We are nearing the great celebration of Christmas. As you are making your plans, I want to talk about our Christmas schedule of Masses. It seems that every year, the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve has become the most popular and most crowded of all the Masses. It is not easy to fit every one in, people are standing, parking is a night mare. While the Mass is geared toward children, a large number of people who don’t have children also want to come to the Vigil Mass. So! We are going to do this: We will have a Children’s Christmas Eve Mass 2 p.m. and we will have a regular Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. The Mass at Night will be at 10 p.m. and we will have only one Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Temple has graciously agreed to assist me with Christmas. My hope is that the large crowds of past year’s Children’s Mass will be less with the Children at 2 p.m. (and the Annual Christmas Gospel Pageant) and that those who want a Vigil Mass will come at 4 p.m. We’re going to try this out. We’re trying to make this easier for all of you.

Fr. Caton, as you know, is going to be out from this Monday, December 16 until the middle of February. I will be alone here with assistance coming in when possible. This will mean that 1. there will not always be a morning Mass during the week. When I am not available, there will be communion services. 2. When scheduling a funeral—please be very flexible in when the funeral can be held. I ask that you not call or ask the funeral director to call me with only one possible date for the funeral. I don’t want to hurt anyone, but I am not available every day. Lastly, when in need of Anointing of the Sick, please do not wait until the last moments of your loved one’s life to call. Call when they are in hospice, before going into surgery, etc.

So, once again, Christmas Masses: Dec 24: 2 p.m. Children’s Mass, 4 p.m. Vigil Mass, 10 p.m. Mass at Night and Dec 25—9 a.m. Christmas Day Mass.
**Parish Staff**

- **Rectory Office** 723-1350
  - Rev. Lee P. Chase, S.T.L.
  - Pastor, x 207
  - Frank Arvizzigno
  - School Principal, 225-3870
  - Marisa Stieve
  - Finance Director, x.206

- **Pastoral Ministry**
  - Deacon David Squilla
  - Pastoral Associate, x. 212
  - Rev. Scott Caton, Ph.D.
  - Assisting Priest, x. 201
  - Deacon Manny Asis
  - Parish Deacon, x. 201

- **Administrative Staff**
  - Wendy Speciale
    - Office Manager, x. 201
  - Kerry Nolan
    - Office Assistant, x. 205
  - 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 Manager, 225-7320

- **Music Ministry**
  - M. Virginia Pierce
    - Music Director
    - 4 p.m. Mass Choir, 227-7236
  - Susan Judkins
    - 9:30 a.m. Mass Choir
    - Young People’s Choir, 797-3719
  - Mary Kay Huber
    - Young People’s Choir, 957-8947
  - Steve Amico
    - 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir, 225-7338

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**This Week’s Prayer**

**Monday, December 16**  
Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.  
Margaret Lagnese by Anna DiVasto

**Tuesday, December 17**  
Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.  
Pearl Gray by Dennis & Cindie Phelan

**Wednesday, December 18**  
Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.  
Charlotte Nagel by David Nagel

**Thursday, December 19**  
Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.  
NO MASS – COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY

**Friday, December 20**  
Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.  
Cosmo A. Plantone by wife Amalia & children

**Saturday, December 21**  
Late Advent Weekday

**Sunday, December 22**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. (Sat. Vigil)  
For St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

8:00 a.m.  
David M. Scheg by Dave & Gloria Scheg

9:30 a.m.  
Deceased Members of Przybycien, Maslanka & Patynski families
  - by Florence Przybycien

11:00 a.m.  
NYS Trooper Andrew Sperr by Sperr family

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This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

**Joseph A. Cropo, Jr.**

- At the request of Mrs. Carol Cropo and Quentin Cropo

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**Readings for the week of December 15, 2019**

- **Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
- **Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- **Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- **Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- **Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- **Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- **Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- **Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Our time, talent and treasure

Stewardship

I AM the Vine,
you are the BRANCHES
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
2019-2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

November 30 & December 1, 2019 Collection

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As of December 6, 2019

2019-2020 CMA goal is $157,563
So far we have received $63,676 from 313 donors

Save the date! Sunday, January 26th

After all masses, we will be hosting a St. Lawrence Reunion and Open House Celebration for all alumni, parents and parishioners who continually and so generously support our school. This is our kick-off to Catholic Schools Week! Join us for coffee and donuts while you tour the school building, walk down memory lane and share your stories with former classmates and teachers! We hope to see you there!!
WHAT’S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, December 16
School Club-Deacon Hall 2:00pm
Girl Scouts-Deacon Hall 5:30pm
CYO –Gym 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 17
School Band Lessons -Deacon Hall 1:00pm
CYO Basketball –Gym 5:00pm
Scouts-Deacon Hall 6:00pm
Faithful Voices - Church 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 18
Cooking Club –Deacon Hall 2:00pm
School Christmas Concert-Church 7:00pm

Thursday, December 19
CYO –Gym 5:30pm
Song Prayers-Church 7:15pm

Friday, December 20
Pre-School Christmas Pageant-Deacon Hall 9:00am

Divine Mercy-Church 2:30-3:30pm
Staff Christmas Luncheon-Deacon Hall 3:00pm
CYO Basketball-Gym 5:00pm

Saturday, December 21
CYO-Gym 8:00am
First Penance - Church 2:00pm
Confessions During Advent 2:00pm

Sunday, December 22
RCIA-Deacon Hall 10:30am
CYO-Gym 12:00pm

Tree of Love
A quick reminder – all gifts need to be returned this Sunday, December 15th by 12:00 pm. Gifts should be unwrapped with the stocking attached along with wrapping paper.

Thanks so much!

We need your help!
Can you help wrap presents from the Tree of Love? All you need is tape, scissors and approximately one hour of time. We will be wrapping presents in Deacon Hall, THIS WEEKEND, starting at 12:00 pm. Anyone can help! Please consider joining us. It is a lot of fun! If you have any questions, please call Debby Hoover at 227-9608.

House of Mercy Donations
NEW or Gently Used items:
Winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, wool socks
All sizes Infants to adults.
Extra large sizes 1X, 2X, 3X.

To donate call:
Jean Gilbert 585-225-2714
email: jeandrr@aol.com

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE:
2 P.M. Children’s Mass  4 p.m. Vigil Mass
10 p.m. Mass at Night

CHRISTMAS DAY:
9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Mass

Please note:
There will be NO confessions on the evening of Monday, December 16 due to scheduling issues. Thank you.

SHOPPING REMINDER
Each January, St. Lawrence Human Development Committee accepts your very gracious donations of **NEW** pairs of socks (for men, women and children) on behalf of Bethany House, House of Mercy, St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality and St. Peter’s. Last year, you helped us collect over 2500 pairs of socks!

May we suggest that you take advantage of the holiday sales to purchase a donation and set the socks aside for “Sock Sunday”, which will be held on


Once again, we thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate during this upcoming winter season!
Dear St. Lawrence School Families,

Advent is finally here, and the excitement is building at St. Lawrence School as we prepare to celebrate the start of the Christmas season! During Advent, St. Lawrence School will be devoting each week to praying for different people in our community in connection with our service activities so far this year. During the first week, prayers will be directed toward the hungry, especially those for whom we collected food for at St. Peter's Kitchen. During the second week, we will concentrate on clothing the poor, keeping in mind the boys and girls who we collected sports clothing and equipment for in other countries, as well as the poor who our outreach club members are making blankets for and our school will be collecting blankets for. The prayers during the third week will center on our own families, their well-being and our gratitude for them. These prayers will be said during morning program each day as we light the Advent Candles.

I would like to thank everyone who donated sports clothing and equipment for boys and girls in need who live in other countries around the world. It was so wonderful to see the many items that our students and families brought in, and I truly enjoyed seeing the smiles on the faces of our students as they gave back to others in need. I would like to thank Laurie Sansone for working with Intervol in order to organize this outreach activity for our school.

This year, St. Lawrence School is participating in the Amazon Smile Program. This program provides an easy way for anyone shopping on Amazon to support St. Lawrence School at no extra cost. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation to St. Lawrence. Thank you for all that you do to support our school!

There is no school this Friday, December 6th for our Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make sure that you have made an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress, and I look forward to seeing you all attend.

I hope you are all having a pleasant and peaceful start to your week. As always, thank you for all that you do for our students!

God bless,

Frank Arvizzigno
Principal

2nd Grade Extra PE Day, Thanks to the Lucky Walkathon Winner, Donnie!
Wrap Around Preschool

At St. Lawrence School, our Pre-K through 5th grade students achieve academic excellence and spiritual growth in a small caring community environment, rich with student centered technology, art, music, and before and after care programs.

PreK Info Night: January 21st at 6:30 PM
Kindergarten Info Night: January 22nd at 6:30 PM

Please call to sit in on a preschool class with your child during our PreK Visit Days: January 14th and January 24th at 9:00 AM

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