

June 29, 2025 – Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Saturday – June 28th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Patricia McBreen (Senior Family)

Sunday – June 29th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Pope Leo XIV (Fr. Benn)

Monday – June 30th – Weekday – The First martyrs of the Holy Roma Church

9AM: **NO MASS:** Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Tuesday – July 1st – Weekday – St. Junipero Serra, Priest

9AM: **NO MASS:** Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Wednesday – July 2nd – Weekday

9:00AM: **NO MASS:** Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Thursday – July 3rd – Weekday – St. Thomas, Apostle

9:00AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – July 4th – Weekday – Independence Day

9:00AM: **NO MASS:** Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Saturday – July 5th – Weekday – St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

9:00AM **YES Mass Today** - Souls in Purgatory (Helfant family)

Note: Mass Requests Scheduled for This Week Have Been Moved to a Future Date
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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

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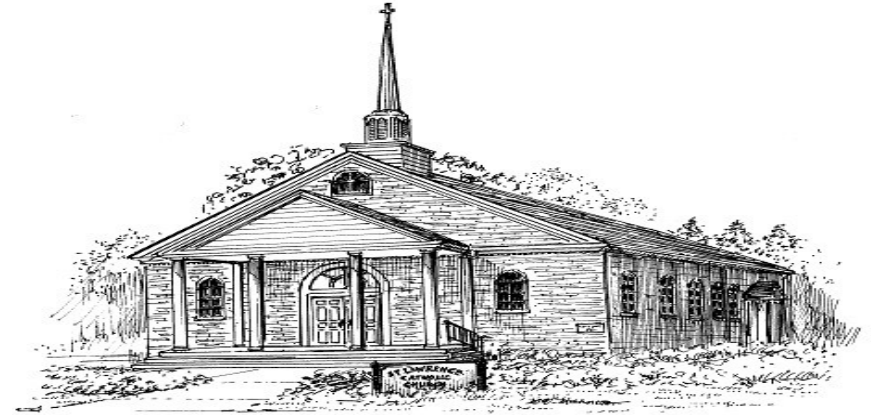
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 Thurs. @ 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

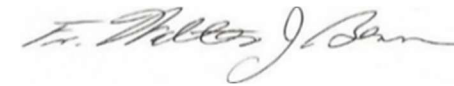
Pastor's Corner! June 29, 2025

On this weekend, we celebrate a Feast which ordinarily doesn't occupy much of our attention, but should; namely, the *Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles!* Both were Jews, both were fervent in the Jewish beliefs, both sinned grievously against Jesus. Peter was impetuous and presumptuous. Paul was self-righteous. Despite their serious sins, they were good men who struggled to understand God, the teachings of Our Lord and the final piece in God's plan for the Salvation of mankind; namely, that it would be the **Church**, under the leadership of Peter, the Apostles and their successors, who would be responsible for making certain that every person, of every generation, in what is left of human history would have the opportunity to know how to be in right relationship with God, while they lived in this world.

Reflecting on the lives of St. Peter or St. Paul can be overwhelming, not because they were complicated men, or that their courage, their holiness, their decisive leadership was so impressive and therefore impossible to match. No! Rather, the challenge to getting our minds and hearts around Peter or Paul, is the magnitude of their conversion. They may have been essentially good men, but they were seriously flawed! Our Lord really had His work cut out for the Holy Spirit in these two men. They would have to let-go of many misplaced concepts about God, about the who and what the Messiah was, and about the fact that the Messiah was going to change their

world; nor would this transformation be accomplished by force, or intimidation, or miraculous power. Rather, God sought for the World to change itself by its choice **{Free Will}**; by trusting in His divine Wisdom; relying on the strength of His grace, and because of the inspiration of His Love. That is how God will defeat Evil in our world and our lives. We are greater players in this work, than we imagined, and truth be told, it is the reason why we are afraid of this work. Look at the incredible level of conversion which Western Society underwent in the early centuries during the life of the Church. It was because of the leadership inspired by Peter's and Paul's own **public** conversion, that people would choose to take the same risks; make the same choices and happily offer the same invitation for others to follow them. Now, it is our turn to make the same choices in both our personal and public life. As you have heard me remark before, to be in good relationship with Our Lord, it is not good enough to just stay out of trouble; rather, we must collaborate with Our Lord in defeating Evil whom humanity let loose in the Garden of Eden. Let us not be intimidated by such a responsibility, we are not alone. The Master stands beside us. Like a loving parent who tries to inspire their child to embrace something they are afraid they can't do, or won't like; Our Lord and all of the St. Peters, St. Paul's, St. Josephs and Blessed Mothers who have followed after them show us that the world needs for us to emulate their trust in Jesus His love for all of those in our lives. So, I encourage you my sisters and brothers

to pray each day, and when you do ask Our Lord, St. Peter, St. Paul, the Blessed Mother and all of the Saints to help you contribute to the defeat of Evil in our world, by living in the spirit of the Master's Faith in the all-powerful Love of the Father. We must remember that he can't transform our world, until we allow Him to transform us.



Collections: June 22nd Parish @ \$1810.
Peter's Pence @ \$25. Thank You.



Taco Night @ Ceader Hall: Saturday, June 28 following the 5PM Mass. All invited.



What's holding you back?

Most probably you are an active Catholic, and because you are, this question doesn't apply to you, as much as it does to another. We ask it, because in all likelihood, it applies to someone you know. No doubt there are people in your life who would find life in

the Catholic Church a real blessing. Without doubt, they would be a blessing to the Catholic Church. It is likely that there have been a few moments when they considered the idea of becoming a Catholic, but dismissed it. Perhaps, they felt they would be lost in the complex size of the Church. Perhaps the imperfections & sins of the Church turned them off. Perhaps, the commitment that the Church looks for from its members scares them. Perhaps, they feel they would not be able to grasp its teachings. As an active Catholic you know better! Yes, we are big! Yes, as an imperfect & sinful Church while we teach perfection and condemn what is wrong. Yes, we believe the Lord looks for us to be committed to following His *New Way!* With all respect for these concerns, tell them "You have to get past that". Share your belief with them that they would be happy in the Church and that they would be a blessing to the Church. Encourage them to make an act of faith by becoming a person of Faith. Let them know that you believe God's Holy Spirit is calling them. Then guide them to St. Lawrence's RCIA program. **Tuesday evening classes {7-8 PM} start September 9, 2025 and concludes March 31, 2026.** Additional info can be found by consulting the **orange** hand-outs located in the vestibule of the church; visiting the Parish website at saint-lawrence-church.org or contacting Fr. Benn through the Parish Office (610) 749-2684 or online at saintlawrence@verizon.net.