

Church of Saint Lawrence

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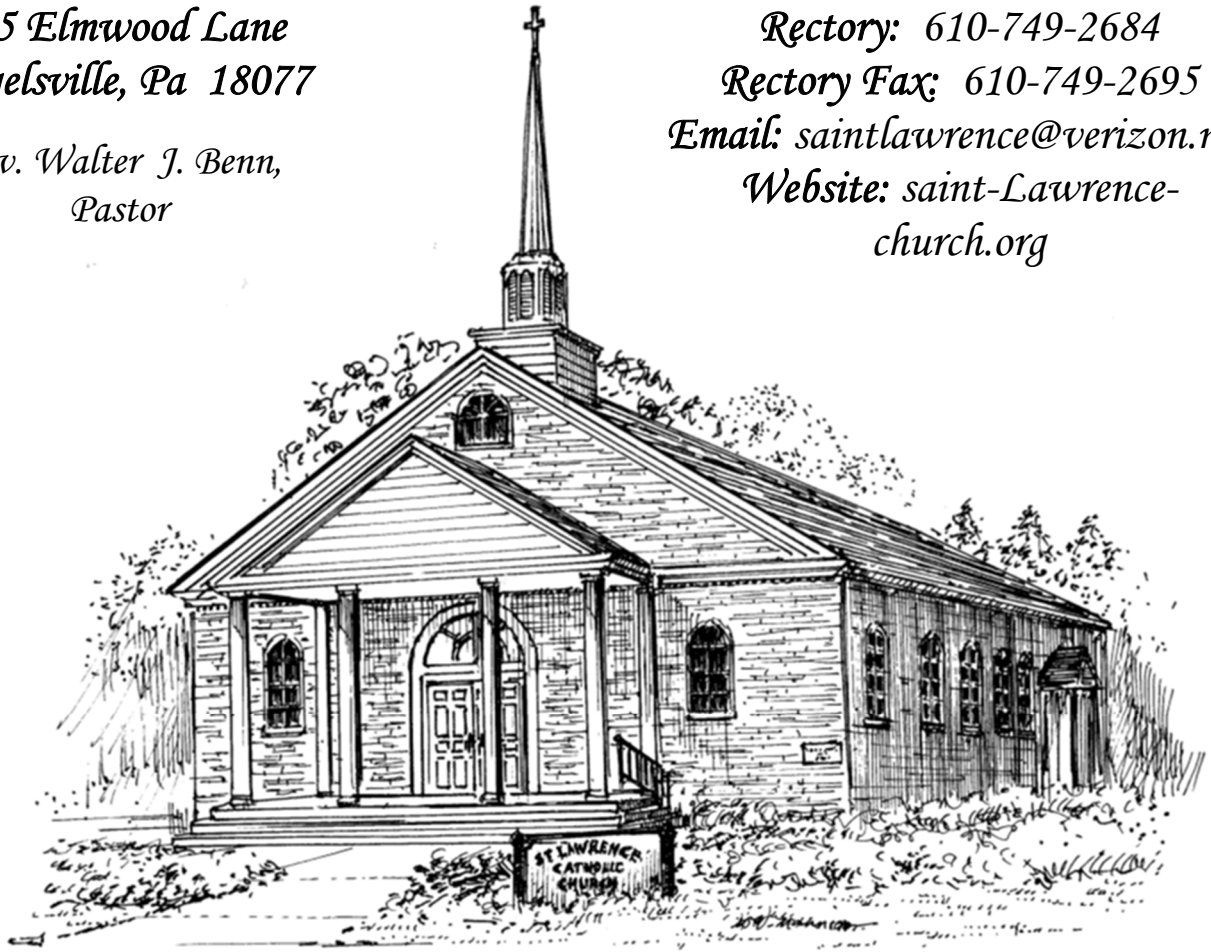
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Mass Schedule

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! April 18, 2021

Let me begin by speaking for all of us: *"Welcome Bishop McIntyre!"* Bishop McIntyre joins us at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass as we celebrate the Confirmation of eight of our PREP students. As we move through the Easter season and reflect on its readings, particularly the Gospels, Bishop McIntyre's visit serves us well. As a successor to the original Apostles, his presence reminds us of their spiritual journey. During Our Lord's public life, the Apostles thought they understood what being a follower of Jesus Christ was all about. Our Lord's Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection was not only a shock to them, but it redefined what it meant to live the Master's Gospel. Living the Lord's Gospel is not for the weak of heart! During those terrible 72 hours between the Our Lord's arrest, passion, crucifixion and Resurrection, I'm sure they felt terror, shame, alone, confused and more than a little hopeless. Belatedly, they realized that all along, Jesus had been trying to prepare them to follow him to the Cross and that they had refused to embrace that part of their formation. In short, they were very much wounded, and they were forced to see that their wounds were self-inflicted. Yet, what do we see happen next? Jesus not only is victorious over death, but any kind of death. One of the first things He does is to seek them out, not only to reassure them of His love, but also to remind them of the task He still calls them to embrace; namely, of offering to all people His *Good News!* From that time forward, they experienced His healing and His love; they would never be the same again or want to be.

This has a lot to do with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is that sacrament which completes what we received at our Baptism. Confirmation is intended for those who intend to be spiritual adults. The post-Pentecost followers of Our Lord, which the Apostles pastored, were incredible. With the teachings and example of the Master still fresh in their hearts, and with His strength which they received through the Holy Spirit, they were one enthusiastic, confident, generous, forgiving and courageous bunch. They had discovered the joy of Christ's life and all they wanted to do is to offer it to everyone around them, regardless of the cost. How much of that enthusiasm and confidence do we see in our world? Truth be told, our world behaves more like the Apostles in the Upper Room between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. More than ever, the people of our world need the experience of the Lord's Disciples; it needs to experience it from us, and from

the eight Candidates who will receive His Holy Spirit this weekend. It will be up to us to encourage them; to show them how to go about doing this; to show them our wounds and allow them to see that we have no regrets. Why? Because, the Master will always be with us. He will help us to know what to do, what to say and offer us the strength to do it.

To you, our young parishioners, we say that we are happy for you, that we love you and that we look to you to step beside us in the work of offering Our Lord's *Good News* to the people of Riegelsville, Bucks County and the world.

Your brother in Christ,



Third Sunday of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as "love's month," while in England, more practical farmers called it "Three Milks," since the cows grazing on springtime's bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month's prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary's place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary's role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary's Cantic of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ's birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.

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Collections: April 11 Parish @ \$2019, Easter Residual @ \$180 Catholic Foundation @ \$396, Rice Bowl @ \$40. Thank you.

May Procession: following the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday May 2nd.

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

Knights of Columbus: meeting on April 19th @7:30PM in Cedar Hall

Catholic Charites 2021 has begun. In pew donation envelopes are available. Direct mailings from the AOP will be received at your home. Checks are payable to Catholic Charites, not St. Lawrence.

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

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. Amen.

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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

April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday - April 17th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Maggie Botts (Senior Family)

Sunday - April 18th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Patricia Smith (Dolores VanDoren)

Monday - April 19th – Easter Weekday

9AM: Protection of the Unborn

Tuesday - April 20th - Easter Weekday

9AM: Food & Clothing for the Poor

Wednesday - April 21st – St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Thursday - April 22nd - Easter Weekday

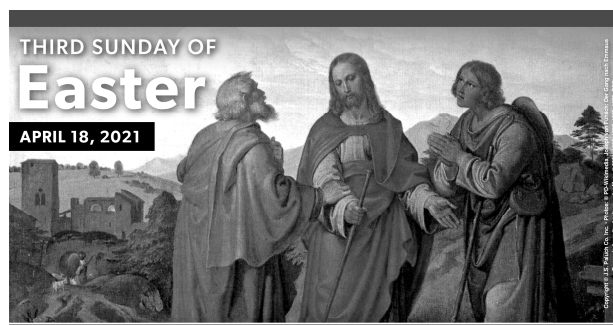
9AM: Readings & Communion Distributions Only

Friday - April 23rd - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

9AM: Prevention Worldwide Religious Persecution

Saturday - April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence



When the two disciples returned from Emmaus, they recounted what had taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life! 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, Bill Chabot, Bethany Steinberg, MaryLou VonDohlen, Lucy Herman, Mary Ann & Roger Brahler, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

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