

October 19, 2025 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Oct 18th – Vigil Mass

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

Sunday – Oct 19th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Intentions of Wanda Bickel (Dolores Bonk)

Monday – Oct 20th – Weekday – St. Paul of the Cross

9AM Frances Heinrich (Tom Labant)

Tuesday – Oct 21st – Weekday –

9AM Mary Dolan (Dolan Family)

Wednesday – Oct 22nd – Weekday – St. John Paul II, Pope

9:00AM Joseph A. Nowicki (Senior Family)

Thursday – Oct 23rd – Weekday – St. John of Capistrano, Priest

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Oct 24th – Weekday – St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9:00AM Nancy Bernius (Dolan Family)

Saturday – Oct 25th – Weekday –

9:00AM Safe Return of All Hostages to Their Families

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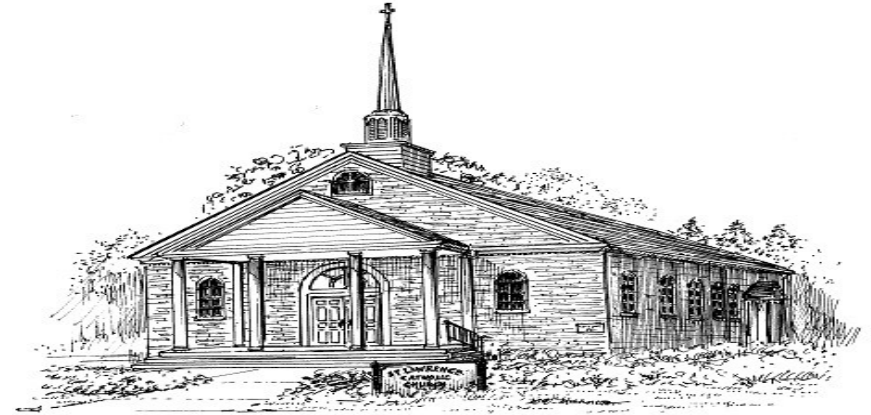
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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! October 19, 2025

A quick reading of this weekend's Scriptures would lead us to believe that their emphasis is on *prayer*, which is true. However, there is a second point of emphasis which is even more important; namely, that we must ***persevere*** in prayer. One would think that God should be grateful that we are taking the time to seek Him out in prayer, and He is; however, we must consider this weekend's First Reading and the Gospel. Moses seeks to support the outnumbered Israelite Army fighting a desperate battle. He ascends to the top of a hill, arms raised in prayer, interceding for the Israelite people and their small army. However, this senior citizen cannot sustain this posture for the many hours of the battle. He needs the help of two young men who will hold his arms up for God to work through until the battle has been won. In the Gospel, Our Lord references an experience that many people of His day could identify with. A Judge, who is supposed to defend the innocent and seek the truth in every case which comes before him, refuses to ensure justice for a widowed woman. Her situation is only compounded because she is without a man in her life. Keep in mind that in the ancient world, women had very few rights or influence in society. The corrupt judge knows this and, for a long time, ignores her case. Yet, with courage, she perseveres with her appeal for justice, and in the end receives it. The common denominator in these stories? ***Time!***

For reasons we don't always understand, but must trust that God, in His Wisdom, sometimes slows things down. He sees the wisdom of it.....we are at a disadvantage because we can't. We can only look at our crisis through the *Eyes of Faith*, and that is scary and painful. All we know is that we or someone we love is going through something terrible, and we believe that God is the only one who can resolve it. We appeal to Him to bring the power of His love to bear. He responds with a request for us to wait and trust. As much as we don't like to admit it, we must remember that God does respond and that He does address our troubles. It might not be quickly or in the way we expected, but in the end, He will bring good out of the bad we are suffering. It takes courage; it takes humility; **it requires time**, and a spiritual kind of maturity. Finally, it requires a good memory, i.e., the ability to remember how often in the past, God transformed moments that seemed impossible and unfair. This is the reason the Crucifix is our symbol. Even Jesus was asked to wait and trust in the Father's love for Him while on the Cross.

My brothers and sisters, I know my words sound so correct, but that doesn't take away the difficulty of walking that trail by oneself. I know many of you have or presently are struggling to trust in Our Lord as you walk through a crisis. It is a terrible thing to feel powerless. All I can share with you is that as I watch you and listen to you, I know you are going about this journey in the right way, and I believe Our Lord will respond

to you in the right way. The Father has a Wisdom which we don't have. He sees everything in our lives and hearts in the *Big Picture*. Trust that His love for each of you is always in play, even when it defies understanding. This was a tough lesson for the ancient Israelites to learn; it was tough for Our Blessed Mother to embrace after the Angel Gabriel walked out the door following her Fiat; it was tough for the Twelve Apostles and Jesus' Disciples to learn on Good Friday; it was tough for Jesus to trust throughout His terrible Passion. In the Father's wisdom, time is the great filter that screens out all of the bad things that are part of the troubles we bring to Him. Parents? Recall the experiences you had/have when one of your children is going through a crisis. You feel for them; you don't want their dignity or heart to hurt; yet, you also know that what seems to them to be the solution to their crisis is not necessarily the solution. So, what do you do? You asked them to trust you and embrace the slow route. They feel that "your way" is unnecessarily prolonging their pain; yet, you know from your life experiences that this is what will contribute to their healing. So, what do you do next? You ask them to trust in your love for them.

I ask you to do two things: #1 Trust in Our Lord's love for you. #2 Remind me of my own words when I am going through my next dark time. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: October 12 Parish @ \$1675.
Catholic Foundation @ \$2037. Thank You.

Special Collection: October 18/19,
[Mission Sunday](#). In pew envelopes
available.



Altar & Rosary Fundraiser

Please join us on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. Paint your own 2
Christmas glass ornaments. Mary
Reshetar, a professional artist, will show
how to paint on glass Christmas
ornaments. Snacks will be provided.
BYOB. \$25.00 pp. Payment in advance,
checks payable to St. Lawrence, Altar
Rosary Society. Payment can be put in
brown box in church vestibule.
Contact Kathy Twomey by Nov. 7, 2025
to reserve your spot.
Cell 610-564 7706
Kathyamaccarthy@gmail.com

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.