

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings @ 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning @ 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Days @ 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. @ 9AM  
Thurs, 9AM No Mass, Communion Distribution Only

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays 9:30AM to 11AM.

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Or by appointment other days/time. Contact Rectory

## Holy Name Society

Meets second Monday of the month (Sept-May) at 7:00 p.m.

## Altar & Rosary Society

Meets second Thursday of the month (Sept-May) 7:00p.m.

## Lay Carmelite Community of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes

Meets First Saturday of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

## Parish Registration

We welcome all new members to our Parish family. Please register when you move into the parish. Please notify us if you are moving.

## Weddings

Couples are asked to contact the Rectory and make arrangements at least six months prior to their intended

## Catholic Elementary School

Children may attend Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School, Ottsville; for further information call: 610-847-5523.

## Parish PREP Classes

Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions via our Parish Religious Edu. Program. Morning instructions one week during the summer (8/16-8/20/21 for the 2021-2022 year. Also required is attendance at one Sunday per month session 10:30AM-12PM, October-April. Open registration published in bulletin & posted on Parish Wb site.

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

## Pastor's Corner! July 4, 2021

Happy Fourth of July, everyone! One of the reasons birthdays are such a cause for celebration is that it recognizes the preciousness of life. It might be difficult for a person to put it into words, but when a baby comes into the world, there is this basic recognition of how precious it is. Perhaps it is because that baby is so innocent and also receptive to its parent's love, and by extension, the love of family and friends. Even the most hard-hearted person is not immune to the essential goodness of an infant or a child. This experience is so profound, that it is instinctive for most to perpetuate that joy and the goodness of that person by remembering when their life began. It is not surprising that this instinct is strongest among the peoples from the Judeo-Christian traditions. They recognize that God is the source of their spiritual life. Jews understand that they would not be, if it weren't for God forming them as a spiritual people....His People. They remember all of the times they were unfaithful and faithful to their Divine Parent, and how He patiently and humbly brought them along through the centuries. Likewise, Christians understand that Israel's spiritual Father has extended his love to all the peoples of the world through the Life, Death & Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. For us as Catholic Christians, the birth of that "New" Life begins at our Baptism.

Regardless of their particular denomination, is there a Christian family who doesn't celebrate the Baptism of their child or friend into this "New" Life? If all of this is true when it relates to individuals, it is also true for groups of individuals.....for nations! I am certain that for many nations, the anniversary of their birth is recognized and celebrated. However, at the risk of sounding elitist, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a particularly important day for Americans. As peoples and nations go, the *United States of America* is a relatively young nation. Compared to many nations, we are still an adolescent country. Like most adolescents, we have displayed inspired maturity, character and growth. At the same time, we have also displayed a readiness to be dishonest with ourselves and others over various issues. Our present culture reveals, that more and more of our people seem to be drifting away from God; yet, as He did for the ancient people of Israel, the Father continues to watch over us; preventing us from permanently wounding ourselves and others. He doesn't do this because we deserve it; He does it because the world needs us. Throughout history, the peoples of the world didn't realize how badly they

needed the presence of God as He revealed himself through the spiritual lives of the Jewish people when they were at their best, when they were faithful to God. The same is true for us as Americans. For whatever reason, He chose us to be a model and inspiration to all other people, not because we are perfect or without sin, but because, despite all of our short-comings, when we rely on God's Wisdom and God's strength, we do so much good.....His good. So, my brothers and sisters, as we celebrate our Nation's Birthday, let us look back on our National Life, rejoicing in our many accomplishments, being humble about our good deeds, but also being honest about our faults; contrite for our sins and confident, that when we center our national heart and spirit in God, we will understand why we love our Country so much.

May God bless all people of the world, but on this day, we ask in a special way that God Bless America!

Your Brother in Christ,



### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus' visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the bema, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the bema, the ambo, almost an "altar of the Word of God." Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into use, meant for preaching rather than proclamation of scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar. Today, the ambo (the plural is "ambone"! ) is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has once again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture.

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**Collections:** June 27 Parish @ \$2825, Peter's Pence @ \$505. Thank you.

**Special Collection:** July 3rd & 4th. Campaign for Human Development.

**Holy Name Society Meeting:** Monday, July 12 in Ceadar Hall @ 7PM.

**CCD - Prep 2021-2022:** registration forms are available in the vestibule for the upcoming sessions. Posted on Parish web site. **Deadline July 2nd**

### **Saturday Summer Dinners!**

They're back! With the lifting of Covid restrictions, we have decided to return to our *Saturday Summer Dinners!* Here's the 2021 schedule: **6/26/21, 7/31/21 and 8/28/21.** All dinners begin following the conclusion of the Saturday Vigil Mass. All will be BYOB. There will be no charge. Although free-will offerings will be accepted. Details will follow shortly. It's been a long time since we have been able to gather in a relaxed setting; we hope you can attend!

**Special Mass: Year of St. Joseph.** Mass will be celebrated @ **7PM on 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/2/21** in Honor of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition to the 9AM Weekday Mass.

### **Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to St. Joseph**

On the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Pius XI's proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis declared a Holy Year dedicated to St. Joseph 12/8/20 to 12/8/21.

**Prayer:** Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer > Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary > To you God entrusted His only Son > in you Mary placed her trust > with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too > show yourself a father > and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us, grace, mercy and courage > and defend us from every evil.

**EGiving:** does not replace what you currently do. It merely provides an additional option. To E Give go to: <https://thecfcp.org/donate/st-lawrence-parish-riegelsville> which takes you directly to the donation page. Click on Donate under Parish Support Initiative. Select/enter your \$ amount to be donated. Enter your credit/debit card info and submit. There are no fees charged to donator. There is also a link on our Parish web site.

**New Parishioners –WELCOME!!** No need to feel shy. We are happy you are here. To register Please contact Fr. Benn via Parish office 610-749-2684 or email: [saint-lawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saint-lawrence@verizon.net) to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

## **July 4, 2021 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - July 3rd -**

**Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

5PM: Clare Senior (Senior Family)

**Sunday - July 4th - Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Matteo Sebastiano (Altar Rosary Community)

**Monday - July 5th – St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Pottugal**

9AM: Peter Hudec (Lay Carmelite Community)

**Tuesday - July 6th - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**

9AM: Marlene Saxman (Jones Family)

**Wednesday - July 7th – Weekday**

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

9AM: Special Intentions (Jones Family)

**Thursday - July 8th - Weekday**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

**Friday - July 9th - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions**

9AM: Peter Hudec (Jones Family)

**Saturday - July 10th - Weekday**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Year of St. Joseph Mass: Monday, July 5 @ 7PM**

### **THE SHAPE OF THINGS**

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

—St. Francis de Sales

### **WAITING**

Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

### **IDLENESS**

Idleness is the enemy of the soul.

***Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life!*** Tom TrotterIV, John Sonder, Dave Blessing, Jeff Olimpo, Matt Sebastiano, Maria Middleton, Virginia Lohmeyer, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Julie Petry, Eve Zelle, Steven Fusco, Russ & Ann Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bethany Steinberg, MaryLou VonDohlen, Lucy Herman, Mary Ann & Roger Brahler, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

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