

May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday – May 2nd – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Maryanne Gillan (Fr. Benn)

Sunday – May 3rd – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Intentions of Barbara Itterly (Emmie Itterly)

Monday – May 4th – Easter Weekday –

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

Tuesday – May 5th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM Eugene & Theresa Della Croce (Helfant Family)

Wed. – May 6th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM World Peace

Thurs. – May 7th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distributions Only

Friday – May 8th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM Students & Children Preparing for the Final School Year Push

Saturday – May 9th – Easter Weekday –

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**

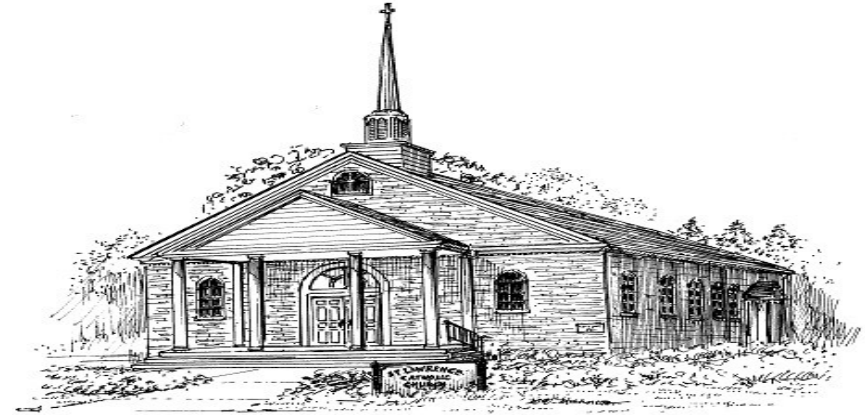
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 May 3, 2026

Over the last 4-5 weeks, pastors have been encouraged to promote and encourage their parishioners to participate in a number of wonderful events that will be available to them during the Spring, Summer, and Autumn. This week and next week, I want to use this space to bring them to your attention. They are not listed in any chronological order.

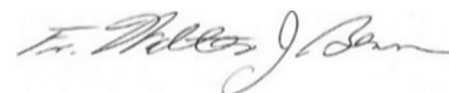
#1 ***The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage***: I don't know if the Bishops of Dioceses from the Midwest or West are doing anything like this, but the Bishops of Archdioceses along the East Coast, from St. Augustine, Florida, to Portland, Maine, have organized this Pilgrimage, which will be in conjunction with the celebration of our Country's 250th Anniversary. Not surprisingly, the Philadelphia segment of this Pilgrimage will be celebrated July 2nd-5th, 2026. Most of the activities will be centered in and around the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & St. Paul. The focus on the Eucharist will be prominent through Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. The ***Sacrament of Reconciliation*** will be offered regularly on three of the five days; Relevant Radio will lead the ***Family Rosary Across America*** at 4:40 PM on July 4th. There will be three Showings of the ***Cabrini Film*** also on July 4th. It all concludes with a ***Solemn Mass at the Cathedral*** (11:00 AM), followed by a Eucharistic Procession starting at the crypt of St. Katherine Drexel within the Cathedral and ending at Saint Peter's Church on Girard Avenue, where the remains of Philadelphia's other great saint, St. John Neumann, resides. Greater details can be found at ADELPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD. A copy

of the events schedule will be posted on the whiteboard in the Sanctuary.

For those of us living in Upper Bucks County, personally participating in any of these events will involve a lot of travel and walking. However, I would encourage those who have the health and the stamina to consider this.

#2 ***"New Faces of Hope"***. New Faces of Hope is an outgrowth of Catholic Charities. Possibly, you may be tired of the constant promotion of Catholic Charities, but everyone must understand that virtually all of the "Good Works" which the Catholic Church of Philadelphia offers and has accomplished over close to a Century have been accomplished through the organizational skills, enthusiasm, and dedication of the Catholic laity. The people and religious leadership of our Five Counties have been the engine that brings God's presence and hope to thousands of people in need every year. As Our Lord commanded, it does not matter the background of any needy person or family, child, or senior citizen. The only qualification for their help is that they are in need and often have no one else to turn to. Because the people behind the work of Catholic Charities go about their work so quietly, the story of their people [which should also be seen as **our** people] never has a face on it... We never hear their story. In ***New Faces of Hope***, each of us has the opportunity to hear their story and be encouraged to stay involved in their work through our donations and, hopefully, through our willingness to get personally involved as volunteers. **NFH** are 20-30-minute videos interviewing Catholics who dipped their spiritual toe into the troubled waters of the powerless, who got involved and stayed involved, choosing to become the face

of Our Lord to the needy of our five-county region. The women of our *Grace in Action* group are a good example of this. You can find these videos at catholicphilly.com/category/faces-of-hope/ I cannot encourage you enough to take the time to watch just one of them. When you do, you'll find yourself returning to the other videos, which are part of a growing series that is offered once a month. They become another example of the creative and energized people of our Archdiocese.



Collections: April 26 Parish @ \$3584, Easter @ \$150, Easter Flowers @ \$10, Fuel @ \$60 Thank You!!



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

Brunch to be held in Ceader Hall immediately following the May Procession May 3.

Altar & Rosary Trip

June 19, 2026, visiting the Shrine of Saint Joseph, Stirling, NJ
Lunch at Dora's, Clinton, NJ
Details to follow

Holy Name Society: meeting May 11 @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall.

75th Annual National Day of Prayer:

Thursday, May 7 @ 7PM @ St John the Baptist, Ottsville, cordially invites our parish to join in prayer. Together let us glorify God and pray for Peace.

Lord's Pantry: Thank you for the very generous donation of 523.4 pounds of food from January through March. Needed & appreciated.



Knights Of Columbus Bingo @ St. Lawrence Church, Friday, May 22, Doors Open @ 6PM, Games Start @ 7PM. See Flyer for additional details.

MANNA FOOD DRIVE. May 16 & 17



The newly named parish group "Grace in Action" will be facilitating the Manna food drive at St Lawrence. Our theme is health, hygiene and household. We will be handing out donation bags the weekend of May 9 & 10 for pick up May 16 & 17. See flyer for additional details.