

June 28, 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – June 27th – Vigil Mass –

5:00PM Holy Spirit Guidance in Pursuit of AOP Strategic Planning (Fr. Benn)

Sunday – June 28th – Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Rogelio Mendez Flores (Mendez Family)

Monday – June 29th – St. Peter & Paul, Apostles

9:00AM Expecting Mothers & Their Babies

Tuesday – June 30th – Weekday – The First Martyr of the Holy Roman Church

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

Wed. – July 1st – Weekday – St. Junipero Serra, Priest

9:00AM Intentions of All Veterans & Their Families

Thurs. – July 2nd – Weekday –

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – July 3rd – Weekday – St. Thomas, Apostle

9:00AM All Who Served in Our Armed Forces

Saturday – July 4th – Weekday – INDEPENDENCE DAY, USA

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**

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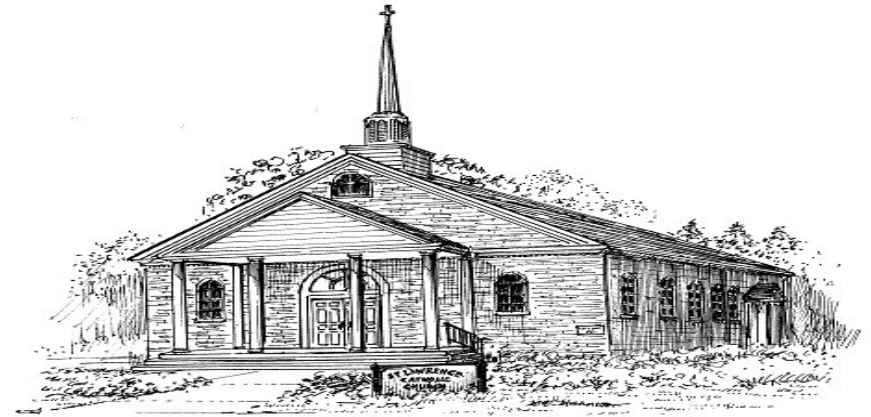
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 Minimum 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 June 28, 2026

Instead of sharing a spiritual reflection in this week's Scripture Readings, I thought it important to highlight several issues pertinent to our Parish's life. Some of them have been shared with you over the last two weeks in the *Pre-Mass Announcements*, but I thought it would be helpful to get them in front of you in printed form.

On the weekend of the Mission Coop, someone accidentally dropped a wad of money in church while leaving. It was found by one of our parishioners and handed over to me. We have advertised this over the last two weeks without receiving any response. I suspect that person was either a guest or a parishioner who is presently on vacation. If you become aware of this loss or of the owner of the money, please encourage them to contact the Parish Office at **(610) 749-2684** to claim it. The owner must be able to report the correct amount of money and the denominations of the bills.

It doesn't happen often, but every once in a while, because of circumstances beyond our control, parish activities which have been scheduled and promoted in the bulletin or before Mass must be canceled at the last minute. Recently, the KofC's *Bingo Night* had to be canceled minutes before its scheduled start due to a storm-related power outage. Another example was the cancellations of 9 AM weekday Masses + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament because of Fr. Benn's surgery, only to be back "On" when that surgery was canceled at the last minute. We mitigated the inconvenience caused by this situation by sending Parishioners an e-blast. Nevertheless, others were not aware of it because they have never shared their email

address or an updated version of it. We highly encourage those of you who have not registered your email address or may have changed your email address to contact the Parish Office and register your email address, so that we may include you in future e-blasts, which are brief notices shared with everyone, informing them of a cancellation, or reminders of important events taking place in the life of our Parish.

OCIA {Order of Christian Initiation of Adults; formerly referred to as RCIA}. If you or someone you know is seeking more information about becoming a Catholic, please pass along [information sheets](#) that provide a brief description of the process. The information contained in these sheets is not exhaustive, but it can definitely give them a sense of what the program is about. These sheets can be found on the carousel in the church vestibule. Just as importantly, encourage them to contact Fr. Benn at the Parish Office; nothing is more valuable than engaging in a face-to-face discussion. The process begins in September, and they will need to gather as much information as they can to make their decision. Parish Office **(610)749-2684** or saintlawrence@verizon.net

Master of Arts Degree in Catholic Health Care Ministry: Recently, St. Charles Seminary's School of Theological Studies established a Master of Arts program focusing on the Health Care Ministry. I know that a number of our parishioners are professionally engaged in the Health Care Ministry. I know, too, that as health care professionals, they desire to be well-informed and educated in Catholic theology, bioethics, and pastoral practice while engaged in modern health care and the issues it involves. This is a program that you will find helpful as a Catholic. A

complete description of the program can be found on their website at www.SCS.edu. School of Theological Studies.

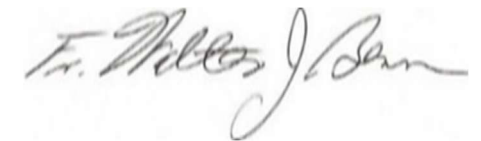
There comes a time in everyone's life when they lose their freedom of movement, either because they can no longer drive or because they are confined to home or bed. For those of us who enjoy great freedom and independence of movement, it is easy to forget what a source of sadness such a condition can be in a person's life. If you know of a parishioner who is laboring under such circumstances, let me know that Father Benn would be happy to include them among his home calls. These visits take place once a month and include reception of the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick. Also, let me know that they can join us each Sunday morning through the Live Streaming of the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. This can be accomplished online at saint-Lawrence-church.org. A family member, friend, or neighbor would need to set that up for them, but it really is not complicated. All you need is to be connected to the internet. Let us know if we can help.

Speaking of things technical, we need additional volunteers as videographers to handle the camera work for each Sunday's Live Streaming of Mass. This is not a complicated task, but it does require that one pay attention. Our present videographers do a wonderful job, but could benefit from relief of this weekly commitment. Like everyone else, they would like to be free to enjoy family activities. Having others who can fill in for them would be a blessing. All volunteers will receive ample guidance and supervision until they feel comfortable going "solo". As with all volunteer activities, the more who get involved, the less the burden is for

everyone. Consider volunteering for this great act of love for those who can no longer join us in person. I would appeal to those of you who enjoy music and are interested in religious music to consider contributing to our weekly liturgies. Regardless of your talent, consider contributing your voice to our choir as a singer or cantor. If you can play a musical instrument, would you consider offering that talent to the celebration of our liturgies? Outside of a kazoo, I would not dismiss the sound of any instrument. We would love to include stringed instruments, such as the violin, bass violin, harp, oboe, guitar, or banjo. Wind instruments such as the trumpet, clarinet, and saxophone would certainly add variety to our sound. Like all ministries, this requires a willingness to commit to the program.

Finally, as you frequently see at our weekend Masses, we need additional ministers in the following roles: Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers/Greeters. I would love to see adults take up these roles as couples or parent/child teams. If you are interested in this, please contact me through the Parish Office at (610)749-2684 or saintlawrence@verizon.net

Your Brother in Christ,



Collections: June 21 Parish @ \$2654, Catholic Foundation @ \$2665. Thank You!!

Special Collection: Peter's Pence, June 20-21 & 27-28.