

March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday – Mar 7th – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Intentions of Bernie Boylan (Senior Family)

Sunday – Mar 8th – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM John Bergey (Terri Olimpo)

Monday – Mar 9th – Lenten Weekday – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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

Tuesday – Mar 10th – Lenten Weekday –

9:00AM Gerry Primavera (Angione Family)

Wed. – Mar 11th – Lenten Weekday –

9:00AM Margaret Durns (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Thurs. – Mar 12th – Lenten Weekday –

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Mar 13th – Lenten Weekday – Abstinence

9:00AM John Pavlica (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Saturday – Mar 14th – Lenten Weekday –

9:00AM Intentions of Bernie Boylan (Parish Community)

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**

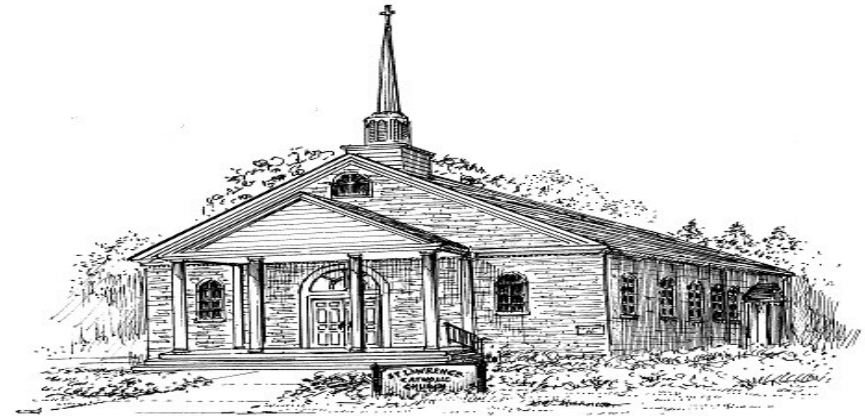
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 March 8, 2026

"Jesus meets the woman at the well in Sychar!" Or, maybe we should think of this Gospel story as the "Jesus and the woman of Sychar meet each other at the well!" No matter how we think of this story, one thing is certain; it is a powerful story which emphasizes the depth of love to which Jesus calls us, especially when one party is doing or living in a way that is destructive to themselves. I don't know who grabs my heart more. Jesus, in his determination to love this woman, by absorbing her initial hostility, prejudice and shame, while believing in the good which centers her heart, but which everyone else presumed she didn't have. Or, the woman, and rejoicing in how she risked opening herself (to a stranger no less) and once more taking a chance to be transparent; still believing she is God's child, who has never given up loving her as a Father. It's almost like the feminine version of the Prodigal Son. One party has spent a large part of their life ruining their life, seemingly, beyond repair, redemption, forgiveness, whatever! Only to discover that God has a capacity to heal the destructiveness of our sins with a caliber of love that manifests itself in *forgiveness, healing* and a determination to leave all of the debris from our past in

His rearview mirror! That is the point of this story and what our Lord calls each person to trust in; namely, the scary power of the Father's love, which He calls us to embrace, to trust in and most importantly, to live. To be sure, when we risk living according to His Divine Love, we will have the scars to show for it. However, for those to whom we have reintroduced God as Loving Father...Loving Parent, they will have lost their horrible scars created in so many ways and so many times by their self-centeredness and refusal to love. So, my brothers and sisters, don't let this story slip through your spiritual fingers. Return to it throughout the week when you pause to spend time with Our Lord. When each of us does that, we will find ourselves at the well of Riegelsville, with our own water jug. And if you are patient, you will probably meet a thirsty stranger who will ask you for a cup of water. Resist the temptation to give him excuses, alibis or a "Tude". Go with the conversation, and you'll be amassed and liberated by where the conversation will take you. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: February 28th + Mar 1st
Parish @ \$4440, Church in Latin America @ \$233, Donations- Poor Box @ \$119 &

Votive Candles @ \$89, Easter Flowers @ \$30. Thank You!!

Lenten & Easter Season + Abstinence flyers available in vestibule.

Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross: every Friday of Lent from 6PM to 7PM prior to Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon & 7PM each Friday of Lent.

Confessions: in addition to our regular schedule on Saturdays @ 3:30PM – 4:30PM; also, during Lent immediately following Stations of the Cross and a Special Evening Confessions Wed., April 1 @7PM-8PM

Holy Name Society: meeting March 9th 2 7Pm @ Ceader Hall.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration: Saturday, March 14 @ Ceader Hall. Must purchase tickets in advance @ \$10 by March 8. Children under 12 years old are free. BYOB. Flyers in vestibule.

IS THIS YOU?? Action item as the following addresses are not current and undeliverable. Advise parish office:

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- 1) What has hands but can't clap?
- 2) What do you call a pony with a sore throat?
- 3) Why did the scarecrow win an award?
- 4) What did the lettuce say to the celery?
- 5) What do you call a sad strawberry?
- 6) What do sea monsters eat?

a clock, a little hoarse, because he was outstanding in his field, quit stalking me, a blue berry, fish and ships