

October 26, 2025 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Oct 25th – Vigil Mass

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

Sunday – Oct 26th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM John Orsino – USMC – Vietnam Casualty (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Monday – Oct 27th – Weekday –

9AM Jessie Campbell (Dolan Family)

Tuesday – Oct 28th – Weekday – St. Simon & Jude, Apostles

9AM Clare Voigt (Voigt Family)

Wednesday – Oct 29th – Weekday –

9:00AM Irene & Joseph Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

Thursday – Oct 30th – Weekday –

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Oct 31st – Weekday –

9:00AM World Peace (Parish Community)

Saturday – Nov 1st – Weekday – All Saints Day (Not a Holyday of Obligation)

9:00AM Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

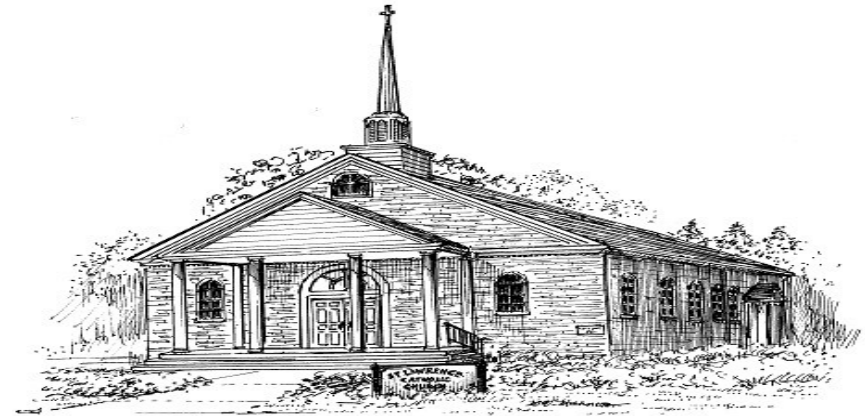
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 26, 2025

In the Church, the month of October is devoted to focusing our attention on the *Respect for Life*. Certainly, our efforts to emphasize the sacredness of life should not be limited to one month on our annual calendar. Still, it is an effective way of impressing upon ourselves and one another, the preciousness of *Life*. In our Western Society, we live in a world that is all too ready to excuse the abuse of Life, the negligence of Life, the inconvenience that many times can happen because of Life. We live in a world that is very comfortable in rationalizing the deliberate taking of a life; so many are ready to cooperate with that tempting lie. Certainly, there are many, many circumstances where the protection of Life and the care for a Life is challenging and exhausting. Many children come into our world with many kinds of physical, emotional or intellectual disabilities; disabilities which will require the constant attention of their parents, family and friends for the rest of their lives. Theirs are circumstances in which that child's parents and family will be asked to surrender virtually all of their personal time, energy, privacy and opportunities for the rest of their lives. The circumstances of their child or their elder will require that they cultivate a whole set of skills, which they never had; plus, there is the loss of freedoms which everyone around them will always enjoy. This also happens when the adults in a family's life

grow older or labor with physical or mental crosses which require the same kind of attention and energy, which are asked of young parents. Everything....everything that was once theirs: their personal freedoms, their finances, their privacy is given up out of love for the good of that needy person. If anyone can identify with Our Lord when He surrendered to the Cross, it is the mothers & fathers, daughters & sons, sisters & brothers, grandparents and aunt & uncles of those children and elders. Like Our Lord, they choose to empty themselves for that precious child or elder. Above all others, these women and men become as precious as the child or elder whom they devote themselves to. The same is true of those mothers and fathers of perfectly healthy babies; parents who choose to keep their child and trust in the grace that God will give them, as they embrace their child and all of the unplanned challenges which will be a part of their lives as parents.

My brothers and sisters, regardless of whether their pregnancy was unexpected or sought; regardless of whether they feel prepared or not; regardless of whether their baby is perfect and healthy, or laboring with a terrible difficulty; regardless of whether everyone in their lives are ready to circle the wagons to assist them in the care of an elderly parent; regardless of whether they have a great support system around them, or feel terribly lost and alone; let us resolve ourselves to support the parents of

each expectant baby; especially, the Mommies and Daddies of unexpected children or children with unexpected and overwhelming disabilities. Let us do the same for those families caring for an elder in their family. Let us offer this support with our presence to them and with our prayers. Even Our Lord needed a Simon of Cyrene to help Him with His Cross. Can we do anything less for those sisters and brothers embracing circumstances which they neither expected or initially wanted?

Your brother in Christ,



Daylight Savings Ends: Clocks turn back one hour Sunday October 26 @ 2AM.

Collections: October 19 Parish @ \$3904, Mission Sunday @ \$351, Catholic Foundation @ \$2037. Thank You.

2025 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: hosted by St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sunday, November 9 @ 3PM.

Raffle – Chance to Win \$10,000: sponsored by St. John the Baptist, Ottsville. See flyer for details.

Catholic Charities Appeal: began October 11-12 with in pew envelopes. Remember donation via check are payable to: Catholic Charities Appeal; NOT to St. Lawrence. Thank you.



Altar & Rosary Fundraiser

Please join us on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. Paint your own 2 Christmas glass ornaments. Mary Reshetar, a professional artist, will show how to paint on glass Christmas ornaments. Snacks will be provided. BYOB. \$25.00 pp. Payment in advance, checks payable to St. Lawrence, Altar Rosary Society. Payment can be put in **brown box** in church vestibule. Contact Kathy Twomey by Nov. 7, 2025 to reserve your spot. Cell 610-564 7706 Kathyamaccarthy@gmail.com

Early Christmas Shopping
Mary Reshetar will have a selection of items from her store to purchase on Nov. 14. These will include Herbal Tea, Natural Soy Candles, Salves. All items are fully organic.

