

July 28, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – July 27th – Vigil Mass

5PM: Joseph & Frances Nowicki (Senior Family)

Sunday – July 28th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Intentions of Veronica Days (Mary Senior)

Monday – July 29th – Weekday – St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday – July 30th – Weekday – St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Intentions of Steve Ombalski – Entering Hospice Care (Parish Community)

Wednesday – July 31st – Weekday – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9AM: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
World Peace

Thursday – August 1st – Weekday – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of Church

9AM: No Mass - Readings and Communion Distribution Only

Friday – August 2nd – Weekday – St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

9AM: Fr. Robert Breen, Pastor, Deceased (Altar Rosary Society)

Saturday – August 3rd – Weekday –

9AM: 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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

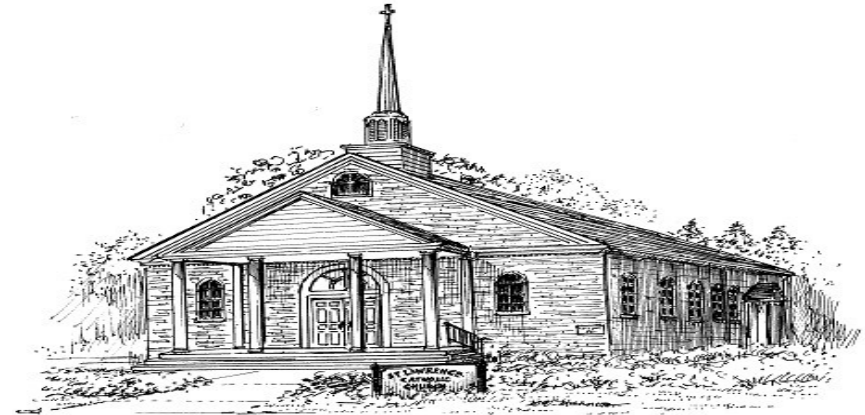
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 28, 2024

You're right if today's First Reading [2nd Book of Kings] and Gospel [John] have the scent of Holy Week. They might not be the exact Scripture Readings that are used during Holy Week, but each of them anticipates the Holy Eucharist, which Our Lord instituted at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The celebration of the Eucharist is many things: it is a blessing from God and a gift from God; in a mystical way, it captures Our Lord's good news and His challenge to you and me to live out that good news. The Eucharist enables us to return to the Last Supper, to accompany Our Lord in the Garden as He is arrested, and to ask ourselves if we would have identified with the Master while he was on trial before Pilate. Each celebration of the Eucharist reminds us that if we dare to become like the Lord, there will be arresting mobs in our lives who reach out for us. The Eucharist is our opportunity to respond to our own Calvaries; it challenges us with the question, "Would I have had the strength to identify myself with Him, or would I have fled like to the Apostles." And when we fail to respond with the faith of Our Lord, the Eucharist also reminds us that, with God's help and

because of His unreasonable love, we can renew our efforts again. The Eucharist is also the opportunity to experience Our Lord's desire to heal. The Eucharist brings us, with our shallow efforts, back to the Upper Room with the hiding and shamed Apostles on Easter Sunday morning. **Above all, the Eucharist is something that is lived.** It is a meal, but not a buffet! The Eucharist is not something where we pick what we like and find enjoyable and pass on what we are uncomfortable with. That is not discipleship!

Today's Scripture Readings provide us with one more wonderful aspect of the Eucharist: being in a relationship with Our Lord as a *Loving Parent*. Like a loving parent (I am thinking *Mother*), She loves us enough to feed us. She knows what we need to feed on. And She knows better than we do when we need to be fed. The only thing we need to do is accept her condition: **What** we need is true nourishment. **Where** we will find her table to be nourished. **With whom** do we share that nourishment? The Eucharist is not for the finicky; it is for those who are serious about God, who are grateful for His love, and who accept the truth that He knows what is best for us. Notice that through the Prophet Elisha and through His son, Jesus, God feeds his

people during impossible situations. In Elisha's time, a prolonged regional drought had caused incredible starvation. In the case of Our Lord, the mountain where the people tracked Him down was in the wilderness. Whatever food and water they had carried were certainly consumed before the end of that day. Yet, their hunger for God was so strong that they would risk anything and everything to acquire it. There was no way God was going to allow his children to be without that love for one more moment. This is the point of both these stories. God's love for us is so serious and genuine that he will always be there for us when we are spiritually starving. If only we could go to Him and trust in what, when, and where He would provide it. My brothers and sisters, in good times or bad times, whether in times when we are spiritually starving or feasting, let us always seek out His life, His correction, His direction, His healing, and above all, His nourishment, which we can only find in our celebration of the Eucharist and in our living of the Eucharist. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: July 21 Parish @ \$1889, Missions MSC @ \$35. Thank You.

Special Collection: Catholic University, August 10-11

Coffee& Donuts: Sunday, Aug 11 following the 9:30AM Mass in Cedar Hall. Sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society.

Altar & Rosary Paint & Sip Fundraiser
Save the Date September 20, 2024, Friday
Cedar Hall 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
More info to follow.

Catholic Women's Conference 2024

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2024 theme is "The Joys of Womanhood, Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful." Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women are daughters of God with unique gifts that when cultivated will bring joy to ourselves and others. Speakers include: Father Stephen DeLacy, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Cook, Dominique Brutus, De Yarrison, and the Sisters of Life. Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9am-4:00pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. *Early sellout is expected.*

Registration Available through the Saint Lawrence Altar Rosary Society. Group registration will reduce fee to \$50.00!

Deadline: August 17, 2024 See flyer in the back of the church.

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