

**September 28, 2025 – Twenty- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass**

5:00PM Walter Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

**Sunday – Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Gold Star Mothers (Ted/Janet Achuff)

**Monday – Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael; Archangels**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Tuesday – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

9AM: Jim & Sharon Huntington (Helfant Family)

**Wednesday – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Weekday – St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin**

9:00AM: Rocco & Julia Della Croce (Helfant Family)

**Thursday – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Weekday – The Holy Guardian Angles**

9:00AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Weekday –**

9:00AM: First Responders & Their Families (Parish Community)

**Saturday – Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – St. Francis of Assisi**

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

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

**Church of Saint Lawrence**

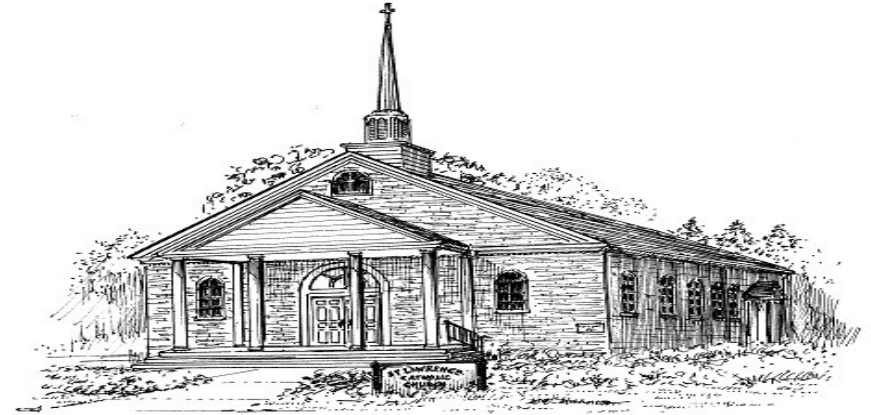
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**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 28, 2025

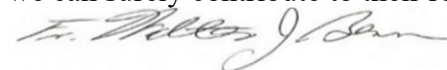
Following the conclusion of the 2nd World War in the Pacific, my father was discharged from the Navy, and within a few months of returning home to Delaware County, was able to land a good job with the Rehms Company, a Philadelphia company. During WWII and immediately following it, Rehms benefitted from several military contracts; their future looked secure. However, as frequently happens following many wars, the national economy started to suffer, and Rehms was forced to consolidate its operations out of the State. They didn't inform their employees until the day they were going to shut the factory down. On that day, my father suffered a severe hernia, which required surgery and rehab. At the time, I was probably in 2nd grade. Before all this happened, two brothers, who, like my father, had been recently discharged from the U.S. Navy from their service during the War in the Pacific, had approached my father about working for them. They were starting a machinist company, working out of their father's garage. Because my father was happy working at Rehms, he declined. The day my father lost his job at Rehms, he called the two brothers and asked if their offer was still there. It was. On top of that, they told him the job was his once he was cleared from his surgery, which was in the mid-50s. By the mid-70s, their tiny business would morph into a multimillion-dollar company.

There are tens of thousands of people who suffer terrible misfortune and never have the good fortune of my father or those two brothers. The parable in today's Gospel touches on such misfortune, particularly in the person of Lazarus. We are never offered an explanation for his poverty, nor the ailments that usually follow close behind those who are so poor, which inevitably affect their diet, their stamina, their appearance, and ultimately their failing health. All we know is that Lazarus can no longer fend for himself and needs the kindness and unselfishness of others. Our Lord contrasts Lazarus with the "rich man", who wants for nothing. Financially, the rich man could probably care for dozens, maybe hundreds of Lazarus' if he chose. Instead, the rich man decides to cling to his wealth, with its excellent food, clothing, and status.

What a contrast to the two good brothers, who probably didn't have any more cash in their pockets than my father did the day he lost his job. Cruellest of all, the rich man won't even acknowledge Lazarus' existence by allowing him to eat the scraps of food that fall from his table. Proof of how utterly desensitized the rich man has become by his wealth, he is prevented from gaining the slightest relief from his eternal punishment with just a drop of water. When he asks God to get Lazarus to do the work, he still sees Lazarus as beneath him.

My brothers & sisters, this parable is meant for us. Let us not forget the victim, Lazarus, and let us not forget the

lesson of the rich man. The person who refuses to presume the goodness of every needy person, to respect them, and who refuses to take responsibility for their care will suffer the same withholding of love from God at the end of time. In our culture, it is very easy to gloss over people's suffering, to resolve their dilemma by saying "they need to get a job". For most of us, our understanding of their troubles is intellectual, not a physical experience. Mass Media can inform us of these troubles, but it is unable to convey everything about the experience of poverty. We must make the effort to be present to them, where they can look us in the eye, where we can see their poverty, smell their poverty, and come to appreciate what it is like for the impoverished to go to sleep and wake up with their hunger. If we are careless, we can unwittingly become exactly like the rich man who ceases even to be aware of suffering when it was beneath his very feet. Indeed, the suffering of just one person, never mind hundreds of thousands, can be overwhelming to the point where we don't know what to do or where to begin. You and I may have many people and circumstances to pray for and bring to *Father Abraham*. Still, each of us must make the effort to own the responsibility to care for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the marginalized, the humiliated, and the powerless. You and I may not have created their poverty, but we can surely contribute to their relief.



**Collections:** Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Parish @ \$2477, Poor Box @ \$90, Candles @ \$84, Black \$ Indian Missions @ \$25 Thank You.

**Support Groups for those in Need!**  
**AOP's Office for Life and Family:** (215) 587-5661 [sbozza@archphila.org](mailto:sbozza@archphila.org)  
**The Delaware Valley Pro-Life Alliance:** 24-hour Hot Line (610)626-4006  
**\*AOP's Disabilities and Autism Hotline:** [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org) (484) 472-5041

**Grandparents raising a Grandchild:**

- AOP's Catholic Social Services (215)587-3555
- Also, c/o Sister Pat (215) 945-2550

**\*Addiction to Pornography:**  
**Dann.Aunst@RoadtoPurity.com**  
{Augustinian}

**\*Addiction to Alcohol:** "The Calix Society at Malvern Retreat House"  
315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. PA / Monthly meeting-3rd Sunday of each month- 4 PM-6 PM/ No Registration needed / Includes Adoration, Mass, and Meeting.

**\* Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Center:**  
Hotline (908)453-4121 Ext. 100

**\*AOP's Metropolitan Tribunal:** This Office is responsible for providing dispensations related to all weddings and the church court of appeal for all Catholics seeking an annulment from a previous marriage. (215) 587-3750

**\*AOP's Office for Child and Youth Protection**  
[www.childyouthprotection.org](http://www.childyouthprotection.org) Email: [OCYP@archphila.org](mailto:OCYP@archphila.org)

**Phone: (215) 587-3880 or 888-800-8780**