

June 2, 2024 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi

Saturday – June 1st – Vigil Mass

5PM: Dolph & Stella Ell (Helfant Family)

Sunday – June 2nd – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Walter Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

Monday – June 3rd – Weekday – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

9AM: Joyce DiMagaggio (Janet Achuff)

Tuesday – June 4th – Weekday –

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Wednesday – June 5th – Weekday – St. Boniface, Bishop

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – 9:30AM – 11AM
9AM: Kazimer Family (Mary Scolavino)

Thursday – June 6th – Weekday – St. Norbert, Bishop

9AM: Readings and Communion Distribution Only

Friday – June 7th – Weekday – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9AM: Intentions of Joe Affuso (Lay Carmelite Community)

Saturday – June 8th – Weekday – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM: Intentions of Philo Correia (Mary Scolavino)

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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

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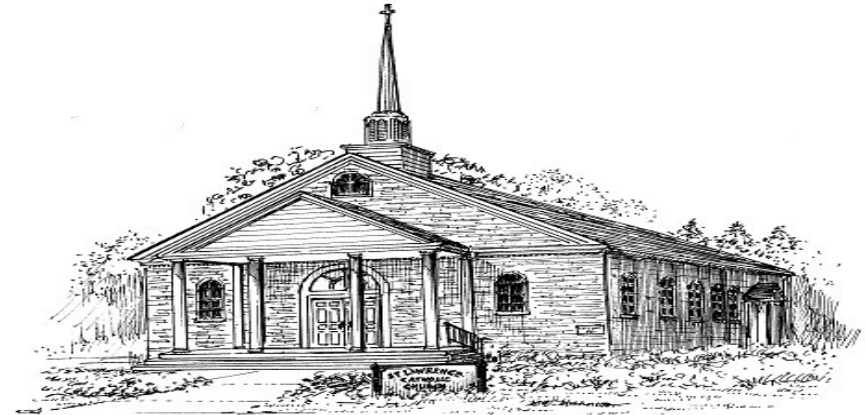
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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! June 2, 2024

Over the last two weekends {*Memorial Day & the Feast of the Holy Eucharist*} the notion of **sacrifice** and the notion of **blood** have been our focus. Instinctively, most people are uncomfortable with the experiences behind these two events; virtually no one likes the sight of blood, and the notion of **sacrifice** carries with it a sense of loss. Yet, the great irony is that Christians, especially those who believe in the sacrament of the Eucharist, understand it in just the opposite way. For true Christians, the example of Our Lord's choice to accept the bloody sacrifice on Calvary centers our conscience. "He did that for me?" He did that for everyone, in the hopes that at least some of them would come to believe how much the Father loves them and is anxious for them to turn from their sinful ways and toward Him. In our spirituality, **sacrifice** is the ultimate gesture of love. Over the last 2,000+ years, how many millions of people have been so inspired to make similar choices, choices that involved the sacrificing of our time, our treasure, our blood, our life for the betterment of another? While we would never deny the pain of making a sacrifice for another, it is

God's promise that He not only has the power to reverse one's loss, but He has the Love to replace that loss on a scale we can't imagine.

Last week's celebration of Memorial Day highlighted the obvious sacrifices of millions of men and women in the Armed Services who made those choices over the last two centuries. However, there are others who have made decisions to sacrifice themselves for the sake of others, many of them not as high-profile, but fueled with just as much love and conviction: police officers, firefighters, the courageous neighbor who confronts members of gangs in their neighborhood, the child or relative who confronts a violent parent/in-law where domestic violence occurs. It might not involve the spilling of blood, but certainly involves the breaking of hearts, namely, those who have stood up and alone to oppose things that were wrong, things that everyone else did not have the courage to call out. These sisters and brothers paid for it with their careers, their standing in their family, among their friends, in their political party, and it pains me to say it, sometimes within the Church, which we love so much. Then, there are those women, who are confronted with a pregnancy they did

want or expect. Perhaps it was a pregnancy involving a baby that had no chance of survival, or who could contribute to its mother's death. Those women were and are under tremendous pressure from those around them, sometimes including their doctors, to "terminate" the pregnancy. Yet, like St Gianna Molla who embraced her child and all the unknown experiences that would be a part of their future, these mothers accepted their risks. Perhaps these examples will help us put our own experiences into perspective each time we celebrate the Eucharist. When confronted with terrible choices, which will involve personal sacrifice on our part, can we follow the example of Our Lord by embracing our Cross and walking that stony road to Calvary? Even though we feel completely alone, will we trust that the Father will be with us just as much as He was with His son on Good Friday? Is our faith strong enough and heart big enough to believe that whatever our Calvary, the Father will make certain that it concludes with an Easter experience? This is the reason why we need to seek out Our Lord in the Eucharist each Sabbath; when we do, we give Him a chance to be our partner in any Calvary experience we choose to embrace. Your

brother in Christ,



Collections: May 26th Parish @ \$2605, Donation @ \$2000. Thank You.

Coffee and Donuts: June 9 following the Mass @ 9:30AM @ Ceader Hall. All are invited.



St. Lawrence Annual Parish Dinner: all adults of the Parish are invited to attend. Venue is The Meadows of Saucon Valley @ 1770 Meadows Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055. Wednesday, June 26 @ 7PM. Cost \$15 pp, Cash bar @ 6PM. RSVP by Sunday, June 9. Flyers available in Vestibule.



[Altar & Rosary Trip to Philadelphia](#)

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, Depart St. Lawrence 7:30 am return approx. 5:00 pm
Visit Chapel of Divine Love
Private guided tour of Cathedral Basilica Saints Peter & Paul prior to Mass at 12:05
Lunch at Con Murphy's Irish Pub: Lunch Paid by Individual
Transportation Cost: Approx. \$60.00 pp
Several seats still available. RSVP to Mary Senior email: mmaryisd@aol.com or text 267-882-5586

[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: July 10, 2024

See flyer in the back of the church.

Questions: Mariann Helfant, 908-892-8663; principal46@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities: at The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist.



Seeking Teachers for 2nd & 5th Grade Classrooms. Teacher's degree not required. Also a Bookkeeper, part time, flexible hours. Resumes to: Tami Koerber, Head of School, or 610-847-5523 or email: tkoerber@rasjb.org

Pastoral Council Elections!

The time limits of two members of the Parish Pastoral Council will expire soon and need to be replaced. This is a crucial role that plays a significant part in shaping the future of our parish. Although the dates for nominations and elections have not yet been set, we would like all active parishioners to consider reflecting on stepping forward to offer themselves as candidates for the Pastoral Council. All parishioners are encouraged to reflect on any parishioner whom you feel has a sense of service and dedication to St. Lawrence Parish and consider nominating them when we begin this process soon. All candidates should be active members of the parish, celebrating the Eucharist weekly and getting involved in the life of the parish as best as their personal schedule allows. We expect to publish the schedule of the Nominations and elections, along with the necessary ballots, soon.

Parish Ministries: Help is needed!

No doubt, you have noted there are fewer and fewer parishioners making themselves available to help in the celebrations of our weekly liturgical ministries. This places a heavier burden on those parishioners' kind enough to

make themselves available. We need additional **Lectors, Greeters, PREP Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir members, and Altar Servers.** Although we have dedicated **Videographers** to help with the weekly *Live Streaming* of our Sunday 9:30 AM Masses, they are few. Like all liturgical ministers, they would like the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist with their spouse and family occasionally but are often unable because of their commitment to their ministry. These ministries are not complicated. We do provide training. Scheduling is flexible. Like the rest of us, we know you are not perfect, so do not consider that an impediment to serving the people of your parish family. Seeing couples serve together or parent/child combinations would be great. Those attracted to helping with PREP are encouraged to email PREP Coordinator Gina Wydner via the Parish Office at saintlawrence@verizon.net. Those of you interested in any of the liturgical ministries are encouraged to email Fr. Benn at the Parish Office or by phone call [\[610-749-2684\]](tel:610-749-2684). Know that your willingness to contribute to any of the ministries will be greatly appreciated by the people of the parish, your fellow ministers, and me.