

October 25, 2026 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – Oct 24th – Vigil Mass –

5:00PM Tom & Mary Senior – 40th Wedding Anniversary (8/23) (Fond Friend)

Sunday – Oct 25th - Mass is Streamed Live –

9:30AM Tom & Mary Senior – 40th Wedding Anniversary (8/23) (Fond Friend)

Monday – Oct 26th – Weekday –

9:00AM John Orsino – USMC – Vietnam Casualty (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Tuesday – Oct 27th – Weekday –

9:00AM Lynda Warehouser (Dolan Family)

Wed. – Oct 28th - Weekday – St. Simon & Jude, Apostles

9:00AM Clare Voigt (Voigt Family)

Thurs. – Oct 29th – Weekday –

9:00AM Reading & Communion Distribution Only

Friday – Oct 30th – Weekday –

9:00AM Intentions of Rebecca Ur (Dolan Family)

Saturday – Oct 31st – Weekday –

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

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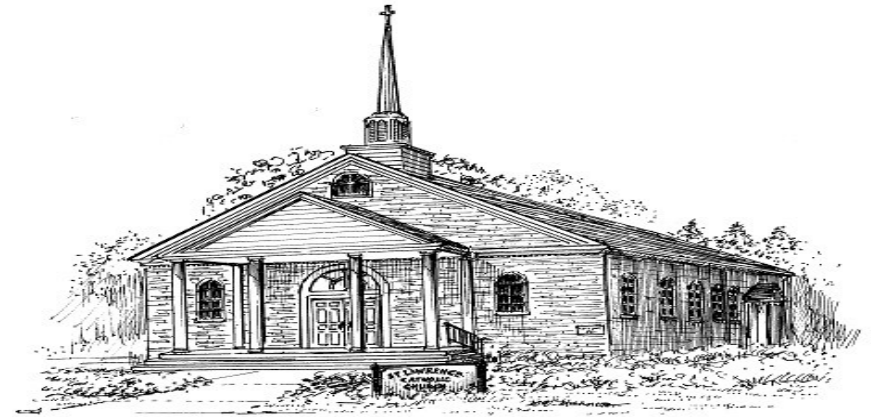
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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

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 October 25, 2026
The annual *March for Life*- PC Part #1

“Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest? Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.’ The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

During this past Summer a parishioner, who doesn't wish to be identified, acted on the words of Our Lord in today's Gospel. He has offered to cover the entire cost of renting a bus for any parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish and St. Lawrence Parish who wish to put Our Lord's words into action, by participating in the annual *March for Life* held in our Nation's Capital this January 22nd.

Many people do not know anything about the *March for Life*. Regrettably, others presume that the *March for Life* is an experience characterized by religious nuts and reactionary demonstrators yelling and screaming at them in opposition; they presume the *March for Life* experience is characterized by confrontation and tension. None of this is true! For the next two weeks, I would like to share with those who have never participated in the *March for Life* my experience on the March. This week I would like to reflect on the spiritual side of the March. Next week, I will explain the nuts and bolts of the of how the *March* works, which I'm sure many of you are curious about.

So, what is the *March of Life*? My sisters and brothers, the *March for Life* is two things: **#1 It is the decision by the laity, inspired by our religious leaders, to speak out and challenge the conscience of our Countrymen and the leaders they elect about the sacredness of Life**, regardless of the condition or circumstances it labors in. The *March for Life* is about millions of people who recognize their responsibility not to cooperate with the **Lies** which millions of our fellow Americans use to shamefully justify abortion; i.e. the taking a person's life. As Americans, Pro-Lifers take no pleasure in confronting their fellow Americans. By nature, we are a people who strives for unison and harmony. Although the majority of Pro-Lifers are Catholic, you would be surprised how many Marchers are from the Protestant Traditions and the Jewish tradition; they come with the banners proclaiming their Congregation and their synagogue. Some of the most memorable pre-March speeches that I have every heard at the *March* were by a Jewish Rabbis from Brooklyn. Pro-Lifers are people whose conscience is grounded in God. Regardless of what faith tradition they come from, it is our common belief that God is a loving Creator, a Life-Giver; not a Life-Taker. As His Children, it is instinctive for us to love everyone, even when it is difficult or painful. Consequently, it is not unusual, for all Marchers to feel very comfortable with each other; to look out for each other; to find an authentic joy in being around each other. While a large portion of the Marchers come from the Northeast {PA,

NJ, NY, MD and DE}; yet, there are also large blocks of people who travel all the way down from New England, particularly Connecticut and Massachusetts. I'm always impressed by the large groups from Pittsburgh, Virginia, West Virginia, the mid -West plus representative groups from other states east of the Mississippi. There is one congregation from Missouri, who boards their bus the day before the March, drives all day and all night; gets out of the bus, Marches, gets back on the bus a repeat the journey home; they do this every year. The *March for Life* is an Act of Love for both the Unborn, but it is also an Act of Love for many of our misled Countrymen. While abortion kills the life of an infant; abortion also kills the spirit of our Country and its people.

#2 The *March for Life* is a spiritually powerful experience. It is not by coincidence that the *March for Life* is a spiritual experience; and the reason for this is that each of us share in our opposition to a moral outrage; we also rejoice in the fact that we share in a mutual conviction that God is a loving God, a compassionate God; in each other, we know we are not alone. The *March for Life* is more Ecumenical than anyone ever imagined, and it is so because we joyfully have a chance to celebrate what we have in common. For a number of years, I had opportunities to participate in the *March for Life*, but didn't feel the urgency to participate in it. Nevertheless, each year, parishioners gently, but persistently, kept inviting me to join them. Finally, I decided to join them. For

me, that was a profound day. Since then, I have participated in close to 20 *Marches*. During the 70's, while I was still in the seminary, my mother, along with parishioners of my home parish of Nativity B.V. M. in Media, would bus down to the Capital, a few times in snow storms. Each year, she would write me a letter of their experiences. Regardless of how terrible the weather or the temperatures, the *March* always went on and still does; because, Our Lord's words remind us that we aren't keeping the First Commandment, if we don't keep the "second" part of it, by loving our neighbor and that includes the unborn. Not all Pro-lifers are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to make this once-a-year spiritual gathering. However, if you have the time and are physically able to participate in the March, I would talk to Our Lord about it and consider dipping your toes into this spiritual experience. Your brother in Christ,



Collections: Oct 18th Parish @ \$3082, World Missions @ \$210, Choir @ \$5.

Roberta & Lefty 65th Wedding Anniversary: Heartfelt Thanks to all who signed their Anniversary card. You are truly our family. Love Roberta & Lefty.

IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM: 2027 weekly contribution envelopes run is completed. No changes. Till 2028. Thank you.