

November 23, 2025 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday – Nov 22nd – Vigil Mass

5:00PM Nicolo & Anna Scardino (Helfant Family)

Sunday – Nov 23rd – Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Intentions of Rachel Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

Monday – Nov 24th – Weekday – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

9AM Gregory Scelzi (Laurie Piccinoe)

Tuesday – Nov 25th – Weekday – St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

9AM Cecylia Brzuska (Mariola Pratt)

Wednesday – Nov 26th – Weekday –

9:00AM Walter Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

Thursday – Nov 27th – Weekday – Thanksgiving Day

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

Friday – Nov 28th – Weekday –

9:00AM Gregory Scelzi (Laurie Piccione)

Saturday – Nov 29th – Weekday –

9:00AM Gregory Scelzi (Laurie Piccione)

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, Gerry Primavera

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

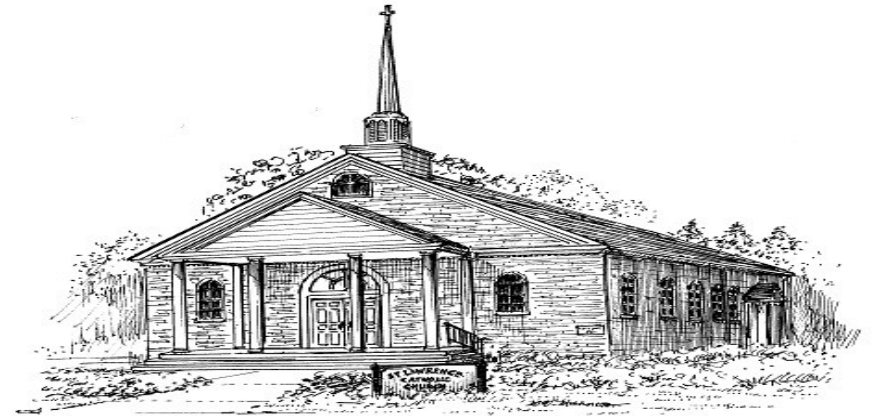
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 November 23, 2025
CTK + Thanksgiving

We have entered that time of year when celebrations, both social and spiritual, are going to happen fast & furious. This weekend, we celebrate the ***Feast of Christ the King!*** It is the last weekend in the Church's liturgical calendar. Next week is the ***First Sunday of Advent***, the beginning of the Church's new liturgical calendar. I don't know about you, but memories of this past summer are still fresh in my mind. Mentally, it is difficult for me to believe that we will be celebrating ***Thanksgiving*** in four days, and that next week we will begin focusing on the personalities and events that led up to the Birth of Christ.

Nevertheless, these celebrations are upon us, and we must place ourselves within them. Celebrations are meant to be participated in; they are ways for us to join, in what we recall. Consequently, this Thursday, when we celebrate ***Thanksgiving***, we should make the *personal* effort to place ourselves in the presence of the Father and prayerfully identify the things for which we should be grateful. Ultimately, God is the source of all the good things that happen in our lives. It is unfortunate that on *Thanksgiving Day*, we are encouraged to be grateful for the things we have, the "stuff" we have; we never seem to go beyond that, which is a shame. There are other things to be grateful to God for, both as individuals and as a Country. How

often do we thank God for our spouse, our parents, our children, the men & women who have placed themselves in *Harm's Way* to keep us safe? How often do we thank God for His forgiveness? Are we aware of our need for His healing? Do we remember the times, when during a personal or family crisis, and we didn't know what to do or where to turn; somehow, God answered our prayers, not by doing something for us, but by helping us to understand what to do or what to say? It is one thing to say, "I'm grateful", but are we? If we are, it will show in our choices. Hopefully, it will translate into time alone in prayer on Thanksgiving Day or in the Eucharist, and personally thank God for those specific moments or things when you and I were gifted by His presence, His strength, His Wisdom, His forgiveness, and His humility. As corny as it sounds, we must ask ourselves this question: Am I grateful enough to stop and devote some personal time this week, inviting God into my spiritual kitchen, and over a cup of coffee, tell Him that I haven't forgotten what He did for me and that I'm trying to *live* that gratitude? Your brother in Christ,



Collections: November 16 Parish @ \$3003, Christmas Flowers @ \$83, Seminary Appeal @ \$10, All Souls Day @ \$20, Donation KOC @ \$500. Thank You.



FOOD DRIVE – 2025

BENEFITTING THE LORD'S PANTRY
St. John the Baptist, Ottsville
November 22 & 23 Saturday/Sunday
Tangible donations will be collected at St. Lawrence during our weekend Masses Nov 22-23. Monetary donations (cash), or if check, payable to: The Lords Pantry. Items would then be purchased by pantry staff for the benefit of the needy.
All proceeds will be transported to St. John's on behalf of our parishioners.

Suggested are: peanut butter & jelly, chunky style soups, cooking oil, coffee, tea, shelf stable or powdered milk, canned meats and fish, juices, cereals. They also need paper goods: tissues, toilet paper, soap, dish and laundry detergent, shampoo, tooth paste etc.



Wreaths Across America: Ceremony @ St. Peter's Lutheran Church, @ 12Noon, Dec 13. Immediately following is the placement of wreaths at Veterans grave sites @ Riegelsville Cemetery. Wreaths for purchase @ \$17 each calling 877-385-9504

or on line with location ID as PARGVL, sponsorship ID is PA0731



The **March for Life** will take place Friday, January 23rd. We are trying to anticipate the cost of the Bus and if there will be enough participants from both St. John the Baptist & St. Lawrence Parishes. If you anticipate participating in the March, would you be kind enough to let Fr. Benn know? Responding at this time will not be interpreted as a commitment on your part, but before we make a commitment to the bus company, we need to know if it is financially feasible. Thank You!

2025 Day of Sanctification for Priests:

Prayer: "Lord our God, who is governing your people; make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men; preserving obedience to your will, so that by their ministry & life, they may gain glory for you in Christ; Who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever & ever. Amen".

R-Ville 4th Annual Tree Lighting:

Sat., Dec 6 @ 6-7:30PM. Santa arrives @ 6:30PM. Fun for the entire family.