

**February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – Jan 31st – Vigil Mass**

5:00PM Fr. Tony Ripp, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart - Deceased

**Sunday – Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Leo Zavatone (Terri Olimpo)

**Monday – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Weekday – The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00AM Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC (Senior Family)

**Tuesday – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Weekday – St. Blaze, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**

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

**Wed. – Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Weekday –**

9:00AM Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC (Altar Rosary Society)

**Thurs. – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

9:00AM Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC (Parish Community)

**Saturday – Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Weekday –**

9:00AM William Woodhouse (Lay Carmelite Community)

**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**

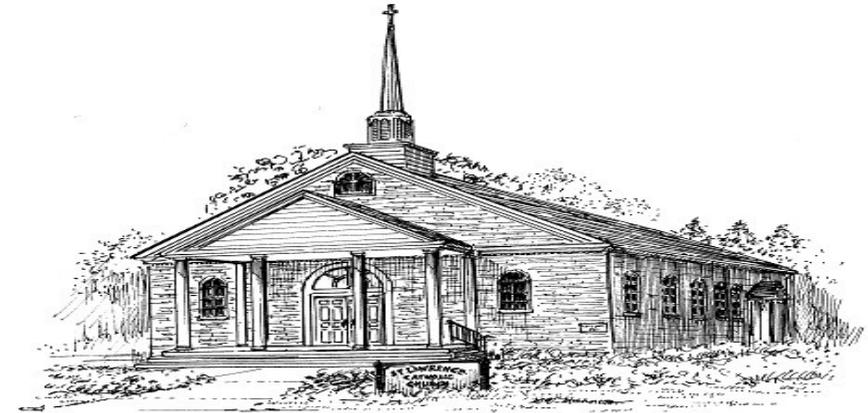
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**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 February 1, 2026

Back in mid-December, as it was anticipating January's *March for Life* in Washington D.C., the *United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Office for Life* {prolife@uscgb.org} shared a 9 Day Novena in support of the sanctity of all life. It was a great idea and something that everyone could participate in for a few minutes each day. I made a copy of the first day's Reflection & Prayer, placed it on my desk as a reminder, where it was quickly buried with other "important" things which I didn't want to forget.....Out of sight! Out of mind! I regret this because, it would have been a great resource for you. At any rate, I want to share with you the *Reflection, Prayer* and suggested *Acts of Reparation* from Novena's 1<sup>st</sup> Day. I think it can be helpful to any of us who are attempting to contribute to the struggle to protect all life, in all its conditions and stages.

### Reflection:

"At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*.

Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life

of a human person at its very beginning, and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "*might have life and have it more abundantly*" (John10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of human life.

### Prayer:

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

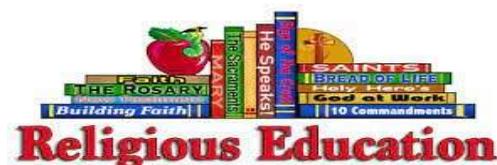
**Acts of Reparation:** Consider taking a break from TV or a movie. Consider spending some of that time praying with this reflection or offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you might feel call to do for the intention above.



**Collections:** January 25 Parish reporting Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Thank You.

**Special Collection:** Care of Aging & Infirm Priests of our Archdiocese, January 31 & February 1.

**Need Your Help If You Can:** we are in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors. Advise Fr. Benn. Thank you!!



**Religious Education Financial Assistance:** forms available in vestibule for Fall 2025 & Spring 2026. Provided by the Ceader Trust Trustees. Time sensitive, act now. Deadline March 1, 2026.

**Weekly Contribution Envelopes 2026:** **Last chance!!!** Envelopes not picked up by February 1 will be discarded and removed from the 2027 envelope list.

### **2025 Day of Sanctification for Priests:**

**Prayer:** "Lord our God, who is governing your people; make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men; preserving obedience to your will, so that by their ministry & life, they may gain glory for you in Christ; Who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever & ever. Amen".

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2026** begins February 21-22. In-pew donation envelopes

will be available. Please remember to make checks payable to: Catholic Charities Appeal, not St. Lawrence.



**Crab Cake Sale:** KOC accepting orders Jan 31 - Feb 8. Order forms in vestibule.



**Night at the Races:** will be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors open @ 6PM with races starting @ 7PM. This is a family friendly event open to everyone. Consider inviting friends, family & neighbors. Donations of door prizes & backed goods are appreciated. Horses available for purchase @ \$10 each with a 1 in 10 chance of winning \$50. Thank you for supporting this annual Holy Name Fund Raiser providing a helpful hand to those in need throughout our Parish Community.