

Church of Saint Lawrence

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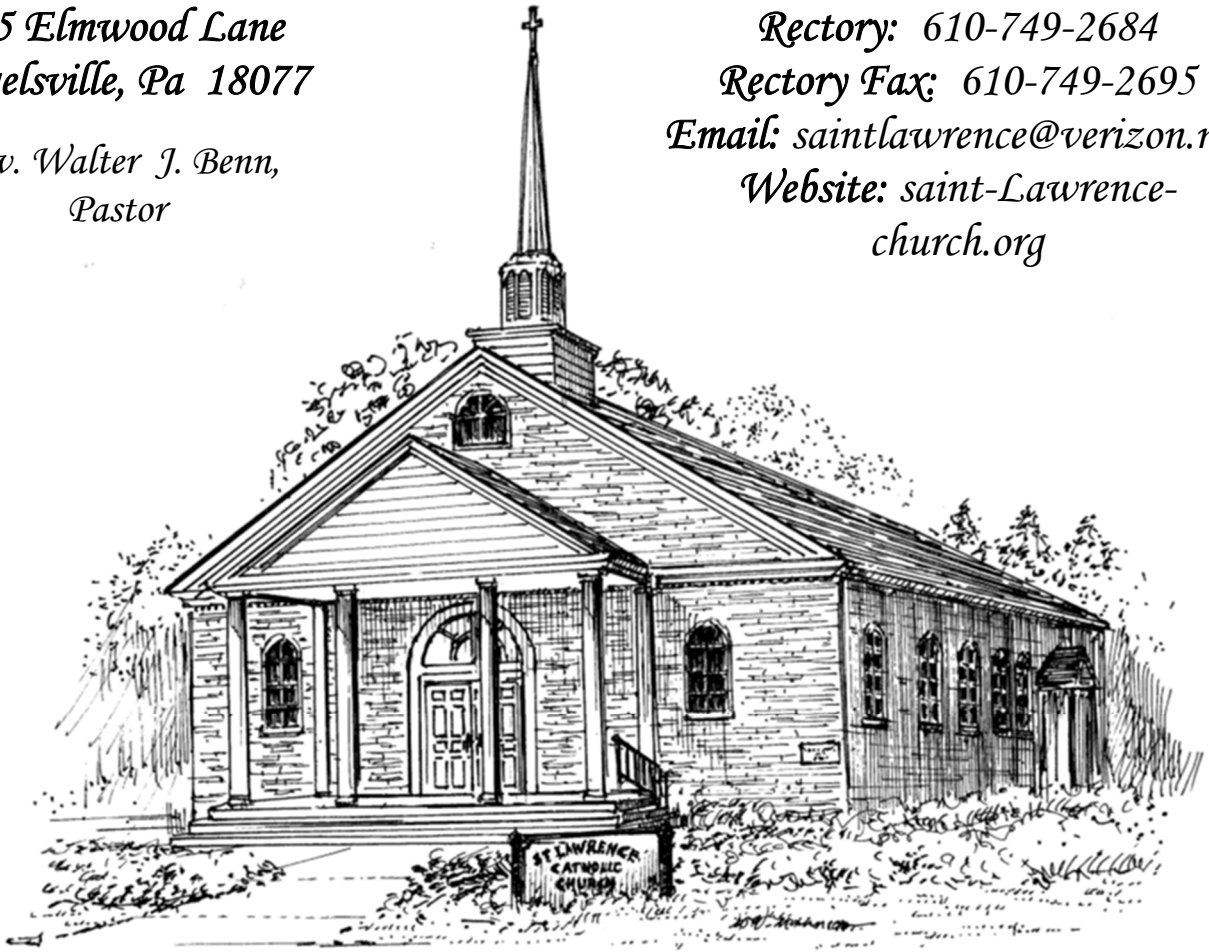
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Mass Schedule

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 25, 2021

The six weeks of Lent, which were followed by Holy Week, Easter, and our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday, with Bishop John J. McIntyre have been a busy, but nourishing period for us as a parish. While not as frenetic as the last nine weeks, the remaining weeks of April and those of May and June will be a time of other activities and celebrations which I encourage you to participate in.

Speaking of last week's celebration of *Confirmation*, I want to express our joy to the *Confirmandi* on reaching this point in your spiritual life. It is our hope that you take up your responsibilities as spiritual adults by staying close to Our Lord through the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, daily prayer and your own good works towards those in your family, circle of friends and community. Don't hide the Holy Spirit which you just received. Let everyone see find it in you.

Sunday, May 2, 2021: We will have our annual *May Procession* following the conclusion of the 9:30 AM Mass. All are invited to Process from the church to our Prayer Garden for the brief prayer service and Crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother.

Sunday, May 2, 2021: Following the May Procession, we will have our first *Coffee & Donuts* since March, 2020. For the sake of everyone's safety, this will be conducted outside of church. I hope you can stay and enjoy each other's company.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021: In the spirit of *The Year of St. Joseph*, we will celebrate the first of a series of Masses which celebrate the life and spirituality of this wonderful saint. **Mass begins at 7 PM.**

Wednesday, May 5, 2021: Pastoral Council will meet at 7 PM.

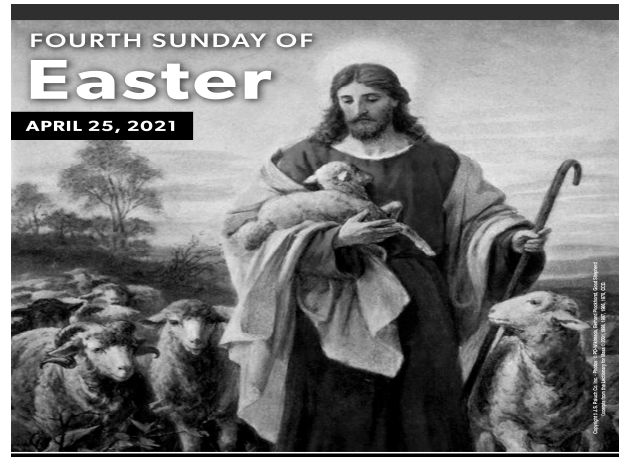
Sunday, May 9, 2021: Mother's Day....."Plan on spoiling her rotten!"

Thursday, May 13, 2021: *Feast of the Ascension!* Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule: 9 AM, 12 PM & 7 PM.

May 31, 2021: *Memorial Day!*

June 5, 2021: *Mission Coop Sunday!* Missionary Sr. Dorothy Fabritze MSC will speak at all of our masses that weekend appealing for our support for the Missionaries throughout the world, as they labor to offer our Catholic faith to those unfamiliar with it.

Monday, June 7, 2021: *Year of Saint Joseph* Mass [7PM].



I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are few openings for "Shepherds" in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize "Good Shepherd" as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd's walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God's Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God's call.

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Collections: April 18 Parish @ \$2818, Thank you.

Special Collection: Catholic Home Mission, will be held on May 1st & 2nd.

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. In addition to the normal 9AM Weekday Mass.

Free Free Free: we have 5 windows from the previous exterior church entrance leading to Ceader Hall. Frames are 7ft 10in by 2ft 5in. Interested? You provide your own transport. Contact Steve @ 908-229-2220

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.**

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.

EGiving: does not replace what you currently do. It merely provides an additional option. To E Give go to: www.TheCFGP.org/stlawrencepsi 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.

April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday - April 24th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Dan Toner (Trotter Family)

Sunday - April 25th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Michael Joseph Schmerbeck (Fr. Benn)

Monday - April 26th – Easter Weekday

9AM: Protection of the Unborn

Tuesday - April 27th - Easter Weekday

9AM: Food & Clothing for the Poor

Wednesday - April 28th – St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Anne Schlotter (Jones Family)

Thursday - April 29th - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Readings & Communion Distributions Only

Friday - April 30th - St. Pius V, Pope

9AM: Prevention Worldwide Religious Persecution

Saturday - May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

ON WEALTH

Nothing is more fallacious than wealth. It is a hostile comrade, a domestic enemy.

—St. John Chrysostom

THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

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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