

August 2, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Aug 1st – Vigil Mass – Celebrated by Bishop Cooke

5:00PM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

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Sunday – Aug 2nd – Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Fr. Robert Breen, Pastor, Deceased (Altar Rosary Society)

Monday – Aug 3rd – Weekday -

9:00AM **NO Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Tuesday – Aug 4th – Weekday – St. John Vianney, Priest

9:00AM **NO Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Wed. – Aug 5th - Weekday – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

9:00AM **NO Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Thurs. – Aug 6th – Weekday – Transfiguration of The Lord

9:00AM **NO Mass** - Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Aug 7th – Weekday – St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions; Martyrs

9:00AM **NO Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Saturday – Aug 8th – Weekday – St. Dominic, Priest

9:00AM **Yes Mass** -Honoring All Purple Heart Recipients (Ted/Janet Achuff)

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, Elizabeth Ohle**

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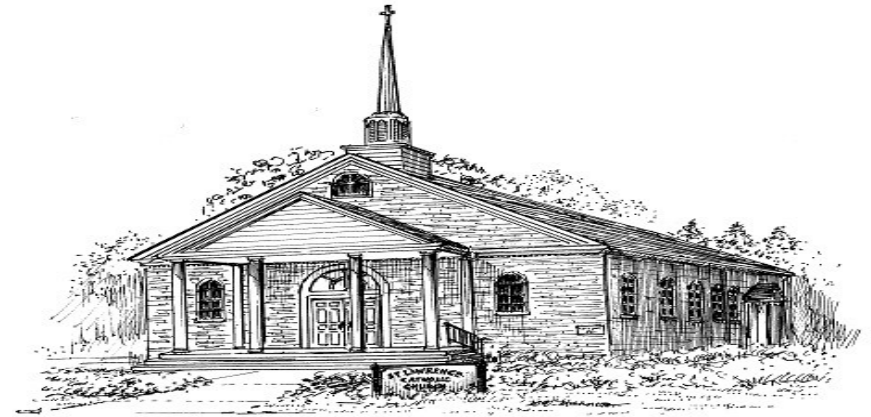
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 August 2, 2026

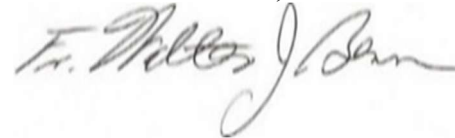
Today's Gospel is one which many scholars refer to as belonging to a collection of biblical stories characterized by four basic elements: **First**, there is a situation characterized by overwhelming hunger. **Second**, the circumstances indicate that there is no possible solution. **Third**, in a profound and public expression of Faith in God the Father, a person of great faith requests the Father's intercession and is ready to accept whatever His response will be. **Fourth**, those exposed to the circumstance of hunger are freed of their hardship, not only by being miraculously provided with the much-needed food, but with an abundance of food.

Today's *Feeding of the Five Thousand* is a theme which runs through the entire Bible, both Old Testament and New Testament; namely, God loves His children, and for those who are faithful and Faith-filled, He will always provide for them in their time of need. When God does, His love is and will always be lavish, almost extravagant. This is emphasized by the twelve baskets of bread and fish which are gathered after 5,000 very hungry men {plus the equivalent of the uncounted very hungry women and children} have eaten. Recall Jesus' first public miracle, the *Wedding Feast at Cana* (Jn2:1-11), where in the midst of a great wedding reception, the main ingredient of the celebration, namely, the wine, is running out. The Blessed Mother goes to Jesus to see if he can do anything to help the host families from having their day of Joy, turned into a lasting memory of embarrassment. Jesus asks that six stone water jars, each holding 20-30 gallons of water, be brought forward; he then changes those many

gallons of water into wine, and not into ordinary wine; it is the finest wine!

My brothers and sisters, we also must note that all of the beneficiaries of these miracles were in a wilderness. There was nothing and no one there who could offer them nourishment, shelter, or food; the circumstances there brought on an impoverishment; yet, out of love for them and their efforts to be good people, the Father intercedes for them. It's as if Our Lord can't help Himself; this is how deeply Our Lord loves us. As disciples of the Father's Son, we cannot let the truth of these stories slip from our memories or our faith. We are responsible for this. Inevitably, each of us will be involved in circumstances where we find ourselves in the midst of our own wilderness experience. It is then that we must call upon the memory of the *Feeding of the 5,000* in the wilderness or the *Wedding Feast* at Cana. When that happens, will we have given Our Lord reason to feed us? Will we have given Him reason to look with love on us, because of our own efforts to be loving and faithful disciples?

Your brother in Christ,



Collections: July 26 Parish @ \$2899, Catholic Foundation @ \$2665. Thank You!!

Special Collection: Catholic University, Aug. 8 & 9.



Bishop Cooke: will celebrate Mass on Saturday, Aug 1st @ 5PM.



Women's Catholic Conference: October 24. Altar Rosary Society will again be organizing a group to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Flyers in vestibule.

Registration deadline is August 17. Questions. Contact Mariann Helfant @ 908-892-8663 or principal45@gmail.com



Bible Study: begins Sept. 16, held on Tuesdays @ 10AM-12 Noon @ Ceader Hall. **Registration deadline Aug 9.** Fee \$40. Forms + details in vestibule + Web Site.

Coffee & Donuts: **revised date** is Sunday, Aug 16 following the 9:30AM Mass @ Ceader Hall



- 1) What did one plate say to the other?
 - 2) What did the cake say to the fork?
 - 3) What did the football coach say to the vending machine?
 - 4) What happens when a snowman throws a tantrum?
 - 5) What to you call a sad cup of coffee?
 - 6) What's brown and sticky?
 - 7) If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get?
 - 8) What does a spy do when they get cold?
 - 9) If you jump into water, what will you get?
- 1 – Dinner is on me, 2 – You want a piece of me, 3 – Give me my quarter back, 4 – He has a meltdown, 5 – Depresso, 6 – A stick, 7 – Mistle-toes, 8 – They go under cover, 9 – Wet