

November 16, 2025 – Thirty – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Nov 15th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday – Nov 16th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Martin Hession (Steinberg Family)

Monday – Nov 17th – Weekday – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9AM Intentions of Dolores Bonk (Mary Scolavino)

Tuesday – Nov 18th – Weekday – Dedication of Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul, Apostles

9AM Deceased Members of the Scolavino Family (Mary Scolavino)

Wednesday – Nov 19th – Weekday –

9:00AM Helen Brezina (Mary Scolavino)

Thursday – Nov 20th – Weekday –

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Nov 21st – Weekday – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM Margaret Durns (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Saturday – Nov 22nd – Weekday – St. Cecillia, Virgin & Martyr

9:00AM Cecylia Brzuska (Mariola Pratt)

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life!

Lynda Stefanski, Peter Libasci, Joseph Bonk, Tom Trotter, Dave Blessing, Jeff Olimpo, Matt Sebastiano, Maria Middleton, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Russ Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bethany Steinberg, Joann Thaler, Julie Petry, Steven Fusco, Greg Gambino, Patrick D. Brown, Douglas Defreest, Jr., Benny LoScalzo, Steve Ombalski, Jane Burger, Ginny LaBar, Michael Gawronski, Marciano Alves Viera, Bernadette Maszczak, Shawn Kelly, Beth Collins, Nikia Helfant Messier, Anthony Libasci, Louis Cortese, Faith Marie Messier, Ann Lewis, Alvin LaBar, Emma Jones

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

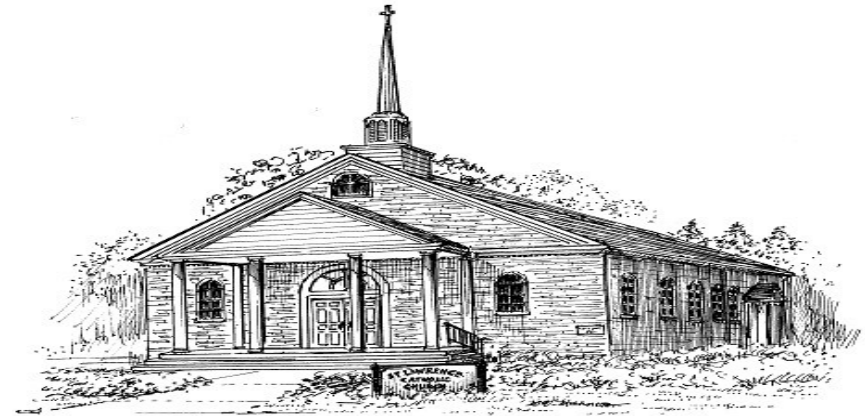
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday @ 9:30AM – 11AM

Confessions: Saturday @ 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ Church. Via Appointment - Contact Rectory

Holy Name Society: Meets Monthly; Second Monday @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall (Sept – May)

Altar Rosary Society: Meets Monthly; Second Thursday @ 7PM (Sept – May)

Lay Carmelite Community of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes: Meets Monthly, First Saturday Following the 9AM Mass in Ceader Hall.

Marthas & Marys Ministry: Faith based group, meets First Friday @ 11:30AM @ Ceader Hall

Weddings: Contact Rectory for Details. Plans Preferred Minimun 6 Months in Advance.

Parish PREP Classes & New Parishoners: Contact Rectory via Phone or email.

Rectory Office: Mon-Fri @ 9:30AM – 12 noon

Pastor's Corner! November 16, 2025

We are in the midst of the Catholic Charities 2025 Appeal to support the needy. The various Offices of the CC {Catholic Charities} do great work in extending the compassion of Our Lord to thousands of people in need throughout the Five County area. One of those Offices is the Office for *Nutritional Development Services*, which oversees the many groups within CC's responsibilities. NDS oversees the collection of food, clothing, and other essential supplies for babies and new mothers. The *Lord's Pantry*, hosted by St. John the Baptist Parish in Ottsville, is one of those sites that represent the Archdiocese; they do an outstanding job of caring for the needy in our area. Last week, the AOP's Office of *Nutritional Development Services* sent a letter to all pastors, appealing for help from their parishes. Because of the Government shutdown, virtually all food banks across the area and the County are down to 50% of the food that they would ordinarily have on hand to face the winter needs of the needy. This is a crisis! In light of this request, it was time for St. Lawrence Parish to establish something I had been tossing around in my mind: a parish group dedicated to collecting throughout the year food and supplies for those in need. Recently, two women of our parish stepped up to the plate to organize such an effort. They are Marion Sampaio and Maureen O' Brien. I am so grateful for their enthusiasm and the

generosity of their time and talent. Initially, we had planned to launch a food drive after the New Year, when we would have had time to plan. However, the urgency in that letter from NDS has forced us to recalculate our timeline.

Consequently, we plan to conduct a **Food Drive** next weekend, **November 22nd and 23rd**. This would avoid the Thanksgiving Weekend, when many are traveling and away from Riegelsville. You will find a list of suggested dried and canned foods inserted in this bulletin. Additional copies will also be available in the church vestibule. Similar info will be found on the Parish website. You will also receive an eblast later in the week as a friendly reminder. For those of you who intend to bring a donation, please place it outside the Baby Room. As I write this Pastor's Corner, there is speculation that the Government shutdown is about to end. Regardless of whether it is or not, the destructive effects of the shutdown will persist for a long while, and I ask you to be as generous as you can. As I mentioned, we haven't had a chance to sit down quietly and establish long-term plans or strategy, but you can be certain we will host such drives with some regularity. I ask you to be ready to contribute to those who often live week to week, sometimes day to day, in need. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

Your brother in Christ,



Collections: November 9 Parish @ \$2393, All Souls/Saints Days @ \$45, Christmas Flowers @ \$30, Seminary Appeal @ \$315. Thank You.

Special Collection: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary: ongoing throughout November.

Catholic Charities Appeal: began October 11-12 with in pew envelopes. Remember donation via check are payable to: Catholic Charities Appeal; NOT to St. Lawrence. Thank you.



FOOD DRIVE – 2025

BENEFITTING THE LORD'S PANTRY
St. John the Baptist, Ottsville

November 22 & 23 Saturday/Sunday
Tangible donations will be collected at St. Lawrence during our weekend Masses Nov 22-23. Monetary donations (cash), or if check, payable to: The Lords Pantry. Items would then be purchased by pantry staff for the benefit of the needy.

All proceeds will be transported to St. John's on behalf of our parishioners.

Suggested are: peanut butter & jelly, chunky style soups, cooking oil, coffee, tea, shelf stable or powdered milk, canned

meats and fish, juices, cereals. They also need paper goods: tissues, toilet paper, soap, dish and laundry detergent, shampoo, tooth paste etc.



Wreaths Across America: Ceremony @ St. Peter's Lutheran Church, @ 12Noon, Dec 13. Immediately following is the placement of wreaths at Veterans grave sites @ Riegelsville Cemetery. Wreaths for purchase @ \$17 each calling 877-385-9504 or on line with location ID as PARGVL, sponsorship ID is PA0731



The **March for Life** will take place Friday, January 23rd. We are trying to anticipate the cost of the Bus and if there will be enough participants from both St. John the Baptist & St. Lawrence Parishes. If you anticipate participating in the March, would you be kind enough to let Fr. Benn know? Responding at this time will not be interpreted as a commitment on your part, but before we make a commitment to the bus company, we need to know if it is financially feasible. Thank You!