

November 9, 2025 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday – Nov 8th – Vigil Mass

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

Sunday – Nov 9th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Janice O'Connor (Adam & Rosemary McMontgomery)

Monday – Nov 10th – Weekday – St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

9AM USMC 250th Birthday (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Tuesday – Nov 11th – Weekday – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

9AM Veterans of All Armed Services (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Wednesday – Nov 12th – Weekday – St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

9:00AM Joseph & Camille Santospirito (Helfant Family)

Thursday – Nov 13th – Weekday – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Nov 14th – Weekday –

9:00AM Jeanne Johnson (Barbara Itterly)

Saturday – Nov 15th – Weekday – St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00AM Regina Kraft – Sitters of Jesus Our Hope (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, Emma Jones

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

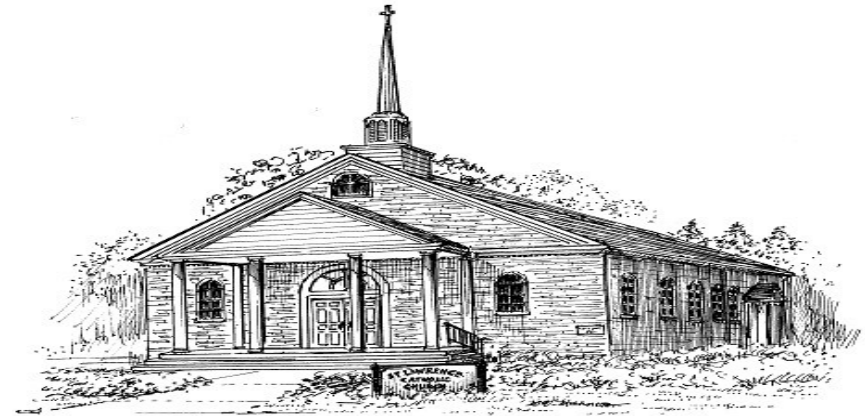
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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! November 9, 2025
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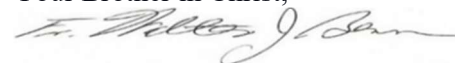
What is all this fuss about buildings in today's Readings? Both the ancient Jews and Catholics felt strongly about the magnificent Temple in Jerusalem, as every Christian feels about their church. After all, when all is said and done, they are only bricks & mortar, steel, tile, paint, glass, and art. What is it that gives them the importance which we attach to them, as well as to every church and synagogue, where a spiritual family gathers to encounter their God? The answer to that question may vary from person to person and group to group. Still, two common threads run through these powerful attachments to synagogues and churches: one is sentimental, the other is spiritual. Over the last 20 years, the sentimental Thread was one we heard from thousands of people during the two waves of parish and church closures: "This is where I was baptized" ... "Where I received my 1st Holy Communion", "Where my parents were married", "Where we celebrated our grandparents, aunts, uncles, spouses, and close friends' transition from this earthly life to the Eternal Life, which they had always believed in and lived for."

"This is where we all gathered on 9/11!" As it was for the ancient Jews and for us in our spiritual life, our synagogues and churches were — and are — the places that center us. Many people drift away from God during the course of their lives, but when there are events in their lives {good or bad} that are more powerful than them, events that transcend our puny lives, there is an instinct to gather with each other, which kicks in. As the Holy Mountain was the place where the Ancient Jews would go seeking the presence of God

during the arduous journey of their Exodus, so too are our sacred places the places where we journey to encounter God. This is where the 1st Thread intertwines with the spirituality of the 2nd Thread. What is essential to understand is that it is not the building or the place that is important; rather, it is the ***gathering*** in mutual Faith that is important... it is that concentration and sharing of Faith, flawed as it might be, that God comes for and will work through. Notice that neither God nor the Israelites needed a building to encounter each other while they were wandering for years in the desert. What was essential and is a genuine faith in His goodness, a sincere effort not to waste His goodness; an effort to surrender to the changing effects of His goodness, and most importantly, exercising the courage to share it.

My sisters and brothers, I don't know if you notice it, but over the last couple of years, there are more and more people visiting St. Lawrence Parish in the effort to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday; they are searching.....searching, not for a place, but for a spiritual family in which they can plant their spiritual roots and encounter Our Lord. More and more of them are coming back every weekend. It's not because we have a breathtaking church; it is because they are encountering God through the simplicity and genuineness of our efforts to live the Gospel. We are not perfect; we cannot claim to be sinless. But within our parish community, I think they have found a spiritual family that is comfortable with God and that is not afraid to share that comfort with others. It is not the simplicity of our building; rather, it is the simplicity of the Faith of its people.

Your Brother in Christ,



Collections: November 2 Parish @ \$4219, All Saints Day @ \$174, All Souls Day @ \$113. Thank You.

Special Collection: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary: ongoing throughout November.



Veterans Day Flag Raising & Breakfast: Nov. 9th following the 9:30AM Mass.

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.



Wreaths Across America: Ceremony @ St. Peter's Lutheran Church, @ 12Noon, Dec 13. Immediately following is the placement of wreaths at Veterans grave sites @ Riegelsville Cemetery. Wreaths for purchase @ \$17 each calling 877-385-9504 or on line with location ID as PARGVL, sponsorship ID is PA0731

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 in vestibule



Altar & Rosary Fundraiser: Please join us on Friday, Nov. 14 @ 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. Paint your own 2 Christmas glass ornaments. Mary Reshetar, 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.

