

June 9, 2024 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – June 8th – Vigil Mass

5PM: Charles Culichia (Gambino Family)

Sunday – June 9th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Charles Culichia (Senior Family)

Monday – June 10th – Weekday –

9AM: Intentions of David Itterly (Barbara Itterly)

Tuesday – June 11th – Weekday – St. Barnabas, Apostle

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

Wednesday – June 12th – Weekday –

9AM: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – 9:30AM – 11AM
Special Intentions (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Thursday – June 13th – Weekday – St. Anthony of Padua, Priest

9AM: Readings and Communion Distribution Only

Friday – June 14th – Weekday –

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday – June 15th – Weekday –

9AM: Protection of the Unborn

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

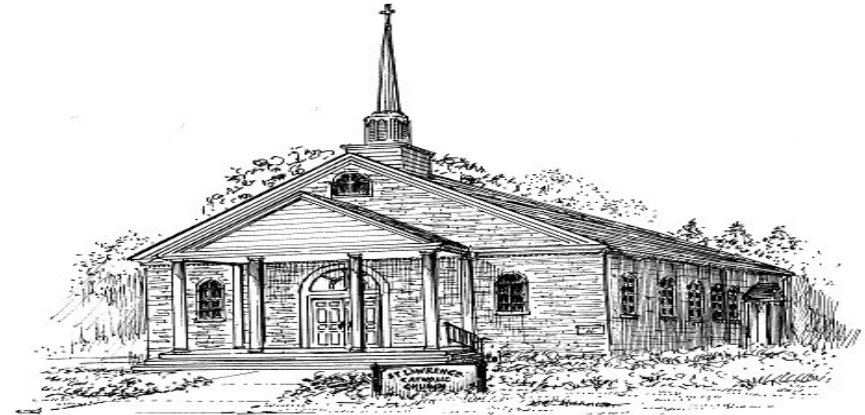
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 9, 2024

All of us have had days that seemed overwhelming, days filled with unpleasant things, exhausting things, unfair things, all of which happen to us one after the other without letting up. Through it all, we try to respond to them with patience and humility, yet it is tough to choose to continue when it seems that no one appreciates it or respects that you are starting to go on "overload." Today's Gospel reflects one such day in the life of Our Lord. After an exhausting trip, which included preaching, teaching, and ministering to large groups of people, many of whom were desperate for His attention, Our Lord returned home. I am sure all of them were looking forward to a bath, preparing a meal and rest. What do they find? Another large group of desperate people crowding around the front door! There are so many of them, that Jesus and the Apostles can't even get inside, never mind reach the kitchen. Shortly after that, His mother and "brothers and sisters" arrived very concerned about His welfare and convinced that He could no longer see that He had lost control of His popularity. Determined to save Him from himself, "they set out to seize him." At about the

same time, "Scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, declared to anyone who would listen, *"He is possessed by Beelzebul"* and *"By the prince of demons he casts out demons."* One group is in desperate need of His Love. Out of love, another group worries that His willingness to love and give new life to so many others has become destructive. A third group works very hard to arrange His destruction. I suspect it is the dark humor of a saintly Irishman who declared, *"No good deed goes unpunished."*

Be that as it may, reflecting the absolute love of the Father for his children, Our Lord intended that anyone in need of God's renewing love was going to receive it, regardless of the cost. Benefiting from hindsight, we know that Jesus was right. Certainly, His acts of love, His speaking the truth and making Himself available for others, led Him to the Cross, but it also concluded in His Resurrection. This is why, on every Sabbath, we return to the celebration of Our Lord's public life, His cruel death, and His resurrection in the Eucharist. When we do, we bring with us from that week our failures and successes to die to ourselves for those in our daily lives. If we are striving to live our lives in the spirit of the Master, are not our lives filled with

the same exhaustion, stress, sacrifices, and confrontation as Jesus when He returned home to Capernaum? Do we not go through moments when we consider not trying to love so hard, especially when those around us are not making any effort, or believe that the recipients of our love don't deserve it? Our celebration of the Eucharist gives us a chance to be alone with Jesus when we finally get the house to ourselves. It is through our weekly celebration of the Eucharist that we will find the strength to live the answer to Our Lord's question: *"Who are my mother and my brothers?" Your brother in Christ,*



Collections: June 2 Parish @ \$3322, Thank You.

Special Collection: Peter's Pence, June 15-16

Coffee and Donuts: June 9 following the Mass @ 9:30AM @ Cedar Hall.

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.

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