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As I'm writing this bulletin column, we're a couple of days away from the Garage Sale. But I want to take a moment and, first, thank Steve and Patty Amico and Peter and Beth Garrisi for all their time and effort in helping to organize and run the sale! And I want to thank all of our parish volunteers for helping with the intake, the set up, the sale itself, and the clean-up. Many hands make for light work. Thank you to all.

I was thinking that even before the doors opened, this sale like all the previous ones is already a success. The coming together of our parishioners in one effort is a great thing. And I know that for many people in our region, this sale enables them to buy Christmas gifts and birthday gifts, to set up their new homes, to replace lost and treasured items. It may seem trivial to some, but a parish garage sale is a true ministry. Thank you!

Keep in my mind some things that are coming up:

The St. Lawrence School Walkathon will be here before you know it. Next week, we'll have students from St. Lawrence School inviting us to support the Walkathon.

Also, on Saturday, September 23, our 4 p.m. Mass will serve as the opening Mass for the school year. I invite all St. Lawrence School current and former students and their families to attend that Mass.

CYO Soccer season is here. Good luck to all of the St. Lawrence CYO teams!

Family Faith Formation is beginning. Please contact Debbie or Amanuel in the Faith Formation Office for more information. Also, if you have a son or daughter who is ready to prepare for First Penance and/or First Communion, please talk to Debbie or Amanuel.

Eighth Graders who are ready to begin Confirmation should contact Donna Gray in her office. It is a two year program, so contact us soon.

Lastly, take a moment to enjoy the cooler weather and welcome the Season of Autumn. The change of the season is a chance to once again welcome the Holy into our lives.

It's great to see the Church filling up again! Let's keep that momentum going. Please encourage our families who left during Covid to come back. We miss them.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, September 18

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joan Asmuth by Mike & Patty Fredericks

Tuesday, September 19

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joseph Lawrence by The Sadowski Family

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30a.m. Mass for Deacon Jim & wife Mary M. Chatterton by Gerald Connor

Thursday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 a.m. Communion Service, prayer for Priestly Vocations

Friday, September 22

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Anna Rotoli by Her Family

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 4:00 p.m. Mass for Neil Moore by Wife & Family

Sunday, September 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase 10:00 a.m. Mass for Joseph J. Testa & Rosanne Testa Mulee by Testa Family; Mom, Joey, Patti & Larry



This week, we light the Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

Gerry Bader

By Wife, Patricia Bader

Readings for the week of September 18, 2023

Monday, September 18: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20:1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Friday, September 22: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday, September 23: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-6a

Attendance September 2 & 3, 2023 Total-817 Attendance September 9 & 10, 2023 Total-984

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.

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 at the rectory 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 pm - 4 pm Phone: 723-1350 fax: 723-1361

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September 2 & 3, 2023 Collection

| | Amount Received | Weekly Budget | Surplus (Shortfall) |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$14,211.86 | \$13,750.00 | \$461.86 |
| General Maintenance | \$1,007.00 | \$807.00 | \$200.00 |
| School Support | \$450.00 | \$403.00 | \$47.00 |

September 9 & 10,, 2023 Collection

| | Amount Received | Weekly Budget | Surplus (Shortfall) |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$12,472.58 | \$13,750.00 | \$(1,277.42) |
| General Maintenance | \$569.00 | \$807.00 | \$(238.00) |
| School Support | \$291.00 | \$403.00 | \$(112.00) |

Parish Staff

Rectory Office 723-1350

The Very Rev. Lee P. Chase, V.F., S.T.L. Dean, Monroe West Deanery for the Diocese of Rochester, Pastor, x 207

St. Lawrence School

Crystal Criticos - School Principal, 225-3870

Finance Administration

Marisa Stieve Regional Finance Director, x.206 Dawn Nudo Regional Finance Manager, x 205 Cameron Hyzy Regional Business Manager, x203

Pastoral Ministry

Deacon David Squilla Pastoral Associate, x. 212 Deacon Manny Asis Senior Deacon, x. 201

Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale Business *Manager, x. 201* Jim Grotke *Maintenance, x. 201*

Faith Formation Ministry

Amanuel Malik
Regional Faith Formation Director
(585) 663-2244, x106
Debbie Cichelli
Regional Faith Formation
Administrator, 225-7320
Donna Gray
Regional Youth Ministry/CYO,
225-1485

Music Ministry

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

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, September 18

CYO Cheer - School Gym 2:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.
Human Development Mtg. - Deacon Hall 6:15p.m.

Tuesday, September 19

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.
Scouts Mtg - Deacon Hall 5:30p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.
Daises - Deacon Hall 4:00p.m.
Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

Thursday, September 21

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 4:00p.m.

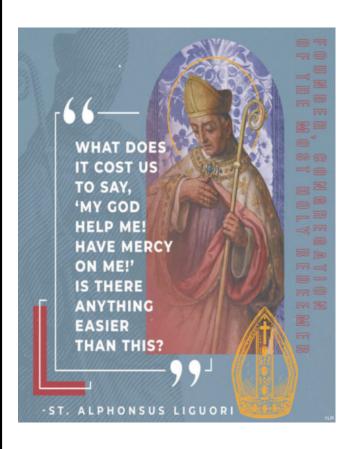
Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 11:00a.m. School Welcome Social - Deacon Hall 5:00p.m.

Sunday, September 24

Rosary Group - Deacon Hall 11:00a.m. Confirmation Classes - School 11:15a.m.



Pastoral Planning: Highlighting the Holy Cross Stewardship/Evangelization Committee

The Holy Cross Stewardship/Evangelization Committee meets 2-3 Saturdays each month. The committee has organized a Rosary Crusade, Sunday video series, nursing home ministry, and worship book give-away, among others. The committee is currently preparing a Divine Renovation survey to gauge the engagement of parishioners. There are also plans to install a free spiritual library outside the Church.

SEPTEMBER SHARE SUNDAY

We will "Fill the Bus with Books" for our Share Sunday collection on September 24th to help the Rochester Academy Charter School (RACS) stock their new library. RACS strives to ensure every student's readiness for college through a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focused education with the belief that literacy in Math and Science is critical for participation in civic and economic life.

They have requested **ONLY NEW** books focused on **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math** for grades K-12. Book Topic Suggestions:

Science – Science Fiction, Nature, Rocks, Minerals, Animals, Oceans, Solar System

Technology - Computers, Inventions, Digital Art, Graphics, Coding

Engineering – Minecraft, Legos, Robotics, Drones, Architecture

Math – Cookbooks, Sports

Geography (Current) - Atlas, World Maps, Globes

Book Series Suggestions:

National Geographic Kids Explore My World Series by various authors

Spectacular Stories for Curious Kids series by Jesse Sullivan

STEM Starters for Kids series by Jenny Jacoby

Amazing Scientists series by Julia Finley

Steve Spangler Science Experiments for Kids series by Steve Spangler

Ready, Set, Code series by various authors

Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole

A Wrinkle in Time Quintet series by Madeline L'Engle

Choose Your Own Adventure series by R.A. Montgomery

Mason Falls Mysteries series by various authors

NFL Today series by Jim Whiting

Please **NO textbooks, encyclopedias, or dictionaries**! Please drop off your book donations at church by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 24th. Thank you for your generosity! Your Human Development Committee

A message from Hope Hall School:

Dear Friends at St. Lawrence Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of much needed school supplies to Hope Hall. Your contribution helps provide our students with access to the education and support system children who learn differently need and deserve.

Hope Hall is a private, non-sectarian school for children in grades 3-12 who have Central Auditory Processing delays and other learning challenges such as ADD, and/or ADHD, and some forms of Autism which puts them in the low-normal range of ability. They experience huge learning difficulties in the traditional educational settings.

You are having a significant impact not only on their learning, but also on their lives. Our children not only learn all the academic subjects, but they also learn that they matter and are worthwhile. This understanding enables them to grow in values such as respect, empathy, and service to others. They can embrace and practice these values because they have Hope.

A personal note from Sister Diana Dolce, Executive Director:

My dear faithful friends at St. Lawrence. I am so deeply grateful for you for these fabulous school supplies and your very kind support of our children. As our children get ready to come back to school, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for all you have done, and continue to do, to help support the education of our children, and provide them with Hope—now, and for their future! I can never thank you enough for helping to change their lives. You are such truly good people and the way you take the Gospel and your call to discipleship so seriously is awesome. I continue to pray for all of you every day.



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