

Church of Saint Lawrence

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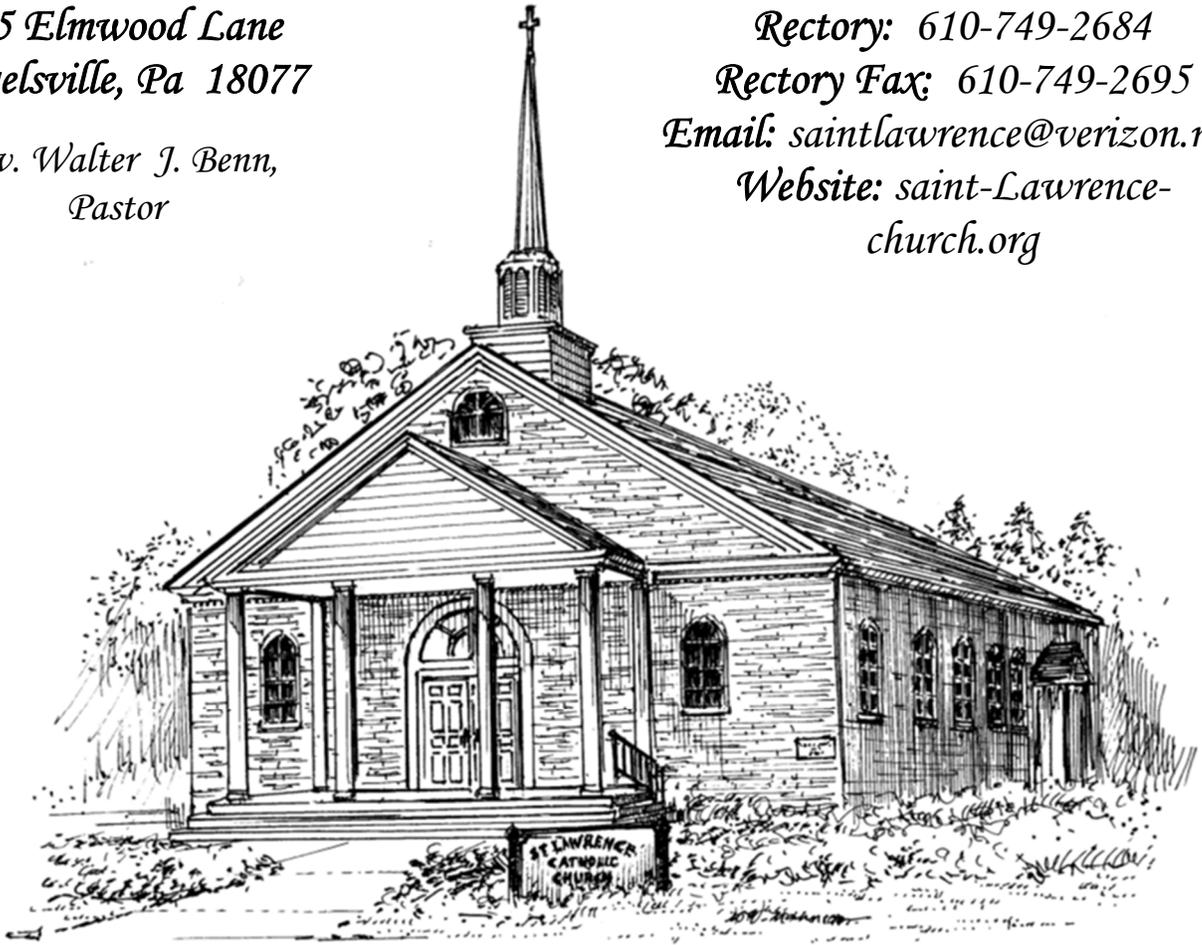
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Mass Schedule

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! August 22, 2021

Today's Gospel picks up where last week's Gospel concluded. In last week's Gospel, Jesus spoke bluntly about Himself; what He was about and what is entailed with being His disciple. In today's First Reading, Joshua [who succeeds Moses in leading the Israelites] throws the gauntlet down before them. They have had many years of experiencing God's faithfulness to them and the time for their fickleness and infidelity has come to an end. They are to be serious about their relationship with God, or they are to end their relationship with Him. No more excuses, no more talk. Make a decision! Make a commitment! *"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!"* While Our Lord does not make give an ultimatum to His followers; in today's Gospel, His words about eating His body and drinking His blood have the same affect; either, choose to take me into your life or not. Christ has come to the point in His ministry, that He will not compromise what He is about and what He calls them to be about. *"As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him."* What a heavy day this must have been for Our Lord; yet, now He and those who chose to continue with Him had clarity.

My sisters & brothers, how often do we go through periods in our lives of inner conflict. Sometimes they are caused by circumstances beyond our control; other times, we contribute to that conflict. And it is not until we place ourselves in the presence of God and allow ourselves to make eye-contact with Him, that we discover His love for us; that He appreciates the predicaments we get ourselves in and realize that His medicine is not as bad as we feared. It certainly is not painless and many times not quick, but He will help us do what, by ourselves, we can't. Just as with the Israelites, we as the followers of Jesus, need to learn the lesson, that as children of God, we must be HUMBLE before the Lord, and trust in His way. I'd be a hypocrite if I left you with the impression, that I have never needed to learn and relearn this lesson in my life. Chances are, that before I come to then end of my life, God will need to bring me back into the classroom for a refresher course. Yet, I know His love is more powerful than any fears I might have. So it is for each of you. When you are wrestling with some inner conflict in your life, remember this moment in the lives of the Israelites and especially in the lives of Jesus' disciples.

Your brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Eucharist was never meant to be only "comfort food," something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today's Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one's life. St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John's Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?

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Taken Out of Context

If you want to start an argument, try telling your wife that St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians says she should agree with everything you say. I'm sure that many people have taken out of context the line about wives being submissive to their husbands. In fact, the first sentence says they both should be subordinate to one another. (Eph 5:21)

So what does Christ show us guys about being subordinate to our wives? Paul mentions the main example: Christ handing himself over for her (the Church) refers to his death on the cross. He made it even clearer for them the night before he died: He washed the feet of his disciples and told them to do the same for each other. (Jn 13:14-15)

Still not sure that subordination is a mutual quality in marriage? Paul explains that marriage is the best example of "love your neighbor as yourself." He quotes Genesis 2:24 about two people becoming one body. So your love for yourself now becomes love for your spouse. Do I love my wife so much that what she needs is as important to me as what I need? Do we encourage and support each other in our chores and weaknesses? Do we support each other's faith? Ladies, ask yourselves the same questions. Paul's conclusion is that marriage is a sign of what the church should be. If you ever want to know what the love of Christ for his Church is, look at how a couple in a strong marriage love each other. And if you want to have a good marriage, love each other as Christ loves you.

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Saturday Summer Dinners!

They're back! With the lifting of Covid restrictions, we have decided to return to our Saturday Summer Dinners! The remaining 2021 schedule: **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 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.

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "It is the spirit that gives life, while the ..."

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Answer: *Heed to of no word.*

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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.



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.

August 22, 2021 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - August 21st -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: MaryAnn Segletes (Jim Segletes)

Sunday - August 22nd - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Johan Fones (Irvine Family)

Monday - August 23rd – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday - August 24th - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9AM: Protection of the Unborn - Pro Life

Wednesday - August 25th – St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasana

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Safety of Vacationing Families

Thursday - August 26th - Weekday

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

Friday - August 27th - St. Monica

9AM: Successful Treatment of those Suffering from Depression

Saturday - August 28th - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Poor & Needy of the World

Summer Dinner: Saturday, August 28

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life! Tom Trotter IV, 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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