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Musings

By Father Lee Chase

Happy Easter to all of you!

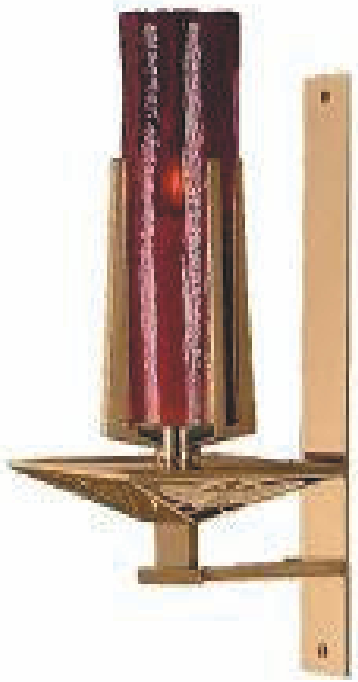
What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Sunday we had here at St. Lawrence. I was so enthused by the wonderful attendance and participation of our parishioners. My Easter prayer for all of you is that you will continue to rejoice in our Lord's resurrection and live your faith in that joy for ever! I want to thank all of the people who worked many hours in giving of their gifts that made our celebrations so wonderful: the musicians, the priests, the deacons, the decorators, the ushers, and all the parishioners. Thank you.

As we now move into the Spring and begin to think, ever so cautiously of the summer, I hope and pray that we can begin the process of slowly reopening our parish to "normalcy," whatever that will look like. I anticipate that changes will be made. And as time goes on, I will inform you of these changes. Let us all keep an open mind and heart and see change as an opportunity of grace.

One change that I am delighted to announce is that at the beginning of summer, we will welcome a new Faith Formation Director - Melissa Mang. As you read a few weeks ago, Jamie O'Mara has decided to retire at the end of July from that position. Jamie has been with us for 22 years and will certainly be missed (although she'll still be a parishioner of our community!). Melissa comes to us from Peace of Christ parish in the city where she has served in a similar position for the last 9 years. Melissa has much experience in Catholic education. She began her ministerial journey right here with Jamie! Melissa will join us at the beginning of June so that Jamie, Debbie Cichelli, Donna Gray, and she may work together for a smooth transition. Welcome to our staff, Melissa!

Lastly, while I haven't been writing about this, our CMA continues. To date, we have raised about 72% of our goal. If you haven't participated yet, may I ask that you consider making a donation? Our goal is $157,563 and, as of this writing, we have pledged $113,255.32. If we do not make the remainder of our goal ($44,307.68), we will have to take this out of our savings to pay the diocese. So, if you can, please participate. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



This week, we light the

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly families

By Ginny Pierce

Monday, April 12
Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Roger Palermo by The Glogowski family

Tuesday, April 13
Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Intentions of Matthew & Laurie Mirguet by Tom & Agnes Falbo

Wednesday, April 14
Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Cherie Compson by the Compson family

Thursday, April 15
Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Patty Lippa by Ron Lippa & family

Friday, April 16
Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Rino DiBello Dandrea by Cynthia Dandrea

Saturday, April 17
Easter Weekday
4 p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Sunday, April 18
Third Sunday Of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass for Mary Donoghue by Suzanne Mangano
9:30 a.m. Mass for Tony Cinotti by Bill & Carol Howard
11:00 a.m. Mass for Father Frank Falletta by Priscilla & Bernard Bezio

Readings for the week of April 12, 2021

Monday, April 12:	Acts 4: 23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 13:	Acts 4: 32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 14:	Acts 5: 17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, April 15:	Acts 5: 27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday, April 16:	Acts 5: 34-42/ Jn 6: 1-15
Saturday, April 17:	Acts 6: 1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday, April 18:	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2: 1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

STEWARDSHIP

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

Attendance March 27-28 2021
Total 611
Attendance April 3-4 Easter 2021
Total 866

March 27-28 2021 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	$10,310.00	$16,200.00	$(5,890.00)
General Maintenance	$474.00	$1,040.00	$(566.00)
School Support	$98.00	$360.00	$(262.00)

April 3-4 Easter 2021 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	$19,091.66	$16,200.00	$2,891.66
General Maintenance	$889.00	$1,040.00	$(151.00)
School Support	$582.00	$360.00	$222.00

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	9:30 am
	11:00 am
Monday - Friday	8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation
As scheduled, 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 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.

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Pastoral Associate, x. 212
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Senior Deacon, x. 201

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Maintenance, x. 201

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Donna Gray
Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485
Debbie Cichelli
Office Manager, 225-7320

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M. Virginia Pierce
Music Director, 227-7236
Susan Judkins
9:30 a.m. Mass Choir, 797-3719
Steve Amico
11:00 a. m. Mass Choir, 225-7338

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Spring "Desert Days"

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"Desert Days" are special days for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. As we continue to navigate these challenging times, give yourself an opportunity to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart.

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Three dates for Spring: May 5th; May 19th and June 2nd.

*Note that in order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each "**Desert Day**" to fifteen (15) people—open to men and women.*

The day begins at 8:45am and concludes at 3:00pm . During your time with us, our priests are available for confession and/or conversation and will offer mass at the closing of our day.

The **cost is $25.00** and includes lunch!

To register, please contact us at 585-394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.

Save the Date: May 6th, 2021
Diocesan Virtual Social Ministry Conference

Please save the date for this year's Social Ministry Conference. It will be held the morning of Thursday, May 6th. It will be virtual this year and free to all those who wish to attend. There will be a keynote and breakout sessions along with short presentations to learn about easy ways to get your social ministry committee going again post pandemic!

The Second Sunday Of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (1 Peter 2:2)
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, hat in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

GLORY TO GOD
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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.

FIRST READING (Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35)
The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24)
R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His mercy endures forever."
R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the Lord helped me.
My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just.
R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.
R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING (First Letter of Saint John 5:1-6)
Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

GOSPEL (John 20:19-31)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Cf. John 20:27)
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, / and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

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