

August 9, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Aug 8th – Vigil Mass –
5:00PM Intentions of Steven Danford (Dad)

Sunday – Aug 9th – Mass is Streamed Live –
9:30AM Intentions of Steven Danford (Dad)

Monday – Aug 10th – Weekday – St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
9:00AM Intentions of Meg Conway (Parish Community)

Tuesday – Aug 11th – Weekday – St. Clare, Virgin
9:00AM Clare Voigt (Voigt Family)

Wed. – Aug 12th – Weekday – St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Thurs. – Aug 13th – Weekday – St. Pontian, Pope
9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Aug 14th – Weekday – St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
9:00AM Intentions of Steven Danford (Dolores Bonk)

Saturday – Aug 15th – Weekday – Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00AM Special Intentions (Mary Scolavino)

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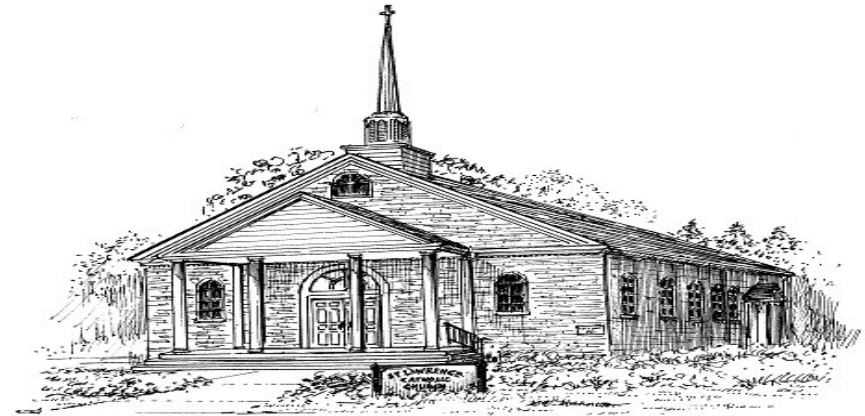
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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

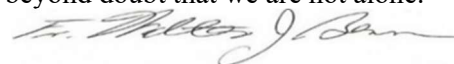
Pastor's Corner August 9, 2026

Today I want to focus on the First Reading from the Book of Kings. I highly encourage you to refer to your Bible and read the Book of Kings. If you don't see yourself doing this, at least read a few of the chapters which precede today's reading. Doing so will provide you with the background surrounding this moment in Eiliah's life; otherwise, it will come across to the casual reader as a casual moment in the life of a holy man. Above all, this is NOT just another day at work for the Prophet Elijah. Here's the short version: It takes place during one of the terrible times in the Life of Israel when, in both their civil and religious life, they abandon God. This was not a question of their having just become indifferent to God or of taking Him for granted; rather, they deliberately did many of the things God had specifically warned them not to do. If this was a marriage, they would not have killed their relationship with their Divine Spouse through apathy; rather, they killed through **gross** unfaithfulness. Their arrogance towards God was beyond any possible excuse. The faithful element of Israel did their best to remain so. With the exception of the Prophet Elijah, all of their faithful religious leaders had been put to death. Today's Reading picks up where an exhausted and completely stressed Elijah has fled {at God's direction} to the Holy Mountain of **Horeb** and has hidden in a cave, terrified of being discovered. In time, God directs Elijah and directs him, "*Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by.*" Then, we read how Elijah was exposed to powerful natural experiences through which God announced His presence to the prophets or the people of God. "A strong and terrible **wind**" that was tearing the

mountain apart. A terrifying wildfire. A terrible **earthquake**. As each of these overwhelming experiences took place, Elijah did not experience the presence of God... "*but God was not in the wind... fire... earthquake.*"

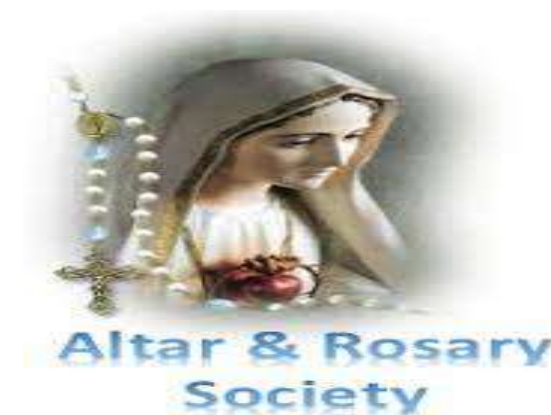
What happens next? "*After the fire, there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah covered his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.*" For weeks, months, years, Elijah had been a wonderfully faithful servant. There are many powerful stories in the Scriptures, but this is one that always.....always tugs at my heart. Two persons who have a great love for each other; one who emptied himself out daily and at great risk; the other showing that Elijah's faithfulness was not lost on Him. God also shows Elijah that He is the God of Love; that He does not have to rely on manifestations of power that destroy, but can transform impossible situations with expressions of His love that are as gentle but profound "as a tiny whispering sound"

My brothers and sisters, there is not one of us who, over the course of our lives and our relationships, will ever be free of Elijah moments, when we will be faced with the choice of embracing the awful experience of feeling alone. When those times come, it is so important that we look to the love that God and Elijah had for each other and continue trusting in God's Love, His wisdom, and His "drive me crazy" timing. During those terrible times, if we do our best and quiet ourselves at the entrance to our cave, we will hear God's "*tiny whispering sound,*" and we will know beyond doubt that we are not alone.



Collections: Aug 2nd Parish @ \$2992, Donation @ \$1493. Thank You!!

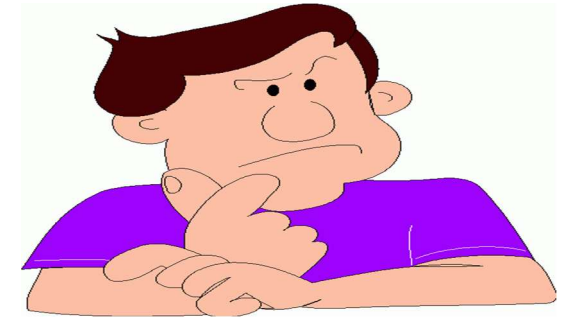
Special Collection: Catholic University, Aug. 8 & 9.



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 do you call seagulls that live near the bay?
 - 2) What do whales like to put on their toast?
 - 3) What summer vacation makes a pet bird sing for joy?
 - 4) Why do bananas use sun cream?
 - 5) What does the sun drink out of?
 - 6) What do you call a cow with a twitch?
 - 7) What does a grape do when it is stepped on?
 - 8) What washes up on very small beaches?
 - 9) Why are spiders so smart?
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- 1- Bagels, 2- Jellyfish, 3 -The Canary Islands, 4 -So they don't peel, 5 - Sunglasses, 6 – Beef jerky, 7 – Lets out a little wine, 8 -Micro-waves, 9 – They can find anything on the web