MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Church of St. Jerome, believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Empowered by this belief, we seek through the celebration of the Mass, to be Christ’s presence in the world. Having celebrated the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the Holy Mass, we strive to build Christian community through prayer and service. We humbly place all our efforts under the special patronage of the Blessed, ever Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our mother in the faith.

Opportunity to Learn More About the Catholic Faith

“If Today You Hear My Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts” (Isaiah)

There are many among us who wait for a word, an invitation, or a prayer to have the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and partake fully in worship and service. We offer the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program to welcome those who are seeking this experience. It is open to those who have never been baptized or baptized in a different Christian faith. Also, baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, or would like the opportunity to learn about the faith, can inquire.

Is there someone you can invite by personal invitation or by sharing this information with them? Would you like to be a sponsor?

Please fill out and return to the Rectory by mail or put in collection basket. If you have any questions, call 586-3231.

NAME ________________________________
PHONE ________________________________
ADDRESS ________________________________

___ I am interested in the program.
___ I am interested in being a sponsor.

Mandatory Parent Information

Meeting for Religious Ed (K-6)
Tuesday, September 13th from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the Church Hall.
Immediately following, 7th grade and Confirmation Prep I & II, will meet from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. This meeting is for all parents who have a child enrolled in Faith Formation classes or Confirmation Preparation.

Religious Ed Registration

Required Registration for those who have not yet registered will be available during the meeting. If you haven't registered your child yet, please take this opportunity to register.

Religious Ed (K-6) classes will meet Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. The 7th grade class and Confirmation Prep I (8th grade) and Prep II (9th - 12th grade) will meet Tuesdays from 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. All classes will begin Tuesday, September 20th.

Youth Group is open to grades (9-12), and middle school students who have already been Confirmed. Youth Group will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Youth Group will include Catechesis, fellowship, and mission work.

Liturgy of the Word will be offered during the 10 a.m. Mass for preschool-elementary age children. If you are willing to volunteer your time and talent to work with the children during the 10:00 a.m. Mass, please contact Gina or Janene in the Faith Formation Office at 586-3231.

Women’s Retreat 2016

Save the Date!

Please save these dates! The Women’s Annual Retreat will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, this year the weekend of September 30th - October 2nd. The theme is “Our American Catholic Heritage, Past, Present and Future.” The conferences will focus on how Catholicism has evolved, shaped and influenced us as a nation and individually; the importance of Catholicism for us now and in the future. Please call Becky Bubb to have your questions answered or to make a reservation. Becky can be reached at 377-8149 or by e-mail at abubb@rochester.rr.com. Hope that you can join us!

St. Jerome Mission Group

We need your help if you are between the ages of twenty and forty, and you would like to help us add new Parishioners to St. Jerome’s, come join the Mission Group. For more information please call Denise at the parish office at 586-3231.
Monday, August 29, 2016
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
7:30 a.m.  William Tando by Friend

Tuesday, August 30, 2016
Weekday
7:30 a.m.  Antoinette Morreale
Galambos by Mark & Sarah DiSanti & Maryann, Nicholas & Neal DiSanti

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
Weekday
7:30 a.m.  Julia Nicolucci

Thursday, September 1, 2016
Weekday
7:30 a.m.  Joanne Fiorino by Husband, Sam

Friday, September 2, 2016
Weekday
7:30 a.m.  Genevieve Beato Ferre by
Daughter, Sandie Ferre
Simpson

All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, September 3, 2016
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
4:30 p.m.  Thomas Rosati by Frank & Sylvia Taverrite
Josephine Gasharre by Mary & Richard Pugliese
Deacon Kenneth Arnold by Tom & Donna Ecker

Sunday, September 4, 2016
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.  For The People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.  For the Intention of Herb & Jackie Allen, 50th Wedding
Anniversary by Joe & Maryann Perkam
George Ball by Roxane Crupi & Laura & Stan Niles
Lana Booher by Mother, Ania Balkiewicz

Liturgical Ministers (that includes altar servers)! If you will be away during the next schedule (October-December) please contact Denise in the Parish office at 586-3231 as soon as possible and no later than August 31st. Thank you.

St. Jerome’s Annual Parish Picnic Save the Date
The annual picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2015 at Eyer Park in the Peter Quinzi Lodge.
Tickets for the picnic can be picked up after all weekend Masses or at the Rectory starting next weekend, August 27th & 28th. There is no charge for the ticket. We will be accepting a free will offering the day of the picnic.

There will be great food, music, trivia, bocce, fun and games for both kids and adults! Picnic starts at 12:00 noon. Food will be served at 1:00 p.m. If you'd like to play in the 2nd annual Bocce Tournament, please call Michele Conners at 248-5165 to reserve your 2-person Team. If you'd like to contribute a prize basket, please call Christa Stewart at 406-3777 or at christarstewart@gmail.com or Tim Bates at 330-8924 or timbates@frontiernet.net.

Beginning Experience of Rochester
Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced Catholics. Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated, and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend program will be held at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, October 14th - 16th, 2016. For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

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 Albert Piacelli, Sister Karen Considine and David Skwieralski. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

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Please note daily Mass for Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, will be held at 9:00 a.m.

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GOOD NEWS!

August 28, 2016

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 / Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a / Lk 14:1, 7–14

In his 2011 commencement address to Northwestern University, comedian and talk-show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. “One of the things I was taught early on,” he said, “is that you are not the most important person in the scene.” The best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to “serve a common idea.” When someone demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus’ parable is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us. Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold. The figurative head of the table belongs to Christ first and foremost, and it is up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It is worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The only important one is Christ himself. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Dear Padre

August 28, 2016

May parishioners applaud at any point during Mass?

Is it appropriate for parishioners to applaud at Mass or after the closing hymn?

Applause may not seem to fit the solemnness of the liturgy, but there are times when it is fitting to applaud in church. I believe it is acceptable if our intention is to express approval, joy, and praise to God.

Music is a good place to begin. Liturgical music evokes prayer and adoration, helping us feel God’s presence and love. Its power or grandeur may lead us to applaud. Some choirs may take this response as directed toward their individual performance. However, God does speak through other people, and a parish’s music ministry can convey a message people need to hear.

Think of a wedding ceremony. I bet you celebrated the spouses’ introduction or first kiss with a resounding clap or cheer. Your response lifts up the new couple and shows your gratitude to God for making their love holy.

Similarly, in an ordination the people present a candidate to the bishop. When the bishop agrees, they are required to give a sign of approval, such as applause. Like before, the applause shows our thanks to God for this new priest and our commitment to support and pray for him.

Christians express praise and thanks to God in many ways: song, praying in tongues, even applause. As part of our liturgy, it can be an acceptable way to express a joy beyond words.

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Note: Due to the bulletin going to press early, the collection figures for August 21, 2016 will be published in a future bulletin. Thank you.

Focus Pregnancy Center
Presents
A evening with
Father Peter Van Lieshout
Father Peter Van Lieshout will be speaking about Pro-Life Issues.
When: Thursday, September 8th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: St. Patrick Parish Center
115 Maple Avenue, Victor, NY
Complimentary catered meal of deli sandwiches and salads will be served.
We hope you will take this opportunity to support Focus and its ministries with a kind donation.
RSVP: themays73@yahoo.com or Call Rick Paoletti 585-489-9555.