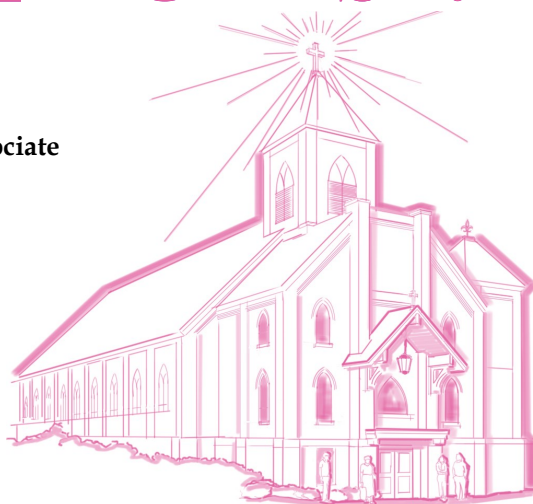


CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

Rev. William B. Leone: Pastor
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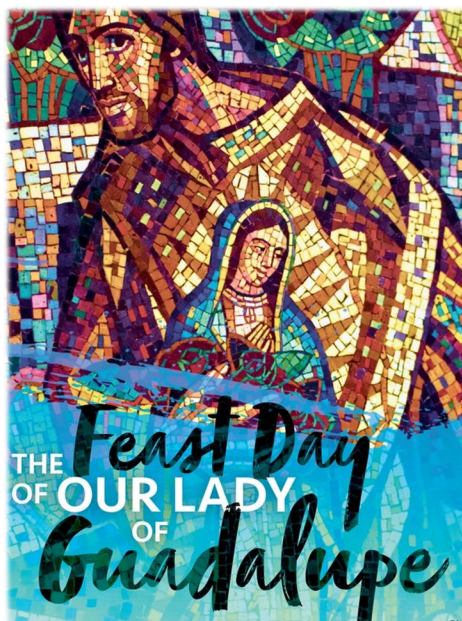
Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3676 would like to recognize Kevin and Jackie Tomko as our Family of the Month for December 2022. The Tomkos have raised their children and grandchildren within the faith and provide a constant presence at St Jerome's on a weekly basis. We would like to congratulate them for the example they set for so many others in the parish. Thank you, Tomkos!

Last Weekend for Gift Cards

We ask that all gift cards for the needy be returned to church in the collection box, or to the rectory office, on or before Sunday, December 11th.

Thank you for your generosity.
—The Social Ministry Committee



There will be no Sunday coffee hour in the month of December. We look forward to gathering with you in January!

CMA Update

Goal: \$92,000.00
Pledged to date: \$43,511.00
Number of Donors: 145
Accomplished 47.29% of our goal.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

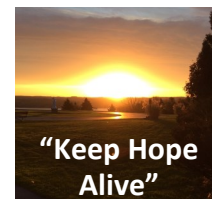
Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th

◇ 4:00 p.m.
◇ 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th

◇ 8:00 a.m.
◇ 10:00 a.m.

Men's Retreat Weekend
January 20-22, 2023



Men's Retreat will be on the weekend of January 20-22 2023 at Notre Dame Retreat House. This year's theme is "Keep Hope Alive".

Come and journey with us this year on retreat with your parish men. Allow yourself time along the road to slow down and reevaluate your walk with the Lord and others.

For details or to make reservations, please contact Mark Brown at (585) 383-8734, mbrown@gravertech.com, or ndlynch@rochester.rr.com.



Monday, December 12, 2022

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. *Tim Duffy, birthday remembrance*, by wife, Kimmie

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 a.m. *Bob Willette, memorial remembrance*, by Teresa, Eva, and family

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. *Giuseppe Spano*, by Michela Palucci

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Marisa Ballatori*, by Mom

Friday, December 16, 2022

Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Joseph Russo, anniversary & birthday remembrance*, by Dolores & family

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Late Advent Weekday

4:30 p.m. *Rocco & Mary Platino*, by family

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. *For the people of the parish*
10:00 a.m. *Virginia Schepis*, by children



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 12, 2022

3:30 p.m.—Legion of Mary

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

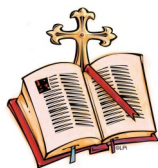
6:00-7:00 p.m.—Faith Formation K-5

7:15-8:15 p.m.—Faith Formation 6-7

7:15-8:30 p.m.—Confirmation Prep

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

6:00-7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal



Lectors:

If you will be away or unavailable during the next schedule (January-March), please contact Nicole in the parish office at 586-3231 or nicole.fantauzzo@dor.org no later than December 18th. Thank you!



Altar Servers:

If you will be away or unavailable during the next schedule (January-March), please contact Altar Server Coordinator Michael at mfantauzzo4@gmail.com, no later than December 18th.



Chunky Soup Donations

The Knights of St. John's Ladies Auxiliary has adopted a "Chunky Soup" shelf at the Resource Center. This is a product that is in high demand. We are asking our parishioners who want to participate in this food drive to drop off a can or two in the box provided in the foyer of the church. The Auxiliary thanks you for your participation.

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.

Brandon Beauchamp USAF
2nd LT Matthew Blejwas
Specialist Aaron Brochu
Airman Rachel Brock
BM3 Mary Carr USN
Captain Craig Carlisle
Captain Todd Cimicata USN
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 C. Grove
CPT John P. Hansen 7 SFG (A)
1LT Michael X. Hansen 1-182 IN
Cpl. Kevin Harte
LCDR. Bart Hicklin USN
CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
Sgt. Ryan Jackson
HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
PFC Jaden H. Kuhn, USMC
Ryan LaFountain
HM3 Marcella Levato USN
Bryan McAuliff USN
PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
SFC. Nathaniel McAvoy
Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt Jr.
CPT James Revekant, USMC
CPT. AJ Spacher US Army
Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan
SR Darroch Zingg USN



REMEMBER in your prayers

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. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

Good News!

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Once, as I was teaching a theology course to college students in their twenties, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. They were shocked. "What's wrong with being happy?" they protested. "Nothing," I said, "it's simply not the purpose of life." "But God wants us to be happy," they insisted. Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that's simply not what life is about.

Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back doors of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow and mourning would flee away (Isaiah 35:10). Joy is God's doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality—peaceful, serene, and nurturing—even when life may be unsettled.

—Fr. Joseph Juknialis



Dear Padre

December 11, 2022

I struggle with depression, and sometimes it gets really bad during the holidays. When is it morally acceptable to use antidepressant medication?

You are not alone. People who struggle with depression often find the holidays especially difficult. To answer your question, it is morally acceptable to use antidepressant medications when a medical professional judges them to be the best response to the condition of the patient. As we learn more about the causes of depression and other disorders that challenge the sense of equilibrium in people, we hope that the most reliable responses may be found and employed to restore a sense of peace to those suffering from these ailments.

Evaluation and treatment of depression must be done within the context of a person's whole life. Depression often involves a chemical imbalance in the brain, and some people respond quite well to antidepressants. For others, the best treatment might be counseling or psychotherapy. Or both medicine and therapy. As each experience of suffering is unique, so, too, must be the response.

Frequently people will be embarrassed to admit to suffering with depression or consider it a sign of weakness or inability to deal with matters in life. Such thinking is of little help in resolving the issue. People who experience depression need the love and support of family and friends to accompany them in the suffering and to assist in their healing. —From *Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices: 50 Questions from the Pews*, © 2011 Liguori Publications



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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)

PARISH STAFF

Judy Joslin, Faith Formation Coordinator

Nicole Fantauzzo, Secretary

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Alessio Giacobone, Music Director

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John Schroth - Grand Knight, 585-202-1673, more info: www.KofC.org

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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.

Are you having trouble hearing Mass?

Saint Jerome's is equipped with a hearing-impaired loop system. We also have a new hearing technology that does not require hearing aides. If you are having trouble using our loop system with your current hearing aides, or if you'd like to know more about this new hearing technology that does not require hearing aides, contact John Schroth at 202-1673 or

Collection for December 4, 2022

Total Collection Sunday	\$9,960.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$8,083.00
Sunday Loose	\$1,413.00
Candle Money	\$190.00
Catholic University of America	\$15.00
All Souls	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$239.00
Total Attendance	491