

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

Saturday – April 4th – Easter Vigil Mass

7:30PM Tom Murphy, Deceased Usher of St. Lawrence (Altar Rosary Society)

Sunday – April 5th – Easter Sunday - Mass is Streamed Live - Includes Incense

9:30AM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Monday – April 6th – Weekday – Within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM Maureen Baraica (Mary McKeon)

Tuesday – April 7th – Weekday – Within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM Louis Cardella (Mary McKeon)

Wed. – April 8th – Weekday – Within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM First Responders

Thurs. – April 9th – Weekday – Within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distributions Only

Friday – April 10th – Weekday – Within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM Protection of Our Armed Forces & Veterans

Saturday – April 11th – Weekday – Within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM Good Health for Expecting Mothers & Their Babies

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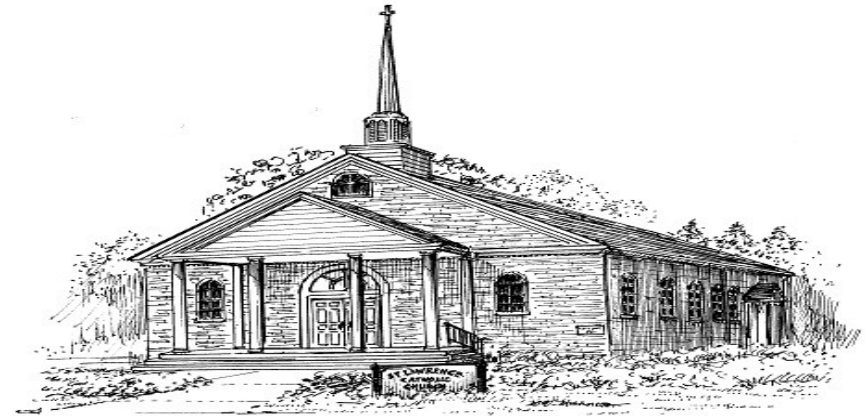
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 5, 2026

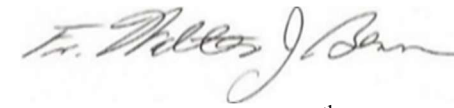
"Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has been raised!" My Sisters and Brothers, can you imagine how the followers of Our Lord felt when they heard that news? Can you imagine how liberating it felt for them to be able to spread this Good News to all who were followers of Jesus?

For a moment, let us reflect on the roller-coaster of beliefs and emotions which all of them went through from the time they first heard of Jesus, the first time they listened to Jesus, the first time they personally encountered Jesus. Those moments must have been liberating experiences. He convinced them, that no matter what baggage they were carrying around with them from the past; the Father was ready to love them if they would just take responsibility for their choices. The Joy emanating from Jesus was more powerful than all of the darkness that had been a part of their lives. The Master impressed upon them, that God's love was potent enough to reverse anything bad within their lives. How liberating it must have been to not only be freed of blindness or leprosy, but also from the many other physical handicaps that people suffered in those days, such as the unexplained ailments that people suffered such as epilepsy,

MS, Parkinsons, children and adults with a speech impediment, infants born with autism or other unexplained birth defects. Today, it seems impossible that people in the time of Our Lord would presume or teach the belief that these terrible afflictions were a consequence of their terrible sins. Our Lord's choice to be faithful to the task which the Father had given Him, when he sent Him into our very wounded world at Christmas, coupled with the Father's tasking Jesus to embrace the awful death of the Cross, were the Father's answer to Evil's wounding of every person who foolishly toyed with Evil's way. Through the Resurrection, the Father reversed any influence that Evil had achieved. Jesus' Resurrection was proof positive that there is no expression of Evil that God's Love will not reverse; and it is all there for us to enjoy eternally, **if only we own those times and ways in our loves, when we reject or refuse God's Wisdom.....God's Love.** That was what Lent was intended for. It was period when we could identify those aspects of our life where we still are reluctant to completely trust the Father with our journey back to Him..... with our happiness. Now it is time to celebrate how we have grown, even if it is a tiny bit. The more we place ourselves in the Father's hands, the more His Peace will

become part of our lives. It certainly involves risks, choosing to be humble and risking being vulnerable. If we wonder what they will be like, we need only to look no further than the earthly life of His Son, which as we celebrate today ended in the Garden on Easter Sunday morning.

Your brother in Christ



Collections: March 29th Parish @ 4445, Easter Flowers @ \$215, Easter @ \$750, Donation @ \$500. Thank You!!

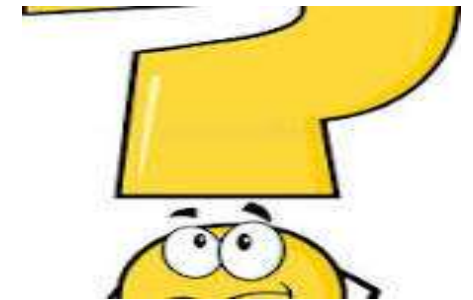


Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Parish Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass. This event, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, is open to all Parish children. Please remember to bring a basket and your camera:>

Holy Name Society: meeting Monday, April 13 @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall.



Divine Mercy Sunday: All are invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 11th and Sunday Morning, April 12th. The Chaplet begins immediately following the singing of the closing hymn at Mass.



IS THIS YOU?? Action item as the following addresses are not current and undeliverable. Advise parish office:

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