

July 6, 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – July 5th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Patricia McBreen (Senior Family)

Sunday – July 6th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Stephen & Mary Benn (Fr. Benn)

Monday – July 7th – Weekday

9AM: Nathan Burke – US Navy – Training Casualty (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Tuesday – July 8th – Weekday

9AM: Special Intention (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Wednesday – July 9th – Weekday – St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions

9:00AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist, Ottsville (Fr. Benn)

Thursday – July 10th – Weekday

9:00AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – July 11th – Weekday – St. Benedict, Abbot

9:00AM: Robert J Jonik (Senior Family)

Saturday – July 12th – Weekday

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

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

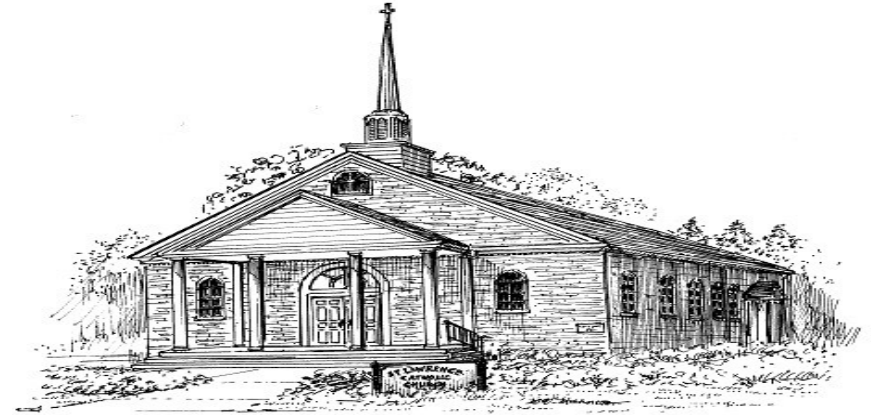
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 Thurs. @ 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! July 6, 2025

Happy Fourth of July, everyone! One of the reasons birthdays are such a cause for celebration is that it recognizes the preciousness of life. It might be difficult for a person to put it into words, but when a baby comes into the world, there is this basic recognition of how precious it is. Perhaps it is because that baby is so innocent and also receptive to its parent's love, and by extension, the love of family and friends. Even the most hard-hearted person is not immune to the essential goodness of an infant or a child. This experience is so profound, that it is instinctive for most to perpetuate that joy and the goodness of that person by remembering when their life began. It is not surprising that this instinct is strongest among the peoples from the Judeo-Christian traditions. They recognize that God is the source of their spiritual life. Jews understand that they would not be, if it weren't for God forming them as a spiritual people....His People. They remember all of the times they were unfaithful and faithful to their Divine Parent, and how He patiently and humbly brought them along through the centuries. Likewise, Christians understand that Israel's spiritual Father has extended his love to all the peoples of the world through the Life, Death & Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. For us as Catholic Christians, the birth of that "New" Life begins at our Baptism.

Regardless of their particular denomination, is there a Christian family who

doesn't celebrate the Baptism of their child or friend into this "New" Life? If all of this is true when it relates to individuals, it is also true for groups of individuals.....for nations! I am certain that for many nations, the anniversary of their birth is recognized and celebrated. However, at the risk of sounding elitist, the 4th of July is a particularly important day for Americans. As peoples and nations go, the *United States of America* is a relatively young nation. Compared to many nations, we are still an adolescent country. Like most adolescents, we have displayed inspired maturity, character and growth. At the same time, we have also displayed a readiness to be dishonest with ourselves and others over various issues. Our present culture reveals, that more and more of our people seem to be drifting away from God; yet, as He did for the ancient people of Israel, the Father continues to watch over us; preventing us from permanently wounding ourselves and others. He doesn't do this because we deserve it; He does it because the world needs us. Throughout history, the peoples of the world didn't realize how badly they needed the presence of God as He revealed himself through the spiritual lives of the Jewish people when they were at their best, when they were faithful to God. The same is true for us as Americans. For whatever reason, He chose us to be a model and inspiration to all other people, not because we are perfect or without sin, but because, despite all of our short-comings, when we rely on God's Wisdom and God's strength, we do so much good.....His good.

So, my brothers and sisters, as we celebrate our Nation's Birthday, let us look back on our National Life, rejoicing in our many accomplishments, being humble about our good deeds, but also being honest about our faults; contrite for our sins and confident, that when we center our national heart and spirit in God, we will understand why we love our Country so much.

May God bless all people of the world, but on this day, we ask in a special way that God Bless America! Your Brother in Christ,



Collections: June 29th Parish @ \$2974.
Thank You.



"What's in a Family?"

The answer to that is "Plenty"! No family is perfect; however, it is within that imperfect family that we usually are able to work out our imperfections and grow. If this is true about biological families, it is also true of spiritual families. Spiritual Families such as a parish are places where its members grow; where they can make mistakes and yet still find they are loved. Family is where we learn; mature and where wounds can be healed. Like the children in all families, a parish family is a place where we can grieve at the loss of a loved-one; yet, gather together to celebrate their eternal life. It is within the life of the

parish family that parents bring their children into the larger family at Baptism. The parish family is where parents look for help to prepare their children to join us at God's table in the Eucharist. The parish family is the group within which a young couple declares their permanent love for each other and includes the parish family in that love. Just as it is at home where the mother & father teach their children morals & values; so, it is in church, the parish home, where we gather to be taught from God's Word. If you are person who would like to become a member of our parish family, we encourage you to consider entering its RCIA program, which begins **September 9, 2025 at 7 PM** and concludes **March 31, 2026**. For details about the RCIA program, including the **2025-26 schedule** of classes, grab one of the **orange** sheets in the vestibule of the church, which explains the history of RCIA, explains the basics about the program and includes the 2025-25 schedule of classes. You can also refer to our parish website saint-lawrence-church.org, contact Fr. Benn through the Parish Office at **[610] 749-2684** or internet at saintlawrence@verizon.net, A basic description of the RCIA program can be found in yellow hand-outs in the vestibule of the church.

Special Collection: next week, July 12-13; Campaign for Human Development.

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, 7/13 @ Ceader Hall following the 9:30AM Mass.

Catholic Women's Conference: [see handout.](#)