

November 1, 2026 – All Saints Day

Saturday – Oct 31st – Vigil Mass –

5:00PM Leona Cesari (John/Denise Fourney)

Sunday – Nov 1st - Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Linda Achuff (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Monday – Nov 2nd – Weekday – All Souls Day

9:00AM Rogelio Mendez Flores (Mendez Family)

Tuesday – Nov 3rd – Weekday – St. Martin de Porres, Religious

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

Wed. – Nov 4th - Weekday – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9:00AM Leona Cesari (Ed/Joanne Kline)

Thurs. – Nov 5th – Weekday –

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Nov 6th – Weekday –

9:00AM Lenoa Cesari (Shara Beers)

Saturday – Nov 7th – Weekday –

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, Elizabeth Ohle, **Mary Senior**

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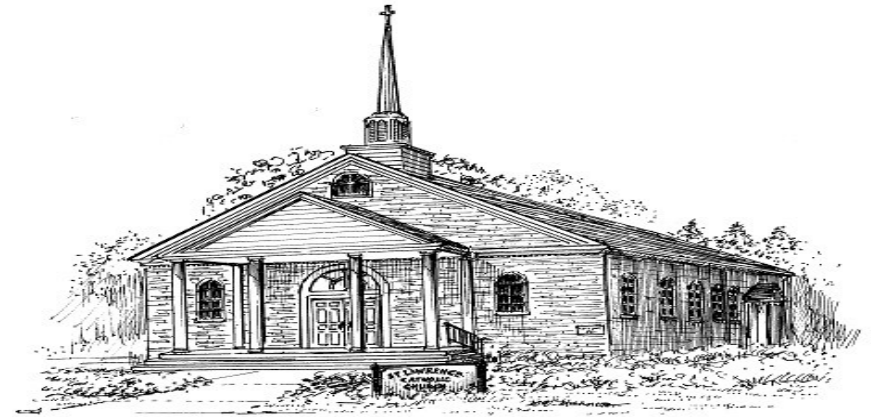
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 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 1, 2026

The following is a brief break-down how the March for Life works and some suggestions for first time participants:

Once arrived in Washington, our participants will leave immediately for the **??????, which is near the Smithsonian Institute**. There, the assembled Marchers will listen to a series of brief speeches by various speakers. This lasts about 30-40 minutes. The speakers are courageous Congressmen & Senators, women & men in leadership roles within the Pro-Life movement offering an update on where the Pro-Life movement is with regards to various bills being promoted in Congress; sometimes they include women who have had abortions or men who have encourage or pressured women to have an abortion. All speak of the huge regret they have over their choice, and now advocate for the protection of the unborn. Others share success stories of how their group succeeded convincing desperate women that there were other alternatives to their dilemma, in addition to personal support for them and their baby. Following that, it takes about 15 minutes for the March Organizers to organize the Marchers, and the D.C. Police to block off streets that cross the route of the March. Following that, the *March* begins and we *March* from that location to the front steps of the Supreme Court.

The March involves a distance of about **1½ - 2 miles** through the heart of the Federal portion of the City, past the White House,

winding around the Capital Building, before reaching the Supreme Court. Throughout the March, the marchers walk quietly, many having conversations with people from their group or with fellow marchers; others pray the rosary in small groups. There are others who chant slogans enthusiastically. Not surprisingly they are the largest block of marchers who have recently taken their place among us professing their faith and their belief in the sacredness of Life.....They are the tens of thousands of students who bus to D.C. from their High School, College or University from all over the East. Last year, as we were waiting to begin the March, I met a large group of university students from the University of Detroit, a Jesuit college. They had spent the whole night busing down from the Motor City and were still filled with a lot of spiritual ginger. If anyone who worries about the future of the American Church, they need to participate in the *March for Life*. In these young sisters & brothers you will find hope. **When, the Marchers reach the steps of the Supreme Court, the March is over**. By this time, it is somewhere between 3PM and 4 PM. People linger for a few minutes taking in the moment. **Then, it is time for everyone to return to their buses, the Metro, their car or Amtrak**. All of this might sound a bit anti-climactic: travel for hours in a bus; grabbing quick meals at rest stops; waiting in line outside the rest rooms, then walking quietly within a huge collection of loving people who are bonded by only two things: 1) Their shared conviction of the sacredness of Life. 2) The religious Faith they share with hundreds of thousands of people, in a location that is full of significance for us as Americans? For 4-5 hours? Yep! That's the *March for Life*! And no one is as comfortable and spontaneous in doing it

like Americans, grounded by their religious Faith. Have any questions? Contact Fr. Benn at St. Lawrence (610) 749-2684, or Kevin Murphy at St. John the Baptist at **(610-847-5521**. Want to reserve a seat on the bus? Call Kevin Murphy **at St. John the Baptist in Ottsville**

Bullet Points

A>Departure for Washington D. C. - **7AM**
From St. John the Baptist Church, Ottsville Pa.

B>Foot, Back & Hip Comfort: From the time you step off our bus, you will be walking on concrete for the next 4+hour. Until the March begins you might be standing for 40-50 minutes at the site of the speeches.... Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended!

C-The March itself takes about 1-1 ½ hours before you reach the Supreme Court. From there, marchers walk back to the Washington Union Station, where either take the Metro {Subway} to where their bus is parked. E.G. One of those parking sites is the National Shrine, which is right next to Catholic University. **Another site is the large city garage behind Washington Station. This is where the St. Lawrence / John the Baptist bus parks. All of this is a relatively short walk of 4-6 city blocks to the gathering site.**

D>Rest Rooms: There are locations for people who need to go to the Bathroom; e.g. some of the Federal Buildings, the Washington Union Station [which is at the end of the March], and a smattering of Port-a- Potties; however there really are NOT any other

alternatives. This can be a Game Changer for anyone who has bladder issues, so, you must anticipate this need. Helpful Hints: The last thing that many marchers do before exiting their bus for the March is make a visit to their bus's restroom. Another helpful strategy is to eat a **lite breakfast, limit your water intake,** and **avoid coffee/tea or fruits like grapes and apples** which are delicious and nourishing, but also contain diuretics.

E>It's not a fashion show! Dress casually and comfortably. Good walking shoes are a must. If the forecast is for wet or cold weather, bring gloves, knit hat. It's not required, but make sure you bring any meds you might need, and perhaps a note containing any medical condition you might have.....It helps in an emergency.

F> Security: Security in the Nation's Capital is excellent. The D.C.P.D. always maintains order and will not tolerate trouble makers. They also maintain a full complement of medical personnel for any Marcher who has a sudden medical issue. Occasionally, you will hear or see a helicopter or some law enforcement personnel on various federal Buildings. There is a large contingent of Knights of Columbus who act as *March Marshalls*. They are very helpful.

[See insert: G Meals](#)

Collections: Oct 25th Parish @ \$2198, Choir Music @ \$2. Thank You!!

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G> Meals: Each Marcher should bring a lunch with them to eat on the bus. A little post March snack in the bus, is always something to look forward to. On the drive down to the Capitol, once we reach the outskirts of the City, most people start their lunch. Dinner? Usually, we stop at one of the Rest Stops along I 95. This usually happens about 30-45 minutes after we have depart Washington D.C. It's about a 30–40-minute stop.

H> Cell Phone: Make sure you bring a fully charged cell phone. During the course of the day, FYI It would be wise not to use your phone on frivolous issues. You never know when you might need that power.

I> Departure for the March will be from the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Church at **7AM**. Return will be St. John's around **9PM**. For those relying on someone to pick them up at St. John's, once we are more than ½

way home the bus driver should be able to confirm our ETA. Based on that, you can call your ride and inform them of that ETA.

I hope this commentary has been helpful to all of you. If you feel drawn to participate in the March for Life, pray over it and talk to past Marchers. You will not be a stranger, since it is almost certain that there will be people whom you are familiar with **participating in the March. Along with Fr Lucas and Kevin, I look forward to sharing in this year's March for Life!**

Prayer & Life Community: meeting Saturday, Oct 31 @ 9:45AM-12 noon @ Ceader Hall.

Knight of Columbus: meeting Monday, Nov 2 @7:30PM @ Ceader Hall.

Altar Rosary **Decorative Glass Painting**: Create your own one-of-a kind Floral-inspired glassware. All supplies and snacks provided. BYOB.

Grace in Action Committee would like to thank everyone for their incredible generosity in our recent drive. Whether you brought one item or 100, each of you contributed to the 73 bags of baby and toddler items and food products plus 10 big boxes of diapers not in bags, plus monetary donations over \$100! The Third St Alliance was ecstatic about the donations! "