

**June 30, 2024 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – June 29th – Vigil Mass**

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Sunday – June 30th – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30: Nathan Burke – Navy Causality (Ted/Janet Achuff)

**Monday – July 1st – Weekday – St. Junipero Serra, Priest**

9AM: **No Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Tuesday – July 2nd – Weekday –**

9AM: **No Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Wednesday – July 3rd – Weekday – St. Thomas, Apostle**

**NO Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today**

9AM: **No Mass** – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Thursday – July 4th – Weekday – Independence Day**

9AM: **No Mass** - Readings and Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – July 5th – Weekday – St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

9AM: **No Mass** - Readings and Communion Distribution Only

**Saturday – July 6th – Weekday – St. maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**

9AM: **No Mass** - Readings and Communion Distribution Only

**\*\*\*\**Mass Intentions Moved to Other Date for No Mass Days*\*\*\*\***

**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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

**Church of Saint Lawrence**

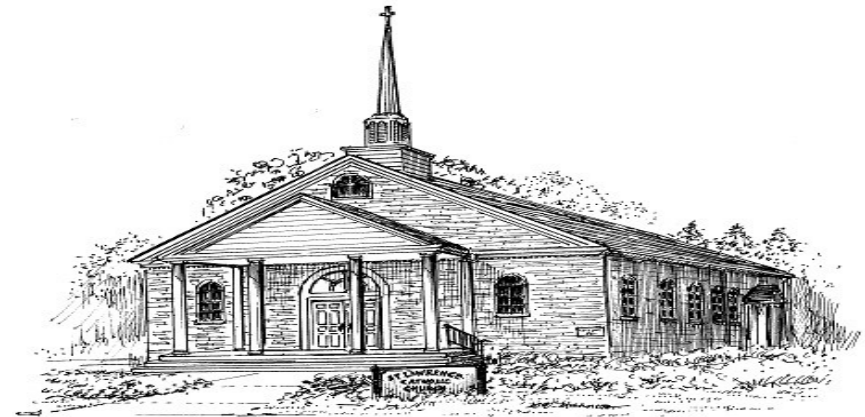
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**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 30, 2024

It might be the last weekend in June, but in my mind the summer is still young and there is still time to enjoy this season which is characterized by a spirit of relaxation and renewal. The summer is a time when even the weather invites us to use it to renew ourselves by slowing down so that we might rest, relax, and play. It is a time and an opportunity that everyone needs and should take advantage of. Many of us are blessed financially and time-wise to be able to "go on vacation", occasions that are always treasured. Nevertheless, others are not so blessed; rather, they need to turn to quieter ways of being renewed and finding "rest, relaxation and play." In that my brothers and sisters, they might benefit from our help. In today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, St. Paul reminds the Christians in Corinth of the blessings they have received from God and the fact that many of their contemporaries are without their blessings. "For you know the gracious act of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for our sake, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but as a matter of equality your abundance at the present

*time should supply their needs."* When Paul speaks these words, he is speaking of the Corinthian Christians' spiritual wealth, and how they gained that from Jesus' extraordinary generosity when He died on the Cross for them. The gift of their Faith was just that - a gift. Paul impresses upon them that they need not feel embarrassed by this spiritual wealth; rather, the proper response should be gratitude. How? By sharing their spiritual wealth. They could do this by telling others about Christ, by inviting them to consider following Christ.

What has this to do with our Summer of 2024 and vacations? I would suggest to you that we look around at those who are a part of our lives: our nieces and nephew, neighbors' children, the senior citizens in our lives. When you do, you might find out they might not have the means to enjoy this summer; that there will be no trips to the Shore or the Poconos; no camping trips, no picnics, barbecues, or casual dinners in the back yard or on someone's deck, no access to a swimming pool, no movies, no special dinner at a restaurant. They won't be able to afford the traditional out-of-state trip to visit their cousins or grandparents. As I identify these circumstances, it is important that we realize that it is not

just the youth or their parents that are affected by this; it is also our senior citizens.....the Summer should be special for them too.

So, I would appeal to you, my brothers, and sisters, to pray over St. Paul's words: *"For you know the gracious act of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake, he became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich."* Look around you among your family, friends, and neighbors. Perhaps you could enrich their summers with an invitation to come over for dinner one summer evening, or an invitation to join you at the movies, a dip in your pool or a spontaneous barbecue on Saturday night. If your means allow, perhaps there is a friend of one of your children who could really benefit by being invited to join you for a weekend or week down the Shore or Poconos. Think of how you could make another's summer special by including them within the blessings that God has given you.

Your brother in Christ,



**Collections:** June 23 Parish @ \$2771, Mission Sunday @ \$810. Thank You.

**Coffee & Donuts:** Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in Ceader Hall following 9:30AM Mass. All invited to this free Parish activity.



**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.**

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