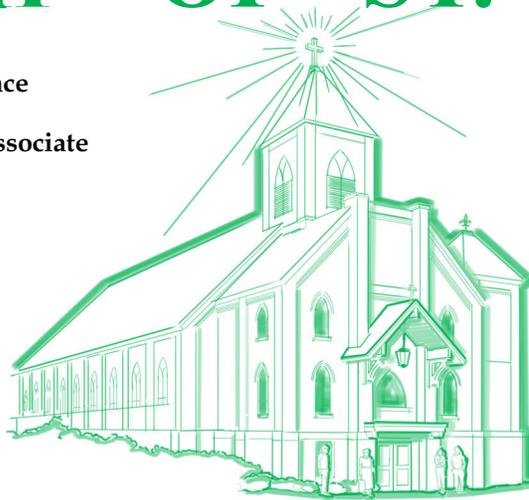


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PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY WEEKEND

February 13th & 14th, 2021

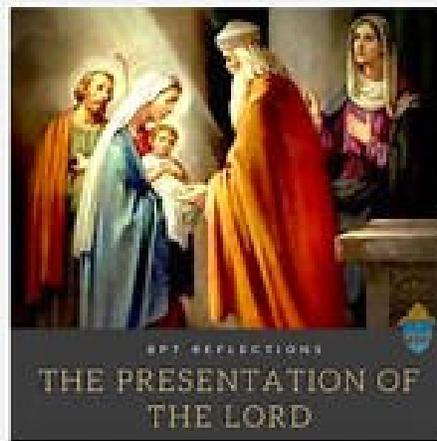
Advocacy Issue: Funding for NOURISH NEW YORK initiative

The COVID-19 pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure – many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic.

NOURISH NEW YORK is a NYS initiative that provides a lifeline for food insecure families and for farmers who have been struggling with the changes brought on by COVID-19. It provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This offers support to farmers, fishing community, and food processors AND provides food to individuals and families.

Help us keep this initiative alive! Learn more, and sign the petition in support of NOURISH NEW YORK at <https://www.dor.org/petition/>

For more state-wide Catholic action, visit the New York State Catholic Conference's Catholic Action Network at www.nyscatholic.org/action-center. There you can see all the active alerts and register for updates. You can also sign up for text alerts by texting CAN to 50457.



Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is an early episode in the life of Jesus, describing his presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem in order to officially induct him into Judaism, that is celebrated by many Christian Churches on the holiday of Candlemas. It is described in chapter 2 of the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament of the Christian Bible. Within the account, "Luke's narration of the Presentation in the Temple combines the purification rite with the Jewish ceremony of the redemption of the firstborn."



We Welcome those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Ryan William Sayles** son of **Steven and Sarah**.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2021

(Celebrated in Parishes February 6th-7th)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6th-7th, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 1, 2021

Weekday

7:30 a.m. For All Priests, Religious & Parishioners of St. Jerome by Laura

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

7:30 a.m. Josephine Miceli by Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:30 a.m. Laura Fioravanti by Anna LaFarciola

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Bill Heap by Milt & Dee Dries

Friday, February 5, 2021

First Friday

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 a.m. Norm Adams by Pat Pittinaro & Jim McGee

Saturday, February 6, 2021

First Saturday

8:00 a.m. Rev. Anthony Calimeri by Sister, Helen Napoli

4:30 p.m. Jessica Maranzano, 3rd Anniversary Remembrance by Grandma & Grandpa Boyer

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

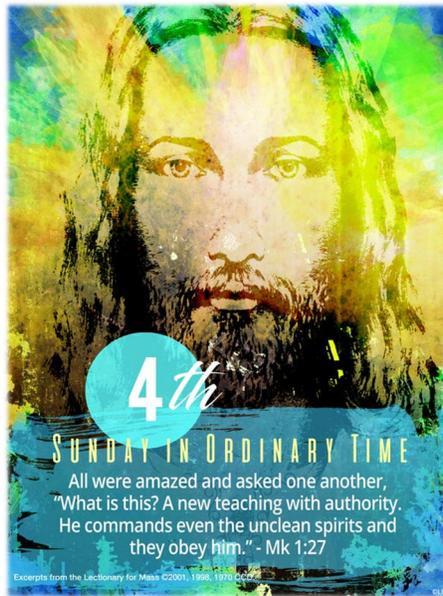
8:00 a.m. Genevieve Richichi by The Richichi Family

10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish



Updates to Military List

We are asking for your help in updating our Military Prayer List. Please let us know if you know of a person on the Military List that is no longer serving in the Military. If a person on the list is still serving in the Military but has been elevated to a new rank. If you have a new person in the Military that you would like to add to the list. If you have any helpful information or questions, please contact Denise in the Rectory Office at estjerom@dor.org or call 586-3231.



Christ, Our Light

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Diocese has launched the 2020-2021 **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**. The theme for this year's annual appeal is **Christ, Our Light**, hearkening the scriptural passage John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church, and comes back to help our parish.

Fr. Leone asks that you make a "pledge" as soon as possible. Your pledge can be paid in installments through May 2021. Our goal for St. Jerome's is **\$80,090.00**.

CMA Update

Goal: \$80,090.00
Pledged to date: \$60,047.00
Number of Donors: 167
Accomplished 74.97% of our goal.

Please Pray for Those in the Military:



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

1st Lt. Alex V. Alfieri
 PVT. Kyle Anderson
 Brandon Beauchamp USAF
 USMA Matthew Blejwas
 Specialist Aaron Brochu
 Airman Rachel Brock
 BM3 Mary Carr USN
 Captain Craig Carlisle
 Chief Master Sgt. Matt Clancy
 Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
 1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
 AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
 Captain Brian Findlay
 Lt. Kurt Findlay
 Sgt. Daniel Frate
 CW5 Thomas Grove
 Cpl. Kevin Harte
 LT. Bart Hicklin USN
 CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
 Sgt. Ryan Jackson
 HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
 Ryan LaFountain
 PVT. Jack Leonardo US Army
 HM3 Marcella Levato USN
 Bryan McAuliff USN
 PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
 HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
 Staff Sgt. Nathaniel McAvoy
 CPT. Richard R. McPhee
 CPT. Shannon McPhee
 Sgt. Joseph Merritt Jr.
 PVT. Megan Rossi USMC
 Airman Alesa Whelehan
 Sgt. Christopher Whelehan

Let Us Pray

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.



In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially **Anthony Morabito and Andrew Place**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

Good News!

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 18:15–20; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God’s voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: “The one with authority.” But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses’ position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, “Who died and left you boss?” comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one’s life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? “By their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:16).
-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

January 31, 2021

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn’t this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we’re sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when we’ve been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

-Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

HOLY DAYS

Please consult Bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office 586-3231

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.



Collection for January 24, 2021	
Total Collection Sunday	\$7,624.70
Sunday Envelopes	\$6,638.70
Sunday Loose	\$743.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Postage	\$10.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
Candle Money	\$83.00
Total Attendance	249