**October 5, 2025 – Twenty–Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – Oct 4th** – **Vigil Mass**

5:00PM Those Struggling with Depression (FB)

**Sunday – Oct 5th – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Helen Barner (Tom Labant)

**Monday – Oct 6th – Weekday – St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Duracher, Virgin**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Tuesday – Oct 7th –Weekday – Our Lady of the Rosary**

9AM**:** Maureen McCarthy (FB)

**Wednesday – Oct 8th – Weekday –**

9:00AM: Regina Anna Kraft (Sisters of Jesus Our Hope) - (FB)

**Thursday – Oct 9th – Weekday – St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs**

9:00AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – Oct 10th – Weekday –**

9:00AM: Those Struggling with Financial Difficulties

**Saturday – Oct 11th – Weekday –**

9:00AM Regina Kraft (Sisters of Jesus Our Lord) – (Greg/Mary Gambino)

**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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

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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! October 5, 2025

It is difficult to believe that, every once in a while, Jesus would feel the need to let people know to let them know they we standing on his last nerve. To put it in nautical terms, they needed for Jesus to give them “a shot across the bow!” It is easy to see how this could happen. By His nature, Jesus was a giver. He had come into the World to inspire discouraged people to believe that, despite their faults and what some of their religious leaders were telling them, the Father loved them. Jesus was anxious to reverse the culture of guilt that was impressed upon many Jews by their spiritual leaders. Had they sinned? Yes! Were their sins “accidents”? Absolutely not! Like all of us when we sin, we know what we are doing. Unless we have deadened it, (basically turned it off), God’s gift of our conscience makes sure that we know the rightness and the wrongness of our choices. Only our finger prints are on that circuit breaker, not God’s. So, we must assume responsibly for our relationship with the Father. Our Lord exhausted Himself to give people hope and an optimism about their relationship with the Father. However, there are people who will not take responsibility for the love-relation they are supposed to be in, nor do they have the least intention of breaking a sweat to respond to God’s efforts to reach out to them. These are the people who don’*t* ***ask*** Jesus to help learn how to have Faith; they simply ***tell*** *Jesus* to make it happen in their lives. “*Increase our faith”* Talking about being self-centered and hi-maintenance? In their world everyone [including Jesus] are moons that orbit around them, not visa-versa. This is why Our Lord gives them a bucket of cold water in the face when He uses the analogy of the division of work between the workers who have been working hard all day in the fields and the Master of the House. As harsh as it seems to us, the workers understood that there was still one more task for them to accomplish before they could call it a day; namely, prepare the master’s dinner. The point Our Lord is making, is that in our relationship with God, both parties are responsible for contributing to their relationship; both should be ready to extend themselves for the other. When that happens, the relationship deepens.

 So, my brothers & sisters, we need to keep this in mind if we expect to grow into a comfortable relationship with God. Like all healthy relationships, it takes time; there will be mistakes and we will need to own them; corrections will need to be made, but in the process both parties will discover they have cultivated a respect and love for the other without realizing it happened.

Sometimes love relationships start backwards; that is, they start with efforts at respect, before their materialize into love.

Your brother in Christ,



**Collections:** Sept 28th Parish @ $2540. Thank You.

**Coffee & Donuts:** Sunday, Oct 12 following the 9:30AM Mass. All invited. Sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society.

**Support Groups for those in Need!**

(N.B. These resources are related to difficulties which many individuals and families wrestle with during some portion of their lives. It is not a complete listing of the Offices of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP); however, we hope you will find these helpful. For a full listing of all its offices, you are encouraged to refer to the AOP’s website **archphila.org.** In general, the Offices of the AOP provide a variety of services and assistance, which a careful review of its website will reveal. Those listed below are some of those Offices. We hope that you find these Offices helpful.)

\*AOP’s **Unexpected Pregnancy**:

AOP’s ***Office for Life and Family***: (215) 587-5661  **sbozza@archphila.org**

The Delaware Valley Pro-Life Alliance: 24-hour Hot Line (610)626-4006

**\***AOP’s **Disabilities and Autism Hotline**:

  **IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org** (484) 472-5041

\*AOP’s **Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate*:***

Sr. Kathleen M.Schipani, IHM

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sr.kschipani@archphila.org

 (215)587-3530

  video phone (267)507-1215

\***Addiction to Pornography: Dann.Aunst@RoadtoPurity.com** {Augustinian}

\***Addiction to Alcohol:** “*The* ***Calix Society*** *at Malvern Retreat House”*

315 S. Warren Ave.,Malvern. PA /  Monthly meeting-3rd Sunday of each month- 4 PM-6 PM/ No Registration needed / Includes Adoration, Mass, and Meeting.

\* **Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Center**: Hotline (908)453-4121 Ext. 100

**\* AOP’s Catholic Charities:** This is the AOP’sOffice**,** which raises all of the financial support that empowers the great work of *Catholic Social Services.* Recently, *the Catholic Federation of Greater Philadelphia* (CFGP) has begun to share its financial expertise intheleadership of the***Annual Catholic Charities Appeal***, which is critical to funding its tremendous work. Catholic Charities is the great Steward of the millions of dollars which the people of the Archdiocese contribute each year in its mission to care for the poor, the unemployed, the handicapped, the elderly, and the powerless.

**ccphila.org**

**Phone: (2670 331-2490**

\*AOP’s **Catholic Social Services:** Can be a great resource, leading you to a specific resource.

Website:   [www.cssphiladelphia.org](http://www.cssphiladelphia.org)

 Email  cssphiladelphia@chs-adphila.org

Phone 215-587-3908

**\*Catholic Human Services:** **csshelp@chs-adphila.prg****Phone (215) 587-3555**