

June 7, 2026 – Feast of *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

Saturday – June 6th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Dave Blessing (Lay Carmelite Community)

Sunday – June 7th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Walter J Benn, sr. (Fr. Benn)

Monday – June 8th – Weekday –

9:00AM All Children Continuing Catholic Education Via Our Prep Classes

Tuesday – June 9th – Weekday – St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

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

Wed. – June 10th – Weekday –

9:00AM Expecting Mothers, Their Babies & Sanctify of Life

Thurs. – June 11th – Weekday – St. Barnabas, Apostle

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – June 12th – Weekday – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00AM Missionaries Throughout the World on Their Quest to Spread the Word of Our Lord

Saturday – June 13th – Weekday – The Immaculate of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM All Struggling With Addiction, Depression & Life's Challenges

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**

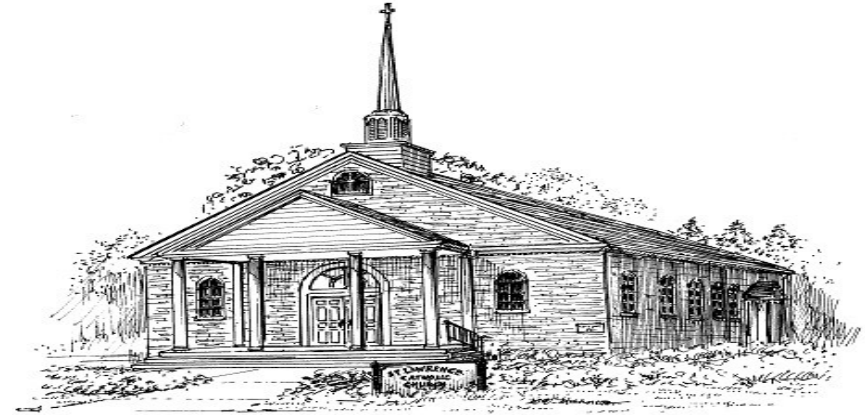
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 June 7, 2026

For Catholics, this weekend's *Feast of the Precious Body & Blood of Our Lord*, is something we are very comfortable with, because we see it as complimenting what we celebrated throughout Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Season: Holy Thursday, with its celebration of the *Last Supper*; Good Friday's returning to Calvary, site of the *Passion & Death of Our Lord*; Our Lord's *Resurrection* on Easter Sunday, including its 7 week celebration of the Season of Easter; and finally, Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate Our Lord's return to mankind through His Holy Spirit. Careless or indifferent Christians (and that includes many Catholics) do not see the linkage between all of these efforts of Our Lord and the gift that He made within them for us. They don't see it because they make no effort to immerse themselves in these mysteries. It sounds very judgmental, and maybe even elitist on my part, but in their mind, the burden is on Jesus to not only to break-out His crayons and explain it all to them, but they feel the burden is on Him to inspire them to believe. If they, who had witness Jesus cure the man born blind, only days before, had been in the crowd following the death of Lazarus, they would have been among those critical of Jesus, when He didn't do anything for Lazarus after Martha send word to Him of Lazarus' predicament,

Truth be told, the Eucharist is a mystery and always will be to the person who takes everything about Jesus **literally**. Certainly, one can understand this when it comes to listening to Our Lord's words to the Apostles, especially in St. John's Gospel. In the space of the 7 sentences of this weekend's Gospel, Our Lord makes 7 separate references to "**eating**" his Body and "**drinking**" His Blood. There can be no confusion that Our Lord used those words, and they weren't the first or last time he does. To those who take everything literally, they have a difficult time not coming to the conclusion that Our Lord is advocating some form of cannibalism. Certainly, it could not be further from the truth. So, what does it mean? It might sound simplistic, but I would ask you to recall a basic expression used in our society. "**You are what you eat!**". If you or I eat and drink a lot of junky food, our coronary system becomes junky. If we ingest smoke into our lungs from smoking; our respiratory system becomes junky. If we've noticed that we're starting to drink more and more than in the past, or do drugs, including "recreational drugs", we can't cry because we've become addicted. If we dabble in pornography, we shouldn't be surprised that we're getting and more involved in it; our morals have become junky. "**We are what we eat!**" This is the point Our Lord is trying to impress upon His followers. The road back to Our Father in Heaven is not complicated, but

it is difficult. And it is difficult, because while in the world, you and I will constantly be asked to make choices; namely, to embrace the values and morals outlined by Jesus, or continue to ingest more spiritual Junk food based on the values and morals of our world. While this might sound like an impossible task; it is not! Jesus's life and teachings were the road map He left us to use. And, within our Catholic Traditions, anchored in the Eucharist, He has provided us with the strength and direction we need. In the Eucharist, we encounter Our Lord through the *Believing Community* we gather with, in the *Sacred Scriptures* which are not only read, but commented on by the homilist. Lastly, in the deep mystery of the Eucharist, where and when we return to the *Last Supper*, we hear our Lord challenge us with His words "this is my body"....."this is my blood"....." "Do this on remembrance of me". When Our Lord says "take this" / "eat this" He is basically saying "*Ingest* my teaching into your spirit; ingest my Public Life; Ingest my Sacrifice, my spirit of humility, compassion, my respect, my courage, my willingness to stand up for the helpless and the victims of prejudice. Draw people's attention to the goodness of the Father and His Wisdom." Let it become a part of the fabric of your spirit, your soul. When you do, you will become a changed person; a person at Peace even in the midst of turmoil. You will also become a person who inspires

those around you to change their spiritual diet!

Your brother in Christ,



Collections: May 24 Parish @ \$1727, Missions @ \$10, Catholic Foundation @ \$877 and May 31 Parish @ \$4437, Home Missions @ \$25, Peter's Pence @ \$25, Misc @ \$10. Thank You!!



[Altar & Rosary Trip](#)

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



Annual Parish Dinner: Tuesday, June 23 @ LaBella Via, 41 Third St., Phillipsburg, NJ. Cost \$25pp payable to: "The Holy Name Society", cash bar, soft drinks provided. **RSVP by June 14.** Forms in vestibule of Church.