

May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday – May 10th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Pope Francis (Parish Community)

Sunday – May 11th – Mass is Streamed Live – [Mother's Day](#)

9:30AM: Cardinals Conclave – Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Monday – May 12th – Easter Weekday – St. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

9AM: Pope Francis

Tuesday – May 13th – Easter Weekday – Our Lady of Fatima

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Wednesday – May 14th – Easter Weekday – St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00AM: Fr. Gavin Muir – Pastor – Deceased May 5, 2018 (Parish Community)

Thursday – May 15th – Easter Weekday – St. Isidore

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – May 16th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM: Fr. Gavin Muir – Pastor – Deceased May 5, 2018 (Parish Community)

Saturday – May 17th – Easter Weekday –

9:00AM Intentions of Missionary Priests

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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

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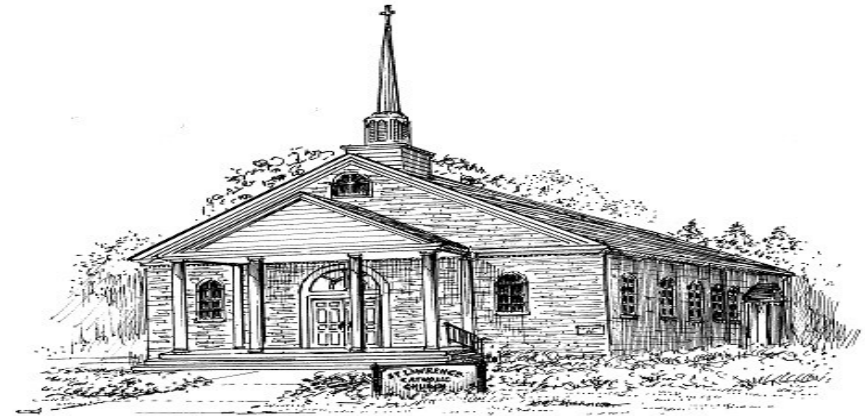
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 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! May 11, 2025

May 11, 2025 / 4th-OT + Newly Elected-Pope Leo XIV

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! If our grief was great because of the separation of our beloved Pope Francis, the Holy Spirit has matched it with our joy because of the quick and decisive election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV. Our world can be a very cold, self-centered place, which often implies that the Catholic Church has nothing to offer them or their world. Yet, it is incredible that the level of joy that has pervaded the world with the elections of Popes such as Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis, and now Pope Leo XIV, among many non-Catholics. There are many people in the world, including World leaders, who find it very difficult to take the Faith of people from any religious tradition seriously, and that includes the Catholic Church.

Yet, the people of the World have suffered through a Century of constant wars, fear over the condition of the Environment, social violence in many countries, and an expanding disparity in the financial conditions of all people of all classes, of all nations and cultures. By no means is the Catholic Church perfect; we have our sins, yet there is an essential goodness, the essential goodness of the

master's Good News. No one embodies that more than its *Holy Father*. That is why there has been so much rejoicing worldwide since Thursday. The essential goodness of the Holy Father, the vital effort to be *holy*, and the essential wisdom and inner strength of each of these men are something that the people of the world crave and want to share in.

In today's 1st Reading, we look at the beginning of a terrible time in the Church, with people's cruel and violent reaction to St. Paul and Barnabas as they offer the Good News of Our Lord to the people in Antioch. For Paul and Barnabas, this was a recurring experience, because their enemies would track them down all over the Mediterranean, wherever they went, and did everything in their power to slander them, discredit their message and turn the local government and people against them, all because they were preaching Christ's message of being reconciled with God, by trusting in God's capacity and desire to love them. It was serious and a contradiction, but isn't that how Evil works? One of Evil's principal weapons is the *contradiction*. It portrays good as bad, which promotes peace as violent. It may have taken roughly 300 years to happen, but Our Lord, through the faith of the people of His Church, would convert the Roman Empire to

Christianity; that happened because the Church followed the example of its Shepherds, who led by example. No wonder our world shared the joy and celebration of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost's election as our next Holy Father. Christian and non-Christian people of the world have someone whom they can trust, someone who will speak the truth; someone who is unafraid of those bent on promoting their Gospel of the "*Self*" instead of the "*Other*"

Sisters and Brothers, as we rejoice, let us also make it a point to support the Lord's gift to us of Pope Leo XIV, by praying for him and all the leadership of the Church, every day!

Just as Paul and Barnabas needed the support of the growing community of Christians in Antioch, so will Pope Leo XIV. Every day, take a moment to hold him up to the Lord!

Your brother in Christ,



Collections: May 4 Parish @ \$1816, Catholic Home Missions @ \$170. Thank You.



Mother's Day: May 11th. Pro-Life Roses sale to support Bucks County Pro-Life Council. Please support this worthy case and get Mom a rose or two in the process:>



Altar Rosary Trip to Philadelphia: Save the date Friday, June 20. Visiting: Old St. Mary's Church, Old St. Joseph's Church, Tour & Mass at the National Shrine of St. Rite of Cascia. Details will follow

Mission Co-Operative Weekend: May 17 & 18 with guest speaker Brother Lucian. Supporting Mission endeavors throughout the world.

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, May 11 following the 9:30AM Mass @ Cedar Hall. All are welcome.