

August 30, 2026 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Aug 29th – Vigil Mass –

5:00PM Intentions of J.T. Meredith – Birthday (Dolores Bonk)

Sunday – Aug 30th - Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Intentions of Jeanette Talese (Dolores Bonk)

Monday – Aug 31st – Weekday –

9:00AM Janet Davis (Family Member)

Tuesday – Sept 1st – Weekday – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

9:00AM Intentions of Expecting Mothers & Health of Their Babies

Wed. – Sept 2nd - Weekday –

9:00AM Janet Davis (Family Member)

Thurs. – Sept 3rd – Weekday – St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Sept 4th – Weekday –

9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday – Sept 5th – Weekday – St. Teresa of Calcutta

9:00AM 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, Nikia Helfant Messier, Anthony Libasci, Louis Cortese, Faith Marie Messier, Ann Lewis, Alvin LaBar, Emma Jones, **Bernie Boylan, Elizabeth Ohle**

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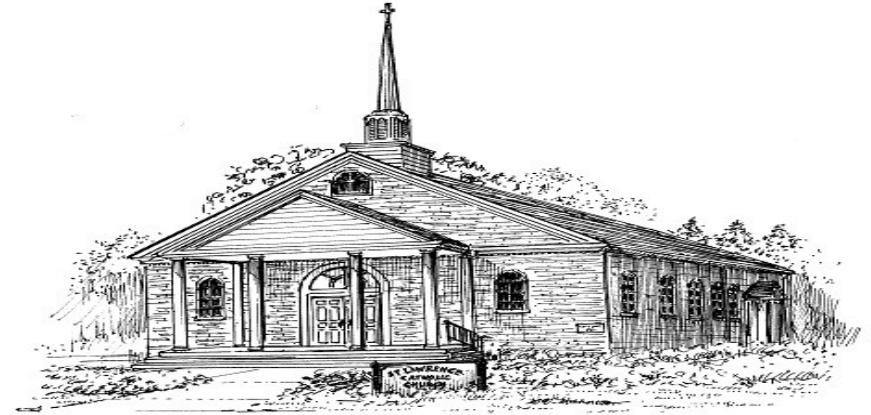
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 Friday @ 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 August 30, 2026

They might have been separated by roughly 450-500 years, but Jeremiah and the Apostles were kindred spirits. They were faithful Jews who loved their God and were willing to serve their God; yet, they were shocked when they realized the level of faithfulness and service that God would ask of them. On the surface, many people would think that God was unreasonable in asking them to embrace the non-stop hardships and risks that He asked of them. Yet, in His Wisdom, God did just that. Their people needed leaders whom they could count on. They needed leaders who would be consistent, unwavering, courageous, and filled with conviction in God's goodness and love. God understood their humanity: that they needed more than someone spouting off correct theology; they needed people who would live the theology by trusting that the Father would be faithful to the promises He made to Abraham and their ancestors. This is what the Father asked of Jeremiah for the People of Israel, and what, through His Son, Jesus, He would ask of the Apostles and all who would follow after them. We can hear the frustration and bitterness in Jeremiah's words to God: *"You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped.....All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.... the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach....I say to myself I will not mention him; I will speak in his name no more. But then, it becomes like a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in; I cannot endure it."*

If Jeremiah is in a rage, Peter and the Apostles display another emotion; namely, fear, when the Lord tells them [repeatedly] *"that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day raised."*

My sisters and brothers, I wish it wasn't so, but regardless of the time in humanity's history, this is the reality that we will always be asked to live. To live in the world without being of the world, and then to ask others to make the same choice. Just like Jeremiah and the Apostles, God will often ask us to confront the people we love and want to be loved by: members of our family, our friends, our Countrymen; and when we do, we will be misunderstood and rejected. Often, I wonder what kind of parent I would be with my children. I would find it very difficult to confront them when they are embracing something that they are convinced is not bad, but you and I know will be destructive.

My brothers and sisters, let us not be naive! As we begin each day, let us ask Our Lord to help us trust in the Grace He gives us, in our efforts to offer His love to each of our brothers & sisters. Let us trust in His love of us and for us, even when we find we have become *"an object of laughter, where everyone mocks"* us. Where we experience their *"derision and reproach"*. Let us ask Him to help us trust that His love has the power to transform any evil, any wound, including our own. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: Aug 23rd Parish @ \$1984, Air Conditioning @ \$140. Thank You!!

Altar Rosary: meeting Sept 2nd @ 7PM @ Ceadar Hall

Lay Carmelite Society: meeting, Sat. Aug 5 @ 9:30AM @ Ceadar Hall

Parish E-Blast: if you are not receiving the occasional eblast you will need to provide a current email address. Just send update to parish office at: saintlawrence@verizon.net Thank you.

Bernie Boylan: FYI; has been moved to a new location @ Saucon Valley Manor, 1050 Main St., Hellertown. Central Phone @ 610-748-8888. Room # unknown at this time.

Parish Office: out of service Sept 4th – Sept 20th inclusive. Email + Voice Mail planned response Sept 20 forward. Seek Fr. Benn directly for any pressing matters. Thank you.



Bible Study: Reminder> begins Sept. 16, held on Tuesdays @ 10AM-12 Noon @ Ceadar Hall.



Women's Catholic Conference: October 24. Altar Rosary Society will again be organizing a group to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Flyers in vestibule. There still might be time to register. Act quickly. Questions. Contact Mariann Helfant @ 908-892-8663 or principal45@gmail.com



- 1) How do you know that the ocean is friendly?
- 2) What do you call a dog on the beach in the summer?
- 3) What did one tomato say to the other tomato during a race?
- 4) Why should you not use a broken pencil?

1 – It waves, 2 – A hot dog, 3 – Ketchup, 4 – Because it's pointless