

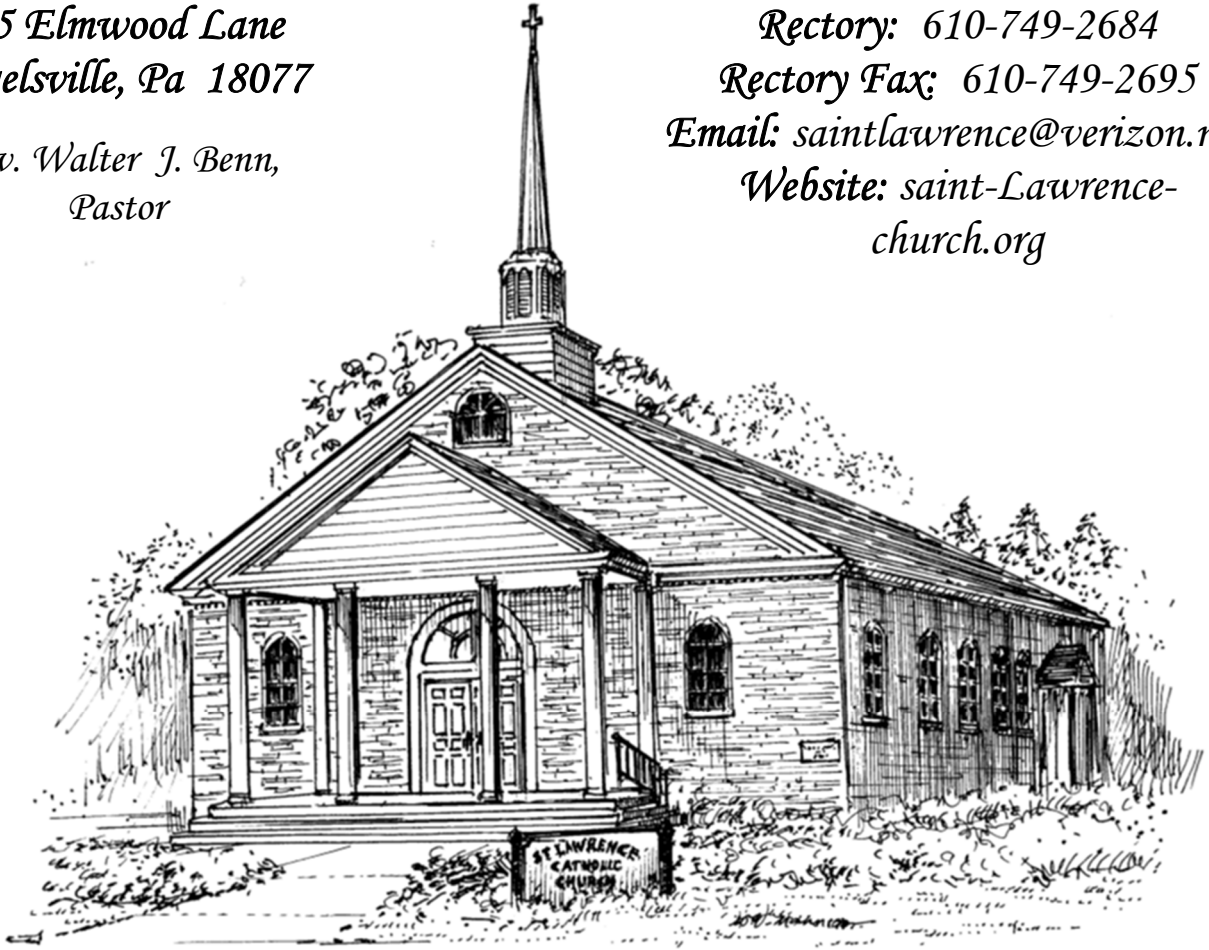
Church of Saint Lawrence

345 Elmwood Lane
Riegelsville, Pa 18077

Rev. Walter J. Benn,
Pastor

Rectory: 610-749-2684
Rectory Fax: 610-749-2695

Email: saintlawrence@verizon.net
Website: saint-Lawrence-church.org



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

Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen! This joyful message is the most important part of Christianity's message to the World. There is nothing that God's love can not resolve, heal and overcome..... Nothing! Not even something as seemingly permanent as Death. For the person who is humble enough to accept God's conditions, there is nothing that God's love will not defeat; no bad thing, no contradiction, no evil that he does not have the desire to reverse.....nothing! The cynical will politely disagree. For them, life is what one can control. Life is about *power*.....intellectual power, financial power, political power, military power, social power, emotional power. When one has power, then one will be happy; one will be secure; no one can hurt you or control your options. God came into our world as just the opposite; that is to say, powerless. He came into the world as an infant, in a working-class family, from a town that had no credentials or stature. He wasn't connected to anyone in Jerusalem. His message was a call to love; by being forgiving, selfless; and generous, not only to those you know, but to strangers, to those whom you know will be unable to repay you, to those who are helpless and imperfect. He insisted that everyone is equal in the heart of the Father: Jew and Gentile; women as well as men; children as well as adults; the poor as well as the wealthy. Notice, that these demographics included the powerless. Finally, His Passion and Death were acts of being powerless. On *Good Friday*, He would not defend himself against the accusations of the mob or Herod. When taunted by the crowd on *Calvary* to prove His messiahship by coming down off the Cross, he remained there....powerless. All of this was to impress one essential thing upon us; that our life, our joy, our security can only be found in the love of the Father, not in what we can influence. Such trust, such humility, such selflessness is how we will discover the Father and His love for us. Jesus' crucifixion, death and Resurrection was the Father's promise to us that as He has done for the Son, so will He do for each one of us, if we model our choices in this life after that of His Son. It is the Father's love for us that is final, permanent and eternal. Our eternal life will be determined by the effort we make to re-mold our hearts into that of the Son's. When we do, all of our choices and actions will follow. This is why Easter Sunday is the most important date in Christianity's calendar.

Easter Sunday and the holy season that follows is a celebration of two things. It is a celebration of Our Lord's victory over Evil and it is a celebration through which we are to be inspired to action! The purpose of the last six weeks of Lent was to encourage us to use that time to identify anything, any behavior, in which we put ourselves before the Father who loves us. This is not necessarily an easy thing to do, but it is a healthy thing that we should do. Today's Easter celebration becomes a celebration of Our Lord's choice to trust in the *power* of Father's love and a challenge for each of us to do the same. Easter is the Father's proof to us, that there is only one source of Truth and Peace in our lives; namely His love. When Mary Magdala, Peter and John, departed from the empty tomb, they were charged to offer this truth to the Apostles and other disciples. Now, like them, the Lord charges us to leave the empty tomb, and with faith and out of love, share with them the reason for our "Alleluias".

Your brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today was once called in Latin "Dominica in albis," or "Sunday in White," because the church was full of newly baptized Christians wearing their white baptismal garments. Another old title, best forgotten, is "Low Sunday." There's nothing low about this festive Sunday in Easter, the eighth day since the first "Alleluia" rang out. In Christian tradition, the number eight is a symbol of fulfillment, transition, breaking through the seven-day rhythm of life to a new way of being. That is why many baptismal fonts have eight sides. The greatest feasts of our calendar are always extended for eight days, called an "octave." In a way, this means that this first week of Easter is really considered to be one great day. This octave day of Easter sees the best features of Easter still vibrant: joyful alleluias, lush spring flowers everywhere, sprinkling with water, and a lavish table where the Lord gives us himself as bread and wine. For Orthodox Christians, today is the Easter feast, since their tradition requires that the Christian Passover cannot begin until the days of the Jewish Passover are ended.

Collections: March 21 Parish @ \$2223, Church in Africa @ \$137, Easter Flowers @ \$127. March 28 reporting next week. Thank you.

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.**

Easter Egg Hunt: will not be held this year do to coronavirus. Instead candy will be available after the Saturday & Easter Sunday Mass celebrations. Please take a sample for your child, grandchildren or those in need. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Divine Mercy Sunday: All are invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on Saturday evening, April 10th and Sunday morning, April 11th. The Chaplet will begin after Father leaves the Altar and we sing the closing hymn. To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should: 1) Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter; 2) Sincerely repent of all our sins; 3) Place our complete trust in Jesus; 4) Go to confession, before that Sunday; 5) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast, or at the Vigil Mass; 6) Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy; 7) Be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. To venerate a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect towards it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

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.

April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday - April 3rd -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - April 4th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Sylvester & Anna Ecker (Helfant Family)

Monday - April 5th – Octave of Easter

9AM: In Thanks Giving of Blessings Received (Jones Family)

Tuesday - April 6th - Octave of Easter

9AM: David Deak (Jones Family)

Wednesday - April 7th – Octave of Easter

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Rocco & Julia DellaCroce (Helfant Family)

Thursday - April 8th - Octave of Easter

9AM: Readings & Communion Distributions Only

Friday - April 9th - Octave of Easter

9AM: Prevent Worldwide Religious Persecution

Saturday - April 10th - Octave of Easter

9AM: The Protection of the Unborn

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Lectors, Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers:
NO assignments till future notice.

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

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: saintlawrence@verizon.net to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

INFORMATION SHEET

CHURCH NAME: St. Lawrence

BULLETIN NUMBER: 497325.1

Date of publication:
(Sunday's date)

Number of pages transmitted: 4 including cover

Special instructions: Please call Tom @ 610-749-2684
Or email saintlawrence@verizon.net

Quantity for print @ 150 each