

September 6, 2026 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Sept 5th – Vigil Mass –

5:00PM Nathan Burke – 36th Birthday – USN Causality (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Sunday – Sept 6th - Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Intentions of Rex & Mariann Helfant (A Friend)

Monday – Sept 7th – Weekday –

9:00AM Steve Papiernik (Dolores Bonk)

Tuesday – Sept 8th – Weekday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wed. – Sept 9th - Weekday – St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

Thurs. – Sept 10th – Weekday –

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Sept 11th – Weekday –

9:00AM Kathleen M. Osborn (Eckrich Family)

Saturday – Sept 12th – Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:00AM Janet Achuff (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, Elizabeth Ohle**

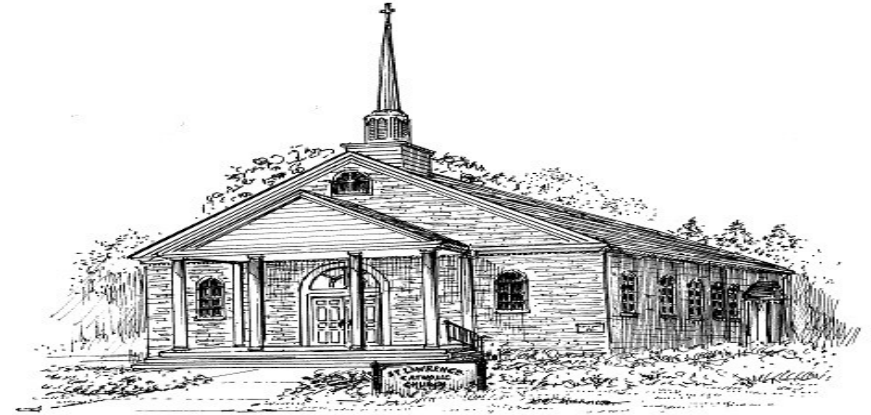
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 September 6, 2026

Today's Gospel might be brief in print, but the significance of Our Lord's words is deep and serious. Why? Because they involve **fraternal correction**, probably the most difficult expression of love. In both the 1st Reading {Book of the Prophet Ezekiel} and the Gospel, God/Jesus does not quibble about the responsibility which Ezekiel, the Apostles, and each of us have to love the people in our lives. He especially emphasizes that we have a serious obligation to save those who embrace values and behavior which are destructive to themselves and their eternal future with God. Noble as this is, you and I know that this is not an easy thing to choose to do. Initially, we will almost certainly be seen as "judgmental", self-righteous, interfering in their personal life and their "right" to do whatever they want.

I think most of us can speak from personal experience, both as one who was blessed with a family member or friend who confronted us with something we were doing that was not only destructive to another, but also to ourselves. We didn't like it; probably told them so and made them pay for it with "the silent treatment" or worse, completely rejecting them. No doubt, we also offered them a parting broadside by cataloging a list of their failures and sins. The second type of experience was when we mustered the love and courage to confront someone who was destructive not only to themselves, but also to those who made up the debris field they left behind, which was made up of the friends & family who risked loving them. Rarely does one step back from such an attempt without their heart revealing the wounds for their act of love. Yet, this is exactly what God asks of

Ezekiel and what Jesus is asking of us. Why? Because this is exactly the caliber of love with which he loves us. And He expects each of His children to love no less; to risk no less; to trust in the power of the Father's Love no less. I don't know about you, my brothers and sisters, but this is something I need to pray for all of time; to pray for the courage and humility to love those in my life who would misunderstand my efforts to love them through fraternal love. It is easier to let them stew in their own juices and hope the lightbulb will go on. The problem is that many times they won't let the light bulb go on; they are so used to manufacturing excuses for their behavior, and so the suffering continues.

My sisters and brothers, let us ask Our Lord to trust Him; to trust that His love can heal any wound. When things seem irreversible, let us ask Him to help us, because we don't see how His love can succeed with this particular person or set of circumstances. Often, people will comment that "*There is nothing impossible for God*". Most of those who believe that believe it because they think God will handle this all by himself; but this is not how it works. More often than not, it only works when we allow Him to put a face on His work... that would be our face, our voice, our personal presence. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: Aug 30th Parish @ 3373, Donation Honor of Janet Davis Achuff @ \$150. Thank You!!

Special Collection: Black & Indian Missions, Sept 13 & 14

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, Sept 13 following the 9:30AM Mass @ Ceader Hall. All invited.

Holy Name Society: meeting Sept 14 @ 7PM @ Ceader 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: back in service. Business as usual:>

"Grace in Action" Planning Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 10th @ Ceader Hall @ 6PM for October donations drive. Hope to see you there! Questions: contact Marion marionabele@yahoo.com OR Maureen modino100@aol.com or Maureen 917-536-2347

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

