

July 26, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – July 25th – Vigil Mass –

5:00PM Expecting Mothers & Their Babies

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Sunday – July 26th – Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Rick Stewart (Nick Danford)

Monday – July 27th – Weekday -

9:00AM All Who Serve in Our Armed Forces

Tuesday – July 28th – Weekday –

9:00AM All Those Suffering from Depression & Financial Concerns

Wed. – July 29th - Weekday – St. Marth, Mary & Lazarus

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

Thurs. – July 30th – Weekday – St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – July 31st – Weekday – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00AM Those Enduring Terminal Illness

Saturday – Aug 1st – Weekday – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

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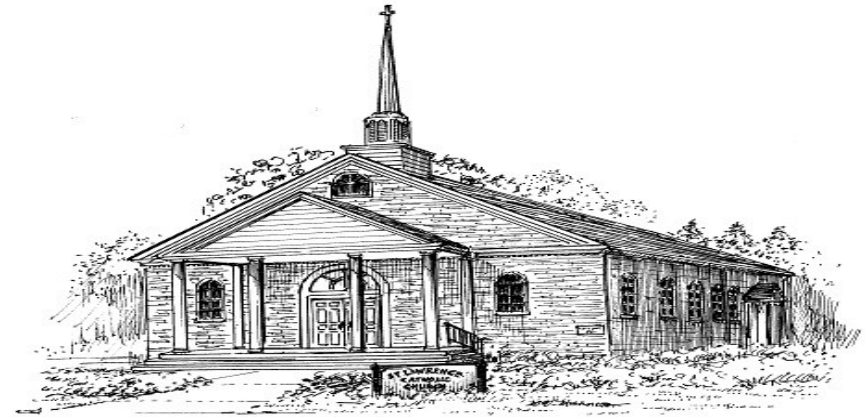
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 July 26, 2026

As you've noticed over the years, when it comes to the *Pastor's Corner* or my Homilies, my attention gravitates to the Gospel. However, it should not infer that God speaks less to us through the other books of the Bible, including the Old Testament. This weekend's 1st Reading from the *1st Book of Kings* is a wonderful example of why we should not ignore the Jewish Scriptures, which we know as the Old Testament. Today's 1st Reading touches on the last of Israel's great kings, King Solomon. His father, King David, had just died and not surprisingly, Solomon was anointed as his successor. At the time of his anointing, Solomon was a young man, so young that many were anxious of his ability to lead Israel, which at that time had become a great kingdom both religiously and politically. The kingdoms of the Mediterranean basin paid attention to Israel.

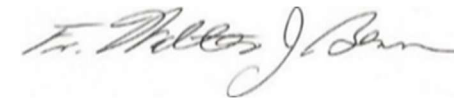
What is so impressive about Solomon is his great spiritual maturity. There is no greater example of this, than what we hear in the *First Book of Kings*. When God comes to Solomon in a dream and asks him "Ask something of me and I will give it to you. Solomon answered. 'O Lord my, God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of a people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be counted. **Give your servant, therefore, an understanding**

heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern these vast people of yours?" For all of the power, wealth and status which had fallen into his lap, he somehow retained a sense of humility about himself, and always retained an awareness of the greatness of God. Notice, that Solomon acknowledges that he is a mere youth. In the ancient societies, adults, particularly elder adults, were held in great esteem and trusted because of their wisdom and their maturity. Solomon acknowledges that he does not have those gifts. This is a level of maturity rarely seen among young people. Notice too, that Solomon does not refer to the People of Israel as His people, but rather, as God's people. In Solomon's mind, he is the steward of the Covenant People, not their master. He also reinforced the truth that any greatness and good that the people find in him should be attributed to goodness of God. This is not to say that Solomon was a saint; he certainly had faults and committed sins. Nevertheless, if there is anything that stands out about King Solomon, it is that he led by example, both in his personal life and by insisting with the people on their faithfulness to the Covenant which their ancestors made with God.

My brothers and sisters, do we not live in a culture that encourages self-worth and self-promotion. A culture where one is not expected to wait for others to recognize and affirm any goodness about ourselves; but rather, one in which we busy ourselves by informing them about our accomplishments,

abilities and wisdom? **Humility!** It is not an easy virtue to embrace or become comfortable with. One of the reasons for this, is that we worry that somehow, we will be poorer for it. In reality, only the person who strives to stay close to God, will enjoy the strength to risk being humble. Nevertheless, I encourage you, that each time you pray, always begin or conclude by asking Our Lord to help you be a humble woman....a humble man; to be like Solomon, or St. Joseph, or the Blessed Mother. As each of us strives to grow in this Virtue, we will discover a certain *calm*, a sense of *Direction* and definitely a certain *Peace*, which can only come when God finds he is welcome in our hearts and we place no conditions on Him. Then, He will choose to walk beside us.

Your brother in Christ,



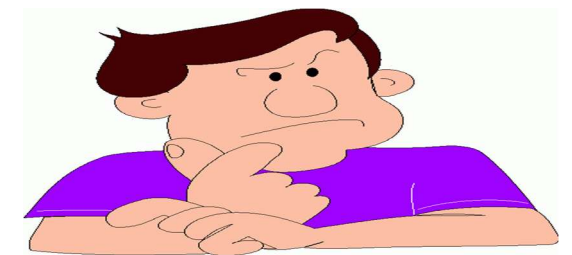
Collections: July 19 Parish @ \$2337. Poor Box @ \$100. Thank You!!



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. Registration deadline is August 17. Questions. Contact Mariann Helfant @ 908-892-8663 or principal45@gmail.com

Bible Study: begins Sept. 16, held on Tuesdays @ 10AM-12 Noon @ Cedar Hall. Registration deadline Aug 9. Fee \$40. Forms + details in vestibule + Web Site.



- #1 - Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?
- #2 - I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes...
- #3 - Where do boats go when they're sick?
- #4 - When does Friday come before Thursday?
- #5 - What do you call a belt with a watch on it?

1 In case they get a hole in one! 2 It was actually the refrigerator; 3 The boat doc; 4 In the dictionary; 5 A waist of time :->