

**March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday – Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass**

5:00PM Intentions of Bernie Boylan (Senior Family)

**Sunday – Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Intentions of Steven Danford (Dad)

**Monday – Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday –**

9:00AM Antoinette Policastro (McDonald family)

**Tuesday – Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday – St. Patrick, Bishop**

9:00AM Intentions of Tom Senior – B-Day (Senior Family)

**Wed. – Mar 18<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop**

9:00AM Joseph Papiernik (Lay Carmelite Community)

**Thurs. – Mar 19<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday – St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – Mar 20<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday – Abstinence**

9:00AM Intentions of Bernie Boylan (Lay Carmelite Community)

**Saturday – Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – Lenten 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**

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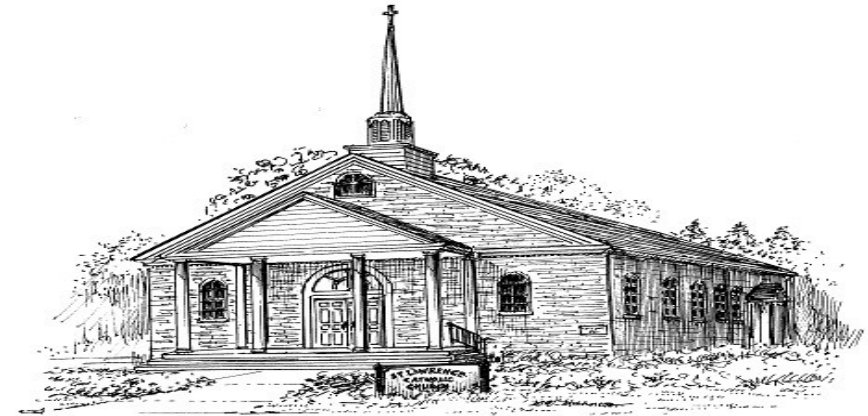
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**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

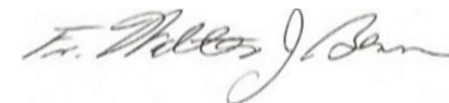
Pastor's Corner March 15, 2026

Immediately following last week's wonderful Gospel story of *Jesus & the Woman at the Well*, John provides us with yet another of his beautifully told Gospel stories which takes place in the days leading up to Our Lord's *Passion*; namely, the story of the *Man Born Blind*. Like the story of *Jesus & the Woman at the Well*, there are many aspects to this story from which you and I can use as starting points for our personal prayer. You don't have to be a Scripture Scholar to delve into this story; because when we do, we will find ourselves in the behavior of each of the characters. I would like to comment on just one of those characters. "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." One might ask, how could a loving God make an innocent person who has been suffering from the terrible affliction of blindness, wait for decades until He was ready to use that man's affliction to display his divine power and love? It is important for us to pay attention to the details. This is the first time that Jesus has encountered this person. Before this moment, they were anonymous to each other. However, once Our Lord encounters the blind man in his suffering, He has no intention of allowing the man to suffer his handicap one more

minute. Notice that the blind man has been and is completely powerless. He depends on everyone & anyone to assist him in the smallest of daily needs. You can be certain that virtually everyone refuses to step toward him out of fear of "catching" his blindness or becoming ritually impure by touching or associating with a sinner, something all people {including the Apostles} presumed was the cause of this *punishment* from God. What are the "works" of God which this powerless man can offer to those around him? It is just that: his powerlessness. He cannot change. He cannot correct; he cannot even advocate for himself.....he can only **receive**. Included in those decades long acts of receiving is **waiting**. *Waiting*, sounds so simple; yet, that which is simple isn't necessarily easy. This man knew darkness on so many levels; yet as the story progresses, we see that he has used that time of darkness to find God. As he is jerked from one group of unbelievers to another, his faith and appreciation for God grows stronger, clearer. The great irony is that the blind man grows in *insight*; while those who have sight, namely the Pharisees grow more and more blind! When Our Lord hears that the religious authorities have thrown him out of the community, He seeks the man out, and Our Lord gifts him with the final

stage of enlightenment. What is the man's response? "He said, 'I do believe Lord', and he worshipped Him." The "Good Works" which Our Lord performed in healing the Blind Man, took but an instant; the "Good Works" which the Blind Man performed was decades of *waiting* in faith and the humility of **receiving** God's healing. As you & I reflect on this good man and his terrible Cross, let us reflect on our own experiences of *waiting*, and ask Our Lord to help us look to the model of the Man Born Blind; to be persons humble enough to accept the spiritual reality, that we are so poor, that we can only **receive**. Are we Disciple enough to do this?

Your brother in Christ,



**Collections:** March 8<sup>th</sup> Parish @ \$2708, Church in Latin America @ \$25 Church in Central/Eastern Europe @ \$223, Catholic Charities @ \$3, Aging Priests @ #3. Thank You!!

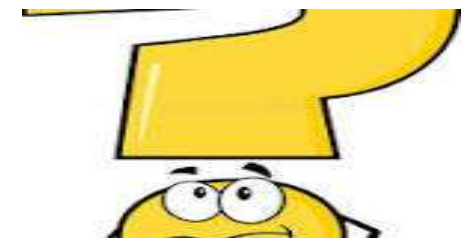
**Lenten & Easter Season + Abstinence** flyers available in vestibule.

**Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross:** every Friday of Lent from 6PM to 7PM prior to Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon & 7PM each Friday of Lent.

**Confessions:** in addition to our regular schedule on Saturdays @ 3:30PM – 4:30PM; also, during Lent immediately following Stations of the Cross and a Special Evening Confessions Wed., April 1 @ 7PM-8PM



**St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** Saturday, March 14 @ Cedar Hall. Must purchase tickets in advance @ \$10 by March 8. Children under 12 years old are free. BYOB. Flyers in vestibule.



**IS THIS YOU??** Action item as the following addresses are not current and undeliverable. Advise parish office:  
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**R-Ville Cemetery Plots for Sale:** by owner who relocated. Interested? Contact: Frank Podlasinski @ 610-217-3116