

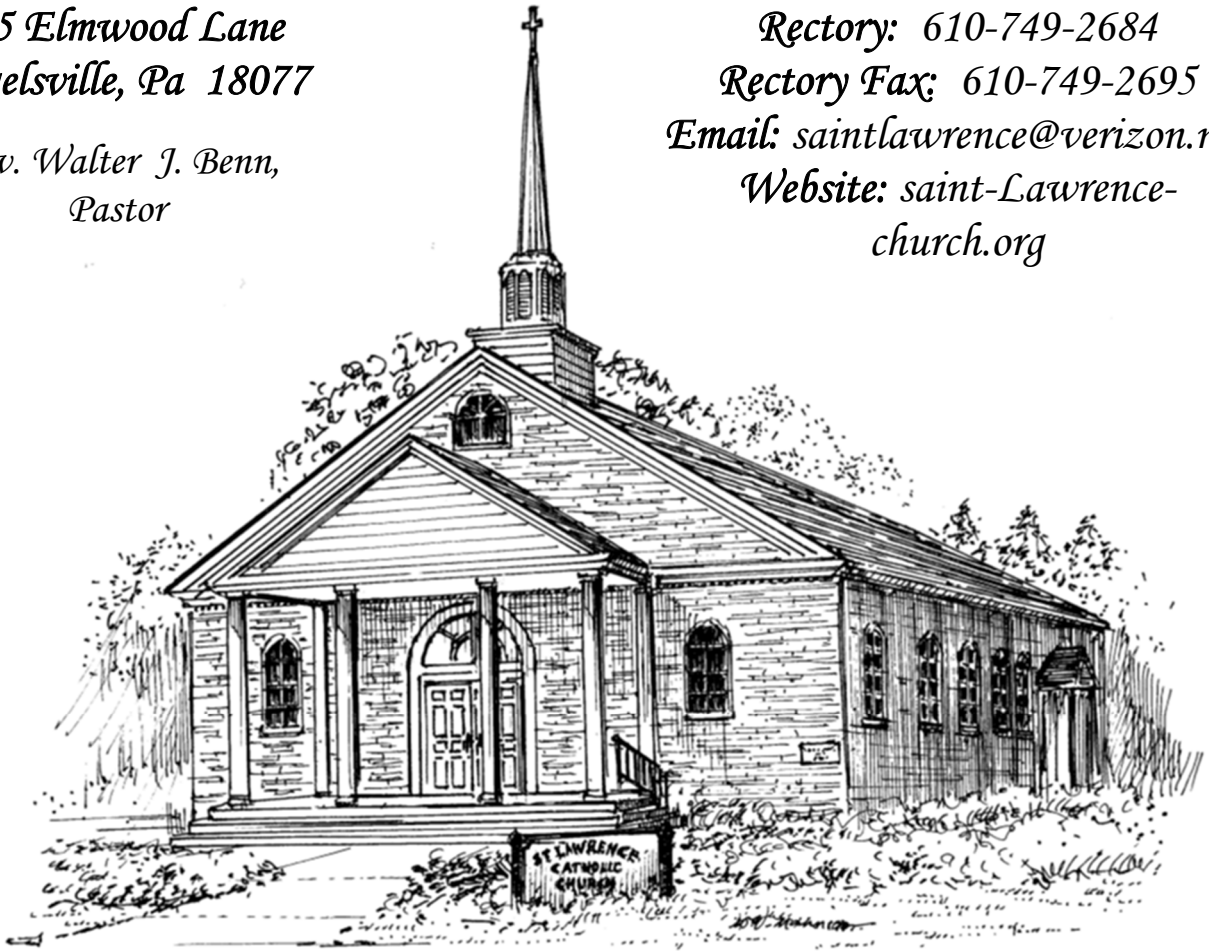
Church of Saint Lawrence

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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! June 27, 2021

This weekend's Gospel picks up where last week's Gospel concluded. Following Jesus' calming of a life-threatening storm on the Sea of Galilee, He and the Apostles reach the opposite shore. They immediately encounter a series of people who are going through their own storms. Just as with the experience of the Apostles on the Sea of Galilee, these individuals are desperate. They too are dealing with life threatening situations: The daughter of the synagogue official is dying, a woman who has been suffering terribly with bleeding issues for years, the genuine love and faith of the young girl's family and friends seems powerless. Each and all bring a level of faith in connection to the Father and believe that they can trust in His goodness. Their faith might not be perfect, but it is genuine and that is all that Jesus needs or wants in order to love them. Notice that all of them have been dealing with their storms for a while. No doubt, all had lifted their troubles up to God many times in the past. On the surface, God's response to them seemed to be one of indifference. Yet, we see that in His wisdom and love, God's actions are driven by a different clock. Notice, as well, the victims: both are women; one is a child, the other an adult. One, the daughter of one of God's servants, a synagogue official; the other would have been considered unworthy of God's love, since she is not a Jew. One's storm is very obvious and public; the other's storm is private and anonymous. Yet, both are important to Jesus and loved by the Father. As in last week's Gospel, the point of this story is ***Faith!*** Having *Faith* is not something that comes with good intentions. As with all healthy relationships, a relationship based on *faith* must be worked on.....every day of our lives. Experiencing heartbreak, deep sorrow, a sense of hopelessness shouldn't be misunderstood for a lack of *faith*. Rather, it is the courage, humility and trust with which we place our needs in the Father's hands, that we express our *faith* in the Father's love. During those many moments, they seem insignificant and ineffectual. Yet, this is the fuel which the Father needs from us to act on His love for us. The character of most storms is that they arrive suddenly and without warning. Often we feel unprepared and ill-equipped to deal with them. It doesn't have to be that way for a person of genuine *faith*. A person of genuine *faith* might initially be startled, upset and scared, but they also know that the Father is "already on the case" even before they bring their

storm to Him. So, my sisters and brothers, when you hear the Church encouraging you to be persons of the Eucharist, persons of daily personal prayer, persons who seek out their Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, be faithful to that discipline. These are the ways in which we place ourselves in the presence of the Master who sits in the back of our boat; these will be the times when we will experience His faithfulness to us and to those we love.

Your Brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses. In 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Collections: June 20 Parish @ \$1372, Candles @ \$121, Peter's Pence @ \$167, Catholic Foundation @ \$1092, Mission Appeal @ \$20 Thank you.

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

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 150th 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 to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

June 27, 2021 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - June 26th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - June 27th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Matteo Sebastiano (Gambino Family)

Monday - June 28th – St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

9AM: NO Mass Service; YES Communion Service

Tuesday - June 29th - St. Pater & Paul, Apostles

9AM: NO Mass Service; YES Communion Service

Wednesday - June 30th – The First Martyr of the Holy Roman Church

NO - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: NO Mass Service; YES Communion Service

Thursday - July 1st - St. Junipero Serra, Priest

9AM: YES - Readings & Communion Distribution;
NO Mass

Friday - July 2nd - Weekday

9AM: NO Mass Service; YES Communion Service

Saturday - July 3rd - St. Thomas, Apostle

9AM: YES Mass - Souls in Purgatory
(Helfant Family)

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

This week Mass Intentions Moved to a Future Date.

JUST THE BEGINNING

The American Revolution was a beginning, not a consummation.

—Woodrow Wilson

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Equal rights for all, special privileges for none.

—Thomas Jefferson

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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