

March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday – March 16th – Vigil Mass

5PM: Helen Kovach (Lay Carmelite Community)

Sunday – March 17th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Intentions of Tom Senior – Birthday (Senior Family)

Monday – March 18th – Lenten Weekday – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

9AM: Stefan Papiernik (Dolores Bonk)

Tuesday – March 19th – Lenten Weekday – St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM: Special Intention (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Wednesday – March 20th – Lenten Weekday

9AM: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – 9:30AM – 11AM
Souls In Purgatory (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Thursday – March 21st – Lenten Weekday

9AM: No Mass – Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – March 22nd – Lenten Weekday

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday – March 23rd – Lenten Weekday -

9AM: World Peace (Ted/Janet Achuff)

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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

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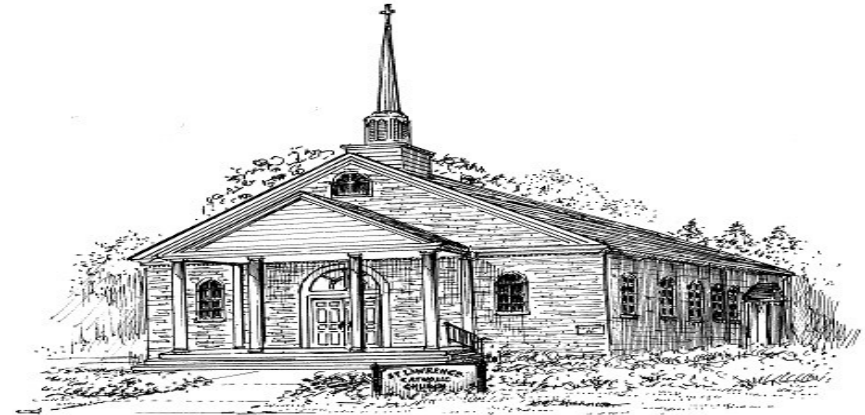
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday No Mass, Communion Distribution Only @ 9AM

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! March 17, 2024

Today is St. Patrick's Day. Regardless of what land one's forebearers originated from, St. Patrick's Day is something everyone enjoys, "as well they should." One of the many parts of Irish lore is the belief that there is a pot of Gold at the end of every rainbow! This originated centuries ago when the Irish suffered terrible poverty and the hunger that poverty brought. I'm sure most knew this to be only a legend, but all passed it on as an expression of hope to help them through the tough times.

In the spirit of such hope, I would like to appeal to your hearts for people who need you and me to be both their rainbow and the "pot of Gold" they need to find at the end of it.

The first group would be for the Christians in the Holy Land. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, who are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes and provide Catholic schools and other religious educational institutions. The Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the ancient shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name a few. The pandemic hit the Christians very hard in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their

situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, The Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join Catholics worldwide in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you can. That collection is always taken up during our celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, which is celebrated on Good Friday afternoon starting at 3 PM. If you cannot participate in this solemn liturgy, bring your Good Friday offering and drop it in the collection during any Holy Week liturgies. To avoid being confused with other collections, please use the Good Friday collection envelope you received when you received your box of envelopes back at Christmas time. If you lost it, there will be extra Good Friday envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. If you choose to use an envelope of your own, please ensure it is marked for the Holy Land Collection.

The second group is the Philadelphia Catholic Charities Appeal {CCA}. You may have already donated in support of CCA. If you have, I thank you. This is the Archdiocese's primary fundraiser to help it finance its many, many, many works of serious charity. I could fill out the pages here, listing and describing them, which is impossible. However, I would offer

you CCA's website info. This is not a criticism, but it is a truth that most Catholics don't have a clue as to the extent to which the people of the Archdiocese care for the poor, the disadvantaged, the powerless, and the unloved. I would ask you..... beg you to go to catholiccharitiesappeal.org/beneficiaries-catholic-charities-appeal.

When you do, I hope you will be proud of what our Church does to heed Our Lord's call to care for the powerless, how it struggles to leave no one behind or feeling unloved, how it ministers to every age level, every race, to families overwhelmed with a child laboring with a terrible handicap. You will see how the beneficiaries of your donations are children, teenagers, and mothers. And you would know how the majority of the people who act as your arms, your heart, and their advocates are Catholic laywomen and laymen. The majority of which are unsalaried. If you have not considered CCA this year, please do two things. Take the time to read through CCA's website and then pray about how you respond; ask Our Lord for the help of His holy Spirit for guidance to respond. Please do not underestimate how you can be a few gold coins in the pot at the end of their rainbow. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: March 10 Parish @ \$1991, Fuel @ \$15, Church in Latin America & Africa @ \$97. Thank You.

Stations of the Cross: all Fridays during Lent @ 12 Noon & 7PM followed by confessions.

Lenten Soup Suppers: every Friday of Lent 6PM-7PM

Lenten Liturgical Calendar: in vestibule, yellow color paper, provides greater detail.

Knights of Columbus: meeting March 18 @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall.



being held on Saturday, April 27th. Doors open @ 6PM with races starting @ 7PM. This is a family friendly event open to everyone. Consider inviting friends & neighbors. Donation of door prizes & backed goods are greatly appreciated. Horses available for purchase @ \$10 each with a 1 in 10 chance of winning \$50. Thank you for supporting this annual Holy Name Society fund raiser providing a helpful hand to those in need throughout our Parish Community



Financial Assistance: Action Item: Forms now available in vestibule for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 school year provided by the Ceader Trust Trustees. Time sensitive, act now. **Deadline April 7, 2024.** For previously registered parishioners of St. Lawrence only!!