

April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday – April 25th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Leon Mackiewicz (Senior Family)

Sunday – April 26th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Dave Blessing (Olimpo Family)

Monday – April 27th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday – April 28th – Easter Weekday – St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

9:00AM Blessing for First Holy Communion Recipients & Family

Wed. – April 29th – Easter Weekday – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

9:00AM Prayers & Blessings for Vocations (Parish Community)

Thurs. – April 30th – Easter Weekday – St. Pius V, Pope

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distributions Only

Friday – May 1st – Easter Weekday – St. Joseph the Worker

9:00AM Lillian Race (Senior Family)

Saturday – May 2nd – Easter Weekday – St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

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, **Bernie Boylan**

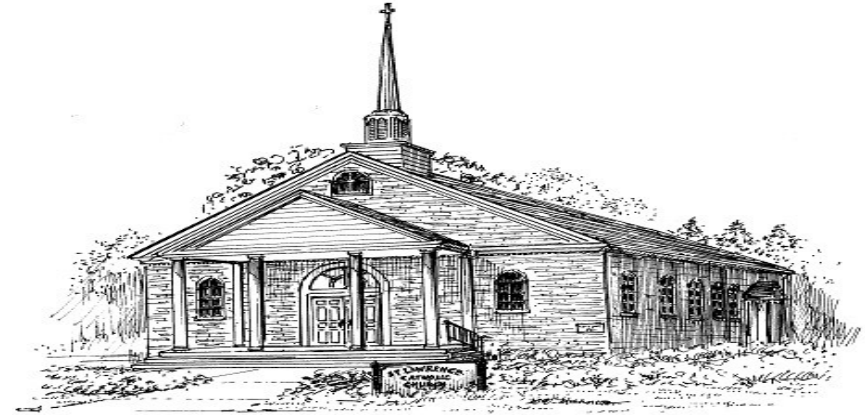
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 April 26, 2026

Before another week goes by, I want to use this week's space to express my gratitude for all of the good things that we experienced and benefited from during the 7 weeks of Lent, Holy Week, and now these days of Easter celebration. I list in no particular order:

First, I want to thank the M&Ms for setting up and breaking down Cedar Hall of the 7 Lenten Soup Suppers, which they hosted every Friday of Lent. This is a lot of work for 70- and 80-year-olds, but they never complain; instead, they rejoice that parishioners are gathering and spending time together over delicious soups, great breads, knock-out grilled cheese sandwiches, and other great food, which parishioners surprised us with each week. The real star of those nights was the homemade soups that our ladies made. On some nights, there were 5-7 cock pots simmering away with magic simmering beneath their lids. Ladies, we are very grateful to you for going to the trouble of shopping and cooking up all of those meals.

Special mention should be made of Antonio DeVito a former student of our PREP program who made the grilled cheese sandwiches, and Nora & Nicollete Radus and Acadia DeVito current PREP students who kept the buffet tables filled and walked among the tables waiting on parishioners who wanted refills or seconds.

Liturgically, we are indebted to the choir and cantors who, under the leadership of Roberta Ward, provided the direction and voices which our liturgies needed, particularly during Holy Week.

If you are enjoying the beauty of our Easter Sanctuary, look no further than the Altar & Rosary leaders, Mary Senior and Mary Gambino; they did all the planning, ordering, and arranging, and for them, it is a work of love.

One of the key components of any liturgy is the Sacristan, and in Nick Danford, we have a great Sacristan. So many responsibilities fall on their shoulders. Throughout the summer and on weekdays throughout the year, Nick spent a lot of time organizing, polishing, and repairing the things we would need for the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week Seasons. Frequently, when a Lector or Eucharistic Minister is unable to make their assignment, it is Nick who is asked to fill in, often without any warning. Most parishioners aren't aware of it, but Nick has repaired or completely rebuilt closets in the Sacristy and the old Altar Server's room; improved the lighting in these rooms; and obtained a new safe, which replaced the old... the very old, heavy-weight. In general, the entire area behind the Sanctuary has more space, is far more organized, cleaner, and brighter. He has done this while helping the any parish groups in need of assistance. When the Collection Ladies needed assistance in delivering the food you donated, attending to a family member who needs constant attention, and accommodating his pastor, who occasionally springs things on him at the last minute.

Another group that should be recognized is our Ushers/Greeters, most of whom are members of the *Holy Name Society* and *Knights of Columbus*. Did you ever meet a group of men who were more welcoming?

Often, they are the face of St Lawrence Parish to visitors attending Mass.

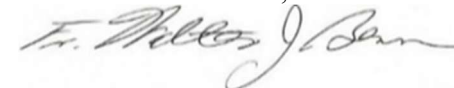
Then, there are those who are responsible for the *Live Streaming* of every one of our Sunday Masses including special liturgies such as those celebrated during Holy Week. I am so happy and proud that St. Lawrence provided this opportunity for shut-ins to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist at our church. We have a very nice system, but, like all technological systems, it requires constant attention. The man who sacrifices much of his time to keep our Video system and the video/audio systems in Cedar Hall operating as they should is Bob Steinberg. Without Bob's expertise and unselfishness, our system would never reach its full potential. Right behind him are sidekicks, Tracy Meadows and Rich Perrone. They are great videographers and over the last two years, have trained middle-school-age students to take on this responsibility. The latest was Deacon-Intern Joshua Schultz's son, Gabriel, who spent more than a few Sundays behind the camera in the choir loft. Kudos to these two parishioners who recognize the importance of inviting and encouraging young parishioners to believe that they have a place in the life of the Church... that we want their fingerprints on the life of their Parish.

In the midst of all this, were the *M&M's* hosting our monthly *Coffee & Donuts*. They were also behind the scenes assisting the *Holy Name Society*, which hosted a very enjoyable *Night at the Races + St. Patrick's Day Social*.

Finally, I could not conclude this note of gratitude without recognizing Deacon-

Intern Joshua Schultz. Joshua came to St. Lawrence in October and was a gift to us from day #1. No matter what was asked of him, he responded with enthusiasm and energy. Our role as a parish was to expose him to as many aspects of parish life as possible. Despite his obligations as a university professor, a husband, a father of five children and weekly classes at St. Charles Seminary in preparation to become a Deacon, Joshua served us in many capacities in all of our liturgies. We were blessed to have him share the gift of his faith. And grateful to his family and his spiritual family of St. Isadore's for sharing him with us.

I would like to share more, but I've asked you to read a lot only because it is important for you to know that there are small groups of parishioners who choose to share their Time & Talent with us, their spiritual family of St. Lawrence Parish. I invite each of you to consider offering your own Time and your own Talents for the life of our Parish. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: April 19 Parish @ \$3584, Easter @ \$150, Fuel @ \$60, Easter Flowers @ \$10. Thank You!!

May Procession: Sunday, May 3rd following the 9:30Am Mass

Coffee & Donuts: follows the May Procession on May 3rd

Blooming Bingo @ St. John The Baptist, Ottsville. Friday, May 1, Doors Open @ 6PM, Games Start @ 7PM. See Flyer for additional details.