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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

The new year always brings new opportunities, new challenges, and new blessings. Our new year at St. Lawrence Church began quietly. The celebrations of Mass at Christmas were especially beautiful. I want to thank all of our volunteers who helped to decorate the Church. The musicians, as always, gave everything that had to bring that beauty to us and lift us in sung prayer. I hope your Christmas was a good one filled with much love.

As time goes on, you'll notice that we'll be sharing with you more and more information about Masses and other opportunities for prayer with our neighboring parishes. For example, the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God was not an obligatory feast this year. Our neighboring parishes of St. John's on Ridge Road, St. Charles Borromeo, and Mother of Sorrows did celebrate Masses for that feast. St. Lawrence and St. Mark's celebrated the Vigil Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany. In this kind of sharing, we hopefully will begin to see more and more the Catholic Church of Greece coming together as one and not see each other as rivals or competitors. We are one Church.

Because of the holidays and the publication schedules of our bulletin company, I haven't had the chance to share with you a change of staffing here at St. Lawrence. After many years of being with us, Bob Gray has retired as Maintenance Supervisor. Bob was here early in the mornings to make sure that doors

were unlocked and snow was shoveled. He watched over our buildings and grounds as if they were his own! We owe him much thanks and wish him well on his retirement. Taking over that position is Christian Gilardoni. You may have already met him. We're glad to have him aboard and hope he'll be with us for many years to come!

There are no updates regarding the COVID 19 protocols as of now. The New York State regulation about wearing a mask at public gatherings, including Masses, is in place until January 15. I will let you know if there any changes. I strongly encourage you to continue to wear a mask even after that date. The pandemic is far from over and we need to take care of each other and ourselves.

In a few weeks, we will begin the registration process for St. Lawrence School for the 2022/2023 school year. Our school is a large part of our parish! We have grades Pre-K Age 3 to Grade 5. If you or someone you know is considering pre-K or elementary schools, suggest St. Lawrence! Our principal, Frank Arviizzigno is very glad to answer any questions you might have. Just contact him!

Lastly, as winter rolls on—please be careful when driving to Church or walking through the parking lot when it is snowy and icy. Thank you! Have a wonderful week and stay safe and healthy. Fr. Chase

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



***There are still many dates available
to schedule the Sanctuary Lamp to be
lit in memory of your loved one.***

Please call the rectory office

@585-723-1350

Monday, January 10

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Anna Rotoli by family

Tuesday, January 11

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joseph Beltrami by Cindi Grotke

Wednesday, January 12

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Father Bernard Dollen by John & Mary O'Connell

Thursday, January 13

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Thomas A. Oldfield, Jr. by Mrs. Betty Furia

Friday, January 14

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Jane, Levi & Charles Burke by Gene & Mary Kay Volpe

Saturday, January 15

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Anthony Marcucci by family

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase
10:00 a.m. Mass for Lawrence Amico by Mr. & Mrs. James Cook

Readings for the week of January 10, 2022

Monday, January 10:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 11:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 12:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 13:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 14:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 15:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 16:	Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Attendance December 24 & 25, 2021
 Total –1,368
 Attendance December 26, 2021
 Total—562
 Attendance January 1 & 2, 2022
 Total—740

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 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.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
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December 26, 2021 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$11,737.45	\$16,200.00	\$(4,462.55)
General Maintenance	\$653.00	\$1,040.00	\$(387.00)
School Support	\$185.00	\$360.00	\$(175.00)
Christmas Collection	\$15,972.00		

January 1 & 2, 2022 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,540.20	\$16,200.00	\$(2,659.80)
General Maintenance	\$677.00	\$1,040.00	\$(363.00)
School Support	\$1,312.00	\$360.00	\$952.00

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
Senior Deacon, x. 201

Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale
Office Manager, x. 201
 Kerry Nolan
Bookkeeper, x. 205

Christian Gilardoni
Maintenance, x. 201
 Katrina Cohen
Maintenance, x. 201

Faith Development Ministry

Melissa Mang,
Faith Formation, 225-7320
 Donna Gray
Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485
 Debbie Cichelli
Office Manager, 225-7320

Music Ministry

M. Virginia Pierce
Music Director, 227-7236
 Susan Judkins
Song Prayers, 797-3719
 Steve Amico
Faithful Voices, 225-7338

Each January St. Lawrence Human Development Committee accepts your very generous 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. In 2020 we collected 2,491 pairs of socks!

“Sock Sunday” this year will be held the weekend of January 15-16, 2022. Please bring new socks to church by Sunday at 11 AM.

Once again, we thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate during this winter season.

St. Lawrence Human Development Committee

ST. LAWRENCE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2022

	EMHC	Lector/Greeter
Jan-08-2022 Saturday 4:00 PM	John Andreano Mili Calvo	Sharon Fronheiser
Jan-09-2022 Sunday 8:00 AM	David Zeh Kevin Doell	Scott Breiner
Jan-09-2022 Sunday 10:00 AM	Beth Jamison Kathy Edsall	Shirley Alexander
Jan-15-2022 Saturday 4:00 PM	Alma Jastrzembki Jeanne Sutton	Eugene Welch
Jan-16-2022 Sunday 8:00 AM	Sue Ellen Sahmel Tom Emerson	Jeffrey Hoover
Jan-16-2022 Sunday 10:00 AM	Cathy Leonardo Chuck Romano	Barbara Packard
Jan-22-2022 Saturday 4:00 PM	Candy Minchella Diane Kozlowski	Lisa Martone
Jan-23-2022 Sunday 8:00 AM	Nancy Beck Sue Barker	David Zeh
Jan-23-2022 Sunday 10:00 AM	Jerry LeBlanc Rose Marie Gruttadauria	Chuck Romano
Jan-29-2022 Saturday 4:00 PM	Bob Mayer Rick Antelli	Joe Kelly
Jan-30-2022 Sunday 8:00 AM	Eddie Ehrmentraut Jim Kutrybala	Joan Ciero
Jan-30-2022 Sunday 10:00 AM	Chet Edsall Moureen Young	Paul Lobene

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Cf. Matthew 3:16-17)

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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)

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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.

Or:

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh,
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like
ourselves.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (The Book of the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every

valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30)

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING (The Letter of Saint Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

GOSPEL (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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, the offerings we have brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (John 1:32, 34)

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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