

June 14, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday – June 13th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Intentions of Dolores Bonk (Michael & Laura Bonk & Family)

Sunday – June 14th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Intentions of Dolores Bonk (Michael & Laura Bonk & Family)

Monday – June 15th – Weekday –

9:00AM First Responders & Family

Tuesday – June 16th – Weekday –

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

Wed. – June 17th – Weekday –

9:00AM Those Suffering from Depression & Financial Challenges

Thurs. – June 18th – Weekday –

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – June 19th – Weekday – St. Romuald, Abbot

9:00AM May Those Searching for Meaning in Life Find Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday – June 20th – Weekday –

9:00AM Special Intention (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, 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**

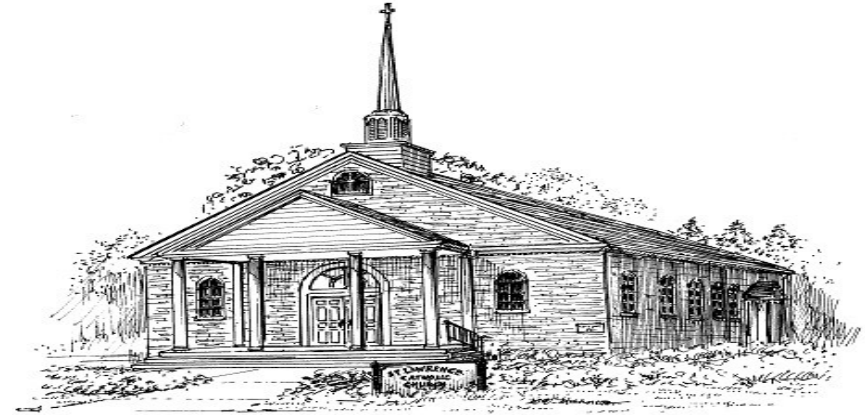
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 June 14, 2026

Both this weekend's 1st Reading and Gospel Reading are loaded with comments that we should reflect on. However, for the sake of simplicity, I would like to focus on just one sentence found in the 1st Reading.

"Therefore, if you harken to my voice, and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." My brothers and sisters, notice how God, as *Father*, i.e., as **parent**, invokes the very human experience of *voice*. One's voice is one of the most powerful gifts God has given us.

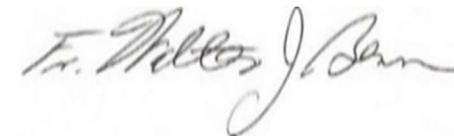
Certainly, words and speech are critical in communicating, but *voice* is even more important. Is not the *voice* of our Mother, Father, Wife, Husband, each of our children, and anyone else who shares our heart paramount in our relationship with them? Whenever they speak words of joy, anger, sadness, grief, doubt, tenderness, fear, embarrassment, or conviction, it is their *voice* which gives meaning and power to those words. The words we speak may establish the correctness of our communication with them; but it is our *voice* which establishes the conviction, the genuineness within them. Think back, when as a child and we fell and got a "Boo, Boo"; a time when we were afraid of something as simple as thunder rolling though the house in the middle of the night; those times when we accomplished something we felt was special at school or

at work, and they made such a fuss about it; the times when we did something that hurt them or someone else in the family and they confronted us; the day you announced your engagement or that you were expecting a child; or grieving over the death of loved one. So many important moments that were matters of the heart and weren't meant to be wasted.

It was important for God to speak to the Israelites; they needed to hear how He felt about them, and He wanted them to *experience* that. To the rest of the peoples of the world, the Israelites were a nothing people; they were just wanderers. They had no land to claim as their own, no traditions, and until God intervened for them, they had no God who wanted to be in relationship with them. They were like the Street People of the ancient world, not worthy of anyone's time or the simple acknowledgment that they existed.

This is why it is critical that as Disciples of Our Lord, we spend time becoming familiar with the *Voice* of the Father, the Voice of Jesus the Son, the Voice of the Holy Spirit. How can any of us expect to become comfortable with God and His ways, if we don't spend time alone with Him, in prayer, in celebrating the mystery of the Eucharist, by reflecting on His Word to us through His words to us through the people and events recorded in the Scriptures, and by seeking Him out in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those who remain apathetic to their part in the relationship which God desires to enter into with them will always remain wandering around in the desert, a desert

which they have created for themselves. So, my sisters and brothers, let us hold on to this experience of the ancient Israelites; it is also our experience. We might be 3,000+ years removed from their desert, but if we don't take seriously how much God loves us, in addition to embracing the task He calls us to with our lives, we will just be a spiritual nomad wandering around the desert, feeling sorry for ourselves and grasping for short-term happiness or treasures which have a very, very short shelf-life. Our responsibility is to choose to quiet ourselves, so that we can recognize the **voice** of our God! When we do, He will take it from there!
Your brother in Christ,



IMPORTANT MASS SCHEDULE: week of June 21 is subject to change. Updates will be "e" blasted + in Church announcement

Collections: June 7 Parish @ \$2960
Missions @ \$345, Knights of Columbus
Donation @ \$1,000 Thank You!!

Knights of Columbus: meeting, June 18 @ 7:30PM @ Ceader Hall

Just a Thought: Can you imagine being a bird and afraid of heights? Or a fish that is afraid of water? Or a squirrel who is allergic to wood? You think you have problems.....YIKES



[Altar & Rosary Trip](#)

June 19, 2026, visiting the Shrine of Saint Joseph, Stirling, NJ; Lunch at Dora's, Clinton, NJ.



Annual Parish Dinner: Tuesday, June 23 @ LaBella Via, 41 Third St., Phillipsburg, NJ. Cost \$25pp payable to: "The Holy Name Society", cash bar, soft drinks provided. **RSVP by June 14.** Forms in vestibule of Church.



Knights Of Columbus Bingo @ St. Lawrence Church, Saturday, June 13, Doors Open @ 6PM, Games Start @ 7PM. See Flyer for additional details.