

Church of Saint Lawrence

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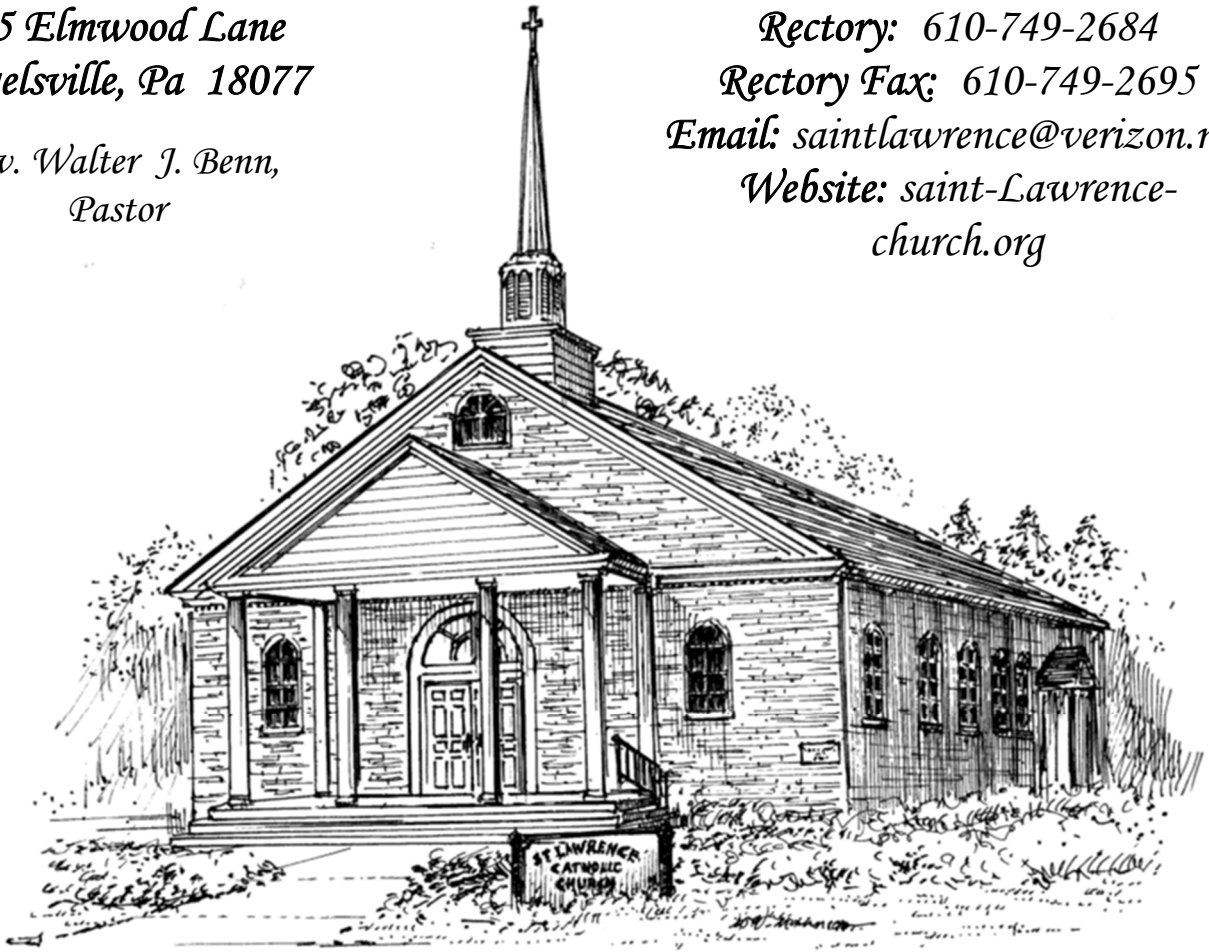
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Mass Schedule

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 on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall from October to May. Registration is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Pastor's Corner! August 2, 2020

In all three Readings this weekend, the people to whom God's word is directed are facing terrible difficulties. The Israelites to whom the Prophet Isaiah speaks, are beginning the awful experience of the Exile in Babylon. They are in a foreign land with no more than the clothes on their backs and an unknown future at the hands of their sworn enemies. St. Paul speaks to the Christians in Rome as the persecutions of the Christians are just ramping up in that city and throughout the Empire. In the Gospel, Our Lord's disciples appeal to him to dismiss the crowds who have been with them all day in an arid place and have no food or water. In their hunger to be spiritually fed by Christ, they have traded off their own supply of food & water. All of these situations were dire and seemed to have no resolution; yet, God will show that nothing is impossible for Him; no evil that his goodness cannot reverse; no hunger, no isolation, no powerlessness that His way will not reverse. His response might not be as fast as they desire, but when it runs its course, it will be final and complete. What doesn't come out in these stories is that this is not all on God. The people have a part to play in these conversions and healings. First, they must be humble. Regardless of whether they have brought these troubles on themselves or are innocent victims, they must acknowledge the fact that all of their solutions weren't and aren't legitimate. God sees all of the layers of our troubles and his solutions will address each and every one of those layers. He won't go to step "D", if step "B" & "C" have not been addressed. As in all relationships, shortcuts never work. Secondly, they must cultivate within themselves a respectful patience. They shouldn't apply their clock to God. God works by a different clock, for reasons we don't always understand, but which time will show; only his way brings true and lasting healing. Fine wood used for flooring or beautiful furniture must be seasoned before it is used, so it is with our heart. With time and trust in God's guidance, their hearts must be seasoned. Third, they must be honest...transparent. If they are asking for love, they must be responsible for that love. They must own the times and ways in which they weren't faithful to the love which had been extended to them in the past. This is the mark of a true lover. A true lover will never waste a loved one's love; they will treasure it; they will reverence it and they must be faithful to it. They must be honest when they have been unfaithful to another's love. As they grow in spiritual maturity, the goodness of the other will mean so much to them, that the cost of being a

custodian of the other's love no longer matters; only the heart of the other matters. Finally, if all of these steps are to work, they must be grounded in Faith.....a willingness to trust that God will work through them, and that isn't easy. At times, it is terrifying, because often we don't see or sense any progress; we don't see any indication that God has chosen to get involved. That's when we need to trust in his goodness and his unreasonable love for us. Consider how the stories referred to in each of today's readings end. In 40 years, the Israelites will be liberated from Babylon and free to return to Palestine. In two plus centuries, the pagan and violent Roman Empire will become Christian. Before sundown on the day of today's Gospel story, these brothers & sisters will have all of their hungers fed. So it will be for you and me, when we enter into our relationship with Our Lord with humility, a respectful patience, honesty and a sincere Faith. Your brother in Christ,



Lessons to be Learned

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is one of the best known in the Gospels. When Jesus performs a miracle, he is not trying to show off his power. He always has a lesson that his action illustrates. This miracle can teach us many things. Let's look at a few of them.

One is the compassion of Christ. He has pity on the crowd and first shows his love by curing their sick. Then he sees they are hungry and feeds them. This reminds us that Jesus knows what we need and cares about us.

The bread reminds us of Jesus temptation in the desert, where he said "man does not live on bread alone." Just as the miracle satisfied the hunger of five thousand families, so his word will satisfy the spiritual hunger of millions. The miracle also reminds us that Jesus will give us himself as Bread and Wine to be our food and drink.

So the question is, do we learn from this miracle? Do we trust the Lord to care for all our needs? Do we try to live by God's word? And finally, do we take advantage of the great gift of the Eucharist? The miracle may have happened two thousand years ago, but the lessons are meant for us today.

Collections: We need your continued financial support. Collected @ Mass or via Mail or put in Rectory door mail slot. July 26 Parish @ \$2950, Mission Appeal @ \$10. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus; Annual Picnic: Sunday, August 2nd @ 12 noon start @ Springtown Rod & Gun Club on RT 212 just north of Springtown Inn. All are invited. Do your best to attend this outdoor event. Fun for the entire family.

E-Giving: 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.

Seeking a Miracle: your prayers for Maria Middletown will help. She is a 10th grader with a brain tumor & a graduate of St. John the Baptist School currently in the hospital seeking all the prayers & help she desperately needs. She was admitted to hospital again a few days ago having taken a turn for the worst.

Mass Intentions: have resumed at public celebration of Mass services as traditionally done.

Confessions: in Church, Saturdays @ 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment. Contact Fr. Benn to make appointment arrangements.

Reciting the Rosary: The Rosary is said every Monday starting @ 8:40AM prior to the 9AM Mass. All are welcome to join in when you arrive.

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

PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic

August 2nd, 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - August 1st -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - August 2nd- Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Julia Fusco (Anna Fusco)

Monday - August 3rd – Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday - August 4th - St. John Vianney, Priest

9AM: Walter Wladyka (Jones Family)

**Wednesday - August 5th – St. Mary Major
*Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

9:00AM:

Thursday - August 6th - The Transformation of the Lord

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - August 7th - St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs: St. Cajetan, Priest

9AM: Marlene Saxman (Jones Family)

Saturday - August 8th– St. Dominic, Priests

9AM: Marlene Saxman (Jones Family)

ASSIGMENT SCHEDULE

Lectors, Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers:
NO assignments till future notice. You are welcome to volunteer. Thank you for your consideration.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life! 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, Mel Dion, Fran Reavey, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

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