 8**

AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Light Refreshments to follow
For more information call 342-2478
Or email: contact@skt-lmc.org

Greece Choral Society with guests Rochester Rhapsody

Sunday, May 21, 2017
3:30 pm (doors open at 2:30 pm)
St .Charles Borromeo Church
3003 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14616

We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd grade and above, men and women of any age to come to a training session for Altar Servers. The training session will be on [May 27 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm](#). Please fill out the form below and either mail it to the Parish Office, (attention Deacon David), put it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish Office. New and current Altar Servers should plan on attending.

Altar Server Sign-Up Form

This wonderful ministry is an exciting participation opportunity that allows our young people to take on a role and be even more engaged in Mass. We realize that being an Altar Server requires a commitment on the part of parents as well, and that not all Mass times are convenient for individual families. So we ask that you complete the form below indicating whether your child will be an Altar Server and also which Mass time is most convenient. Also, if there is a preferred partner, either a sibling or friend, we ask you to note that as well. We will try to honor that if at all possible.

Thank you for considering the honor of becoming an altar server here at St. Lawrence Church. Boys and girls in 3rd grade and higher and have received their first communion are eligible. We also welcome adult servers to participate in this ministry, either by yourself or with your child. If you have any questions, feel free to call Deacon David at 723-1350

Contact Information (Please Print Clearly)

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Grade _____ Male/Female _____

Mother's First Name _____

Mother's Last Name _____

Father's First Name _____

Father's Last Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Were you baptized in the Catholic Church? (Yes or No) _____ Have you received First Communion? (Yes or No) _____

Mass Preference

Please circle which Masses you are available to serve. If you are available to serve at more than one Mass, circle all Masses you can serve.

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday 11:00 am

If you would like to be scheduled with a particular person or family member, please print their name(s) below. If you have any other requests, list them also.

I, _____ (print parent/guardian name), agree to the best of my ability, to see that my child arrives at St. Lawrence Church at least 15 minutes prior to the start time of the Mass that they are scheduled to serve. I understand that my child's participation in the St. Lawrence Altar Server ministry requires them to serve at the Masses they are scheduled or to arrange for a substitute if they are unable to serve at their scheduled time. My signature below signifies that I have read and understand the above stipulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

"His Banner Over Us Is Love"

Dear St. Lawrence School Families,

Our St. Peter's Kitchen Outreach Project continues this week at St. Lawrence School. St. Peter's has been working to eradicate hunger in our community for over 30 years, and they are currently in need of drink mixes for making cold drinks during the upcoming warm weather for guests to have with their meals. St. Lawrence School will be collecting drink mixes for the kitchen from now until May 10th. Please drop off your drink mixes in the collection box in front of the main office. Thank you for helping our students to take part in this community outreach project.

Since we are now in the month of May, any student wishing to wear shorts on warm weather days will be allowed to do so provided that they meet the school uniform guidelines. Students wearing anything that does not follow the St. Lawrence School uniform policy will have their parents contacted to provide a change of clothing. We appreciate your support in helping our students look their best.

Last Thursday, Madison Wegman (6th Grade) participated in the Annual Sr. Mary Smith Invitational Spelling Bee at St. Mary School in Canandaigua. We were so excited to honor Madison during morning program on Friday and thank her for representing St. Lawrence School at this year's spelling bee. Congratulations Madison!

St. Lawrence School's April Podcast is now available. To listen to our podcast, please visit the school website and click on St. Lawrence Podcast under the For The Parents tab. I would like to thank Ms. Carlson for working with our students to put this beautiful podcast together.

Report Cards for the third quarter will be available today at 3:00 PM through My Students Progress. Report cards can be accessed electronically at the end of each quarter. The fourth quarter report card is the only report card that is sent home as a hard copy. Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, and Religion are given report card grades each quarter. Physical Education, Technology, Art, and Music are given report card grades once per semester, at the end of the second and the fourth quarter. The Diocesan report cards do not provide us with the ability to grade Character Education and Library. If you have any questions regarding the report card, please contact your child's teacher.

Our 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders took part in the first session of the New York State Math Test this morning. There will be another session on Wednesday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 4th. While these tests do not affect your child's report card grade, they provide us with a common measure to assist in future instructional planning. Each test session begins at the start of the school day. These assessments will again be untimed this year to give students the ability to work at their own pace. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We are looking forward to another positive experience this year throughout this process.

This Saturday, the Diocese of Rochester will again be holding its annual Run for the Young at St. Lawrence School. If you would like to run in the race, please complete the registration form below today's newsletter. Even if you are not interested in running, we ask that you come and support our St. Lawrence School students by cheering them on as they participate in the 5K race. The race starts in front of the school at 9:30 AM. I hope to see you there! Good luck to our runners!!!

God Bless,
Frank Arvizzigno
Principal

Please Note:

Talent Show 12:30pm & 7pm 5/18

I-Ready ELA Testing-No morning AR 5/22-5/26

I-Ready Math Testing-No morning AR 5/30-6/2

Ascension Mass 8:30am 5/25

Half Day 11am Dismissal - No ASC 5/26

Memorial Day – No School 5/29

Quiet Mass 6/1

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day 6/6

Volunteer Blessing 7:50 am 6/8

Band Concert 1pm, 7pm 6/8

Field Day 6/9

Reminders

Tomorrow is Walkathon Wednesday. Don't forget to wear your t-shirts!

Report cards are available today on MSP.

The St. Lawrence Parish and School Golf Tournament Scheduled for June has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

The annual Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools Red Wings game is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. Please see the flyer in today's envelope for ticket orders.

Congratulations to Francesca Mezzio for receiving a Dance scholarship to Our Lady of Mercy!

Today's Envelope includes:

Catholic Schools Day at Frontier Field

St. Pius Banking Flyer

Summer Reading Program Information

Children's Mental Health Awareness

(electronic)

Run For The Young Registration (electronic)

Great Job in the Spelling Bee Madison



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Attn: Golf Classic, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624

I am unable to attend but would like to contribute \$ _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Playing Partners: (4-person scramble)

1. Name _____

Email _____

2. Name _____

Email _____

3. Name _____

Email _____

4. Name _____

Email _____

____ Connect us with others to complete group.

Company/team name, parish or school affiliation:

- | | |
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| ___ Hero Sponsor • \$5,000 | \$ _____ |
| ___ Mentor Sponsor • \$2,500 | \$ _____ |
| ___ Advocate Sponsor • \$1,250 | \$ _____ |
| ___ Tee Sponsor • \$225 | \$ _____ |
| ___ Golfer(s) at \$175 each | \$ _____ |
| ___ Dinner(s) (for non-golfers) at \$45 each | \$ _____ |
| ___ In Memoriam (name) | \$ _____ |
| ___ Donation | \$ _____ |

Total amount enclosed \$ _____