

May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday – May 9th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Lillian Race (Senior Family)

Sunday – May 10th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Intentions of Mary Senior (Senior Family)

Monday – May 11th – Easter Weekday –

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

Tuesday – May 12th – Easter Weekday – St. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

9:00AM Intentions of Mary Pearl (Terri Oilmpo)

Wed. – May 13th – Easter Weekday – Our Lady of Fatima

9:00AM Expecting Mothers & Their Child

Thurs. – May 14th – The Ascension Of The Lord; HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00AM James Mooney (Fr. Benn)
12 Noon Safety & Blessings for Active Service Men & Women
7PM Blessing & Guidance for Those Suffering from Depression

Friday – May 15th – Easter Weekday – St. Isidore

9:00AM Intentions of Stephen Danford (Parish Community)

Saturday – May 16th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM Intentions of Bernie Boylan (Dolores Bonk)

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**

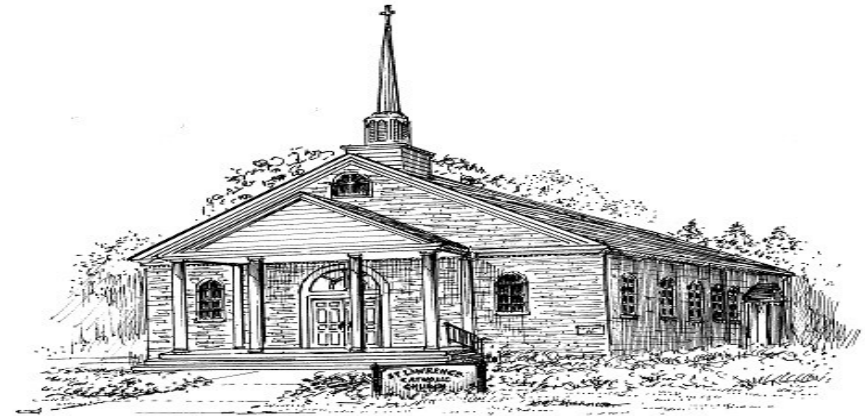
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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

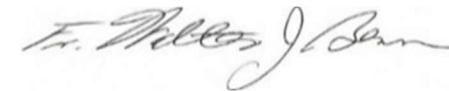
Pastor's Corner May 10, 2026

The words of Our Lord in today's Gospel are familiar to all of us, because we have heard them many times; yet, unless we read them slowly, again and again, pausing to ask ourselves what Our Lord meant or "is saying," we will fail to appreciate their true meaning. When you hear me say this, do not presume that it is easy for Fr. Benn to say this, "after all, he had ten years of studying these things, with Scripture professors breaking it all down for him". All that may be so, but the classroom part of our formation could only take us so far; ultimately, each of us **had** to meditate over the difficulties which the Apostles were wrestling with, in understanding Jesus' Messiahship and how Our Lord was challenging them to understand how His relationship with the Father worked. And, how it worked was Jesus' absolute Love of the Father, plus His absolute trust in the Father's love of Him and of everyone who would follow Him. Of course, the Apostles were having a difficult time believing that, because the Father seemed to be directing Jesus into confrontation with the religious leaders of their Nation and a certain death. It contradicted their preconceived notion of "how God worked". Big mistake! They could only feel a disconnect between what the Father wanted of Jesus and what they thought should be expected of Jesus as the *Son*. With 2,000+ years of hindsight, we can understand the Apostle's apprehension; yet, now, we should also appreciate that there is no difficulty, no Evil that the Father asks us to reject, no spiritual battle that He will fail to help us conquer; the level of the Father's love for us will see to that. Our Lord's Resurrection is proof of that.

Like a loving parent, whose children don't understand why Mommy, Daddy or Grand Mom or Pop Pop have to leave them after a wonderful visit, or have to go on long trip, or spend time in the hospital, their parents can only offer them the *gift* of their personal Faith in God's Love, which is grounded in their own lived-experiences of trusting the Father with everything that is important in their heart. If Mommy and/or Daddy have avoided that classroom in the Faith, they will be ill-equipped to inspire their children that God cares as much about them as they are being asked to trust in God's love for that loved one from whom they will be separated. Isn't it amazing that even when we are surrounded by people who love us, and whom we love, that when one of those loved ones is separated from the rest by circumstance we can't control, there is great anxiety, sadness, and worry. **God's Love was never meant to be interrupted.** This is why Adam & Eve's expulsion from the Garden must have been a cause of great heartbreak for God. This is what the Apostles were wrestling with, and how Our Lord was trying to teach them to address it: namely, to trust in the Love of the Father. It is not something one can see, control, influence, manage, or barter for. The Father's love can only be offered and accepted without condition, and ultimately freely shared. The people who don't take the Father's love for them seriously, who never give a thought to the *source* of all the blessings they enjoy, will never get it. They will always be like the Pre-Calvary Apostles, always anxious, always trying to control things, always looking for happiness in the wrong places, the wrong things, and with the wrong people. Until each of us accepts the fact that God does not revolve around us, but rather, we are to orbit around Him, we will

never have Peace; we will never be free of the awful experience of separation; we will never come to enjoy the gravitational pull of the Father's love for us and to Him. It is our responsibility to give ourselves a chance to discover the Father's goodness and His love for each of us; that it is Wonder-filled! That my sisters & brothers will only happen when each of us chooses to be persons of prayer, and complement it by being persons of a faith community, which is always grounded in the mystery of the Son's trust in the Father's love; namely, the Eucharist.

Your brother in Christ,



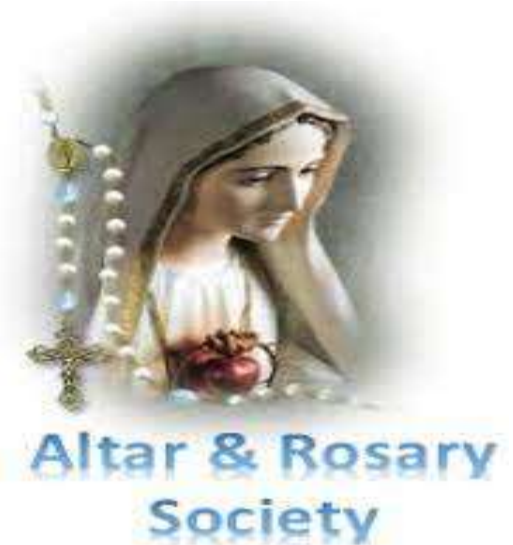
Collections: May 3rd Parish @ \$3671, Ascension @ \$10, Choir @ \$113, Donation @ \$1000, Catholic Foundation @ \$4438 Thank You!!

Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions: May 17 & 18.

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



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



Altar & Rosary Trip

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

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.