

Church of Saint Lawrence

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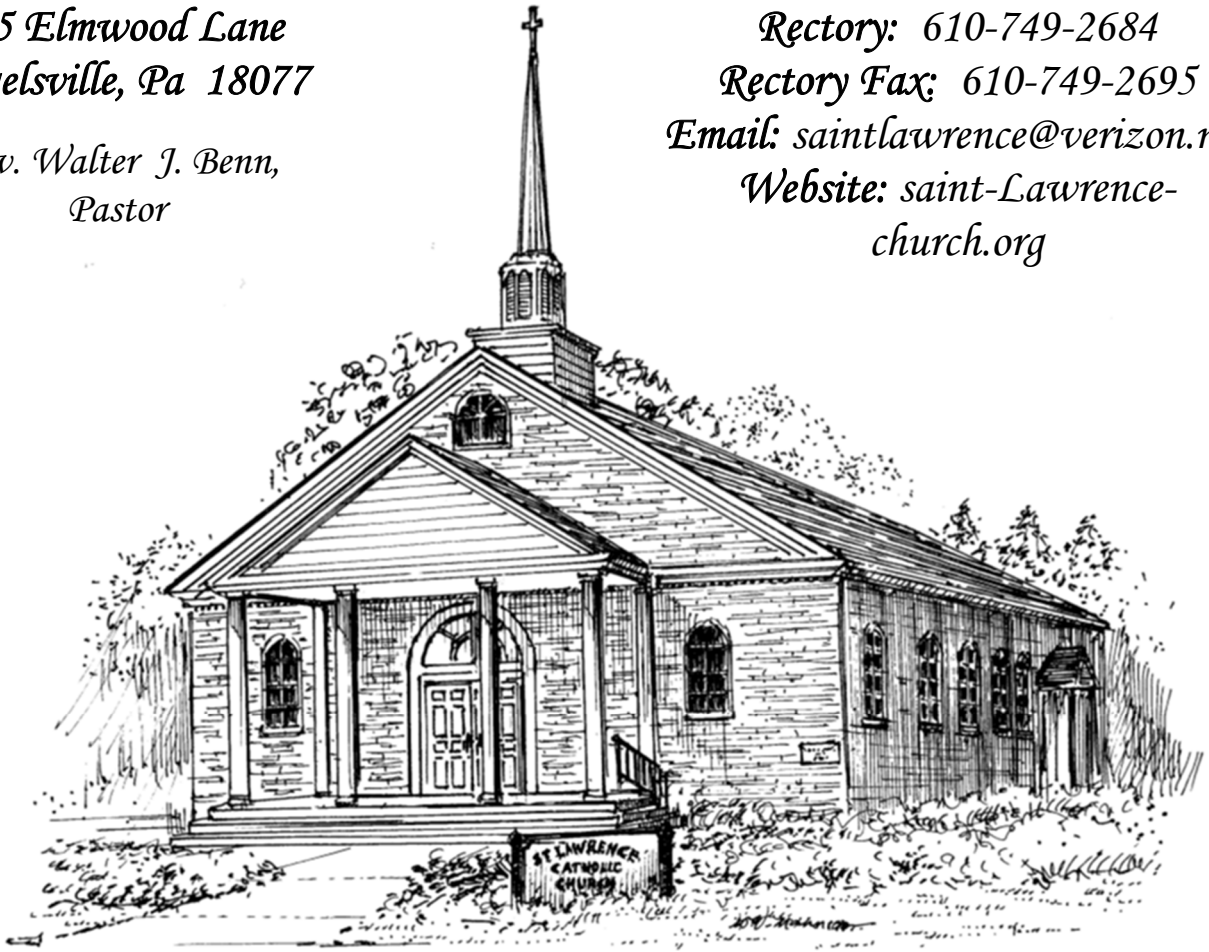
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Mass Schedule

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 23, 2020

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” In the light of Our Lord’s efforts to *evangelize* himself and his Gospel, it would be logical, that he is anxious to get a sense of what kind of people have on him, his message and his agenda. However, I suspect, that he asks this question not so much for his own benefit, as it is an attempt to challenge the Disciples to reflect on how seriously they take their Master. It can happen so easily, but there are times when people who align themselves with a particular person and their movement, can begin to take the movement lightly. They cease investing themselves in the movement with the same fervor and excitement which they did when they first identified themselves with it. When that happens, they cease becoming effective in attracting others to that movement with their own conviction & enthusiasm. It is appropriate that we see Our Lord direct this question at the Disciples, because when he does, he is also asking that question of us. Here we are 2,000 + years since Our Lord asked that question and we must ask ourselves, “What do we have to show for it?” Can we say that our society reflects the teachings, values & morals of our Master? More importantly, can we say, that we are inspiring adults to become followers of the Master? Are we inviting the people in our lives to become Catholic followers of the Master? When Our Lord asked this question of the Disciples, he wanted to impress upon them, that this is one of their duties; i.e., to Evangelize. It’s not just Jesus’ job; rather, it is their responsibility. Today, the Church works hard in its effort to attract people to Christ; however, the core of its efforts is the same today as it was in the days of Our Lord; namely, its people.....those who claim to be the Disciples of Jesus Christ. Once a person has become attracted to the idea of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, there is a single process in which that *Catechumen* {they were never baptized} or *Candidate* [they were baptized in another Christian faith or were baptized as a Catholic, but never received any instruction in the Faith] is prepared to be brought into the Faith and that is **RCIA** [*Right of Catholic Initiation of Adults*]. Every parish is mandated to have a **RCIA** program and to offer it annually. St. Lawrence Parish offers a **RCIA** program, but we haven’t attracted anyone to it in years. It is a 9-month program, which includes weekly classes [Tuesday 7-8 PM], beginning 9/8/20 and concluding on 4/4/21, at the 7 PM Easter Vigil. Details are available in the form of hand-outs [lime green covers] which can be found in the carousel in the vestibule of the church. They can also be

found on our WEB site. Take one for yourself or for a person whom you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic. Sometimes they don’t know how to get started and all they need is a little encouragement from you, plus information which you can offer them in the form of these hand-outs or on our WEB site. “Who do people say that the Son of man is?” My sisters & brothers, there are many people in your lives who are asking the same question, and like the Disciples, you know the answer. You don’t have to have all of the answers to their questions, but you can lead them to the source of those answers, and more importantly, you can encourage them with your own invitation to consider this choice. Remind them, that just because they start the program, doesn’t mean they are locked into it. RCIA is a *process of discernment*. If they reach a point, where they realize this is not for them, they can step back from the program at any time. It is my experience, that this rarely happens; rather, those in RCIA find the program a source of excitement and joy. Please encourage them to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Your brother in
Christ,



It’s a big decision!

It sounds so elitist but isn’t intended to be. Choosing to become a Catholic is a Big Decision. It is a big decision because it involves a *commitment*, a word that usually scares the bejeebes out of people. Today, when most people hear the word *commitment* they usually think “entrapped”; which is regrettable. We enter into relationships not only because of what we will receive from the other, but also, because of what we can bring to the other. We make a commitment to another because we believe in the goodness of the other, and because we believe they will treasure and nourish our goodness.

If you are a person who has considered becoming a Catholic, Great! You need to pray over it; to be informed about the Church and to know that we will be committed to you throughout the initiation process. The process itself is referred to as RCIA {Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults}. A brief description of the program can be found in yellow hand-outs in the vestibule of the church. To assist you in making this decision, please contact Fr. Walter Benn through the Parish Office at [610] 749-2684; consult the lime-green hand-outs in the vestibule of the church or e mail us at

saintlawrence@verizon.net or consult the Parish WEB site. For planning purposes, it is important that you inform us of your intentions before the first Class on September 7th. Know that throughout the remainder of this summer & coming autumn, we will be holding you up to Our Lord for His guidance.

Collections: We need your continued financial support. Collected @ Mass or via Mail or put in Rectory door mail slot. August 16 Parish @ \$1557, Assumption @ \$115, Air Conditioning @ \$40, Catholic University @ \$20 Thank you.

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 Middleton 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.

August 23rd, 2020 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - August 22nd -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Protection & Relief of all those effected by the Coronavirus

Sunday - August 23rd- *Mass is Streamed Live*

9:30AM: Intentions of Hanora Hahr (Eckrich Family)

Monday - August 24th – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday - August 25th - St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

9AM: Protection & Relief of all those effected by the Coronavirus

Wednesday - August 26th – Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Thursday - August 27th - St. Monica

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

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

9AM:

Saturday - August 29th – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9AM:

ASSIGNMENT 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! 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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