

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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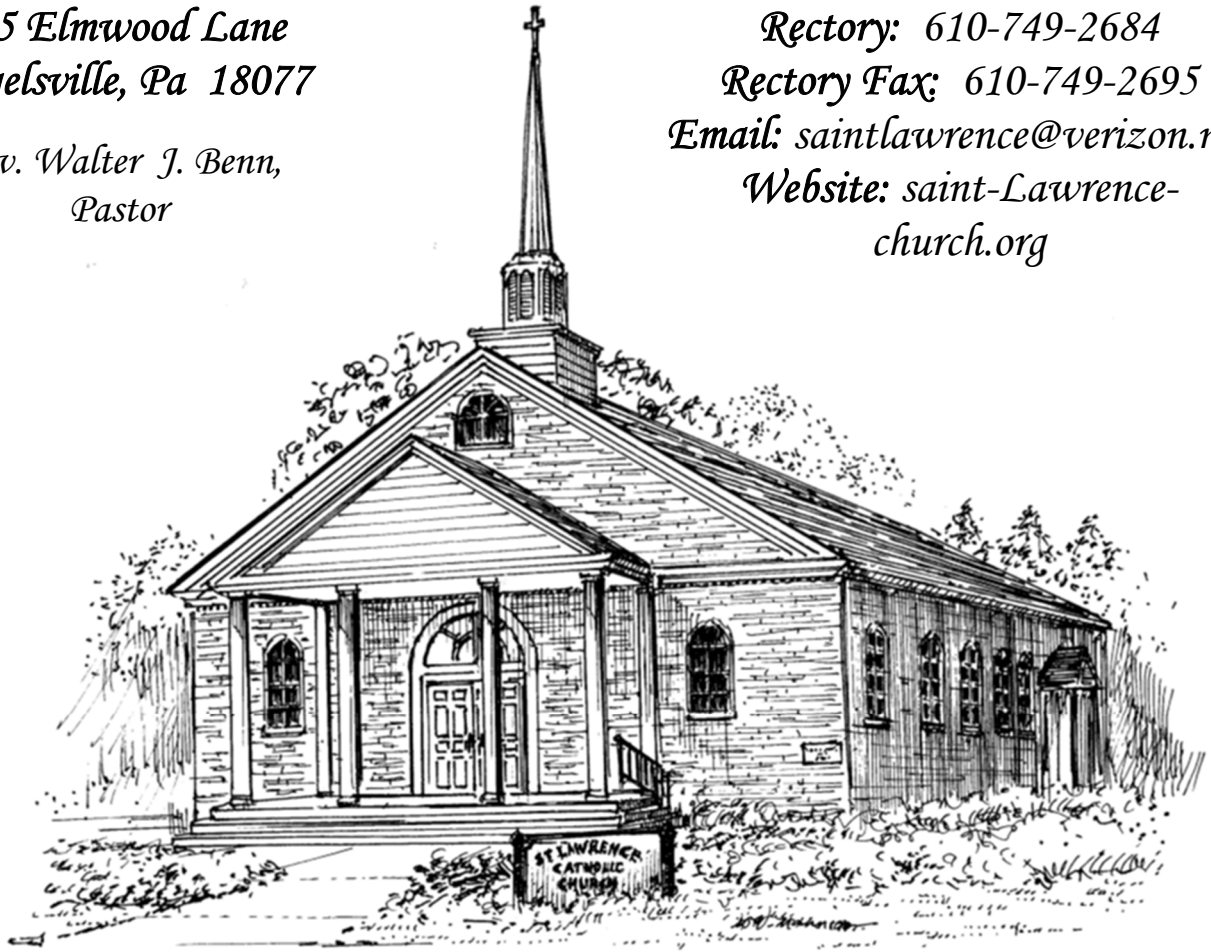
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## Mass Schedule

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! February 7, 2021

Today's gospel picks up exactly where last week's Gospel concluded; namely, in Capernaum. Our Lord and the brothers, Simon & Andrew, James & John return from the Synagogue where Jesus had only an hour or so ago, exorcized the man possessed. Jesus hasn't had an opportunity to take his coat off or sit down, when the brothers intercede for Simon's mother-in-law, who is seriously ill. Without hesitation or complaint, Jesus ministers to her and she too is immediately healed. I wonder if Jesus ever had a chance to get a power-nap before dinner?

At any rate, word has already spread throughout town and the surrounding area of Jesus acts of love and compassion. Soon, people showed up at the front door in droves. Certainly, we should be able to appreciate the desperation of these people. If this had taken place today, you would have thought Jesus was dispensing an unlimited supply of Corona-virus vaccines. You and I would have punched in the address of that house in our GPS and taken off; traffic jams and lack of parking Be Damned! What can we take from this Gospel? For one, notice that Our Lord is reinforcing his teaching about God's love by providing the experience of that love. He makes himself available to all people; not just to a few people or people whom he knows, or people who are the same as him; or people who will love him back. These are strangers; they are both Jews and non-Jews. They come without an appointment in overwhelming numbers, simply because their burden is overwhelming. Notice two, that they come without fear; they come with a confidence that Jesus will have compassion on them. That Jesus will not ask for something in return. Christ's love is overwhelming. Christ's love is without condition. Then, after all of this had concluded [no doubt in the late hours of the night]; Jesus rises before dawn to pray for the strength to Love, because once more he intends to expose the message and experience of God's Love to others who have been suffering without it. My brothers & sisters, this should speak volumes to us. As disciples of Jesus Christ, it should challenge us to ask ourselves to what level are we willing to extend His love to those around us.....those with terribly exhausting needs. Needs that can't or won't be resolved with a few consoling words or with one visit or effort to listen to their difficulties, again and again, and again? I don't know about you, but that is a life-long effort for me. And it will remain so unless we follow Christ's example by staying close to the father.....very close, through daily prayer and the

Eucharist. Then, we will become to them, Simon's house in Capernaum, a person, for whom, those in need of healing and strength, will find and receive it. Most of the time, we will not understand how it happened; but, we will certainly know why it happened and from whom it happened.

Your brother in Christ,



### What do You want?

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power. Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ's resurrection, He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends?

We can follow Paul's example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul's love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

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### BEGINNING AGAIN

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.

—Jules Renard

### ON LOVE

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

—Benjamin Franklin

### Who are you?

The one that just hears someone speak or the one that actually listens. Difficult for you to learn and understand when your lips are moving.

**Collections:** January 31st will report next week do to impending weather forecast. Thank You.

**Special Collection:** Care of Aging & Infirmid Priests of the Archdiocese, Feb 13th & 14th

**Catholic Charites 2021** kick off is Feb 6th. In pew donation envelopes will be available. Direct mailings from the AOP will be received at your home. Checks are payable to Catholic Charites, not St. Lawrence.

**Knights of Columbus:** meeting Feb 15th in Ceader Hall @ 7:30PM

**Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to St. Joseph**  
On the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

## February 7, 2021 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday - Feb 6th -**

**Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

5PM: Intentions of Lillian Race (Altar/Rosary)

**Sunday - Feb 7th - Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM: Kay Culichia (Senior family)

**Monday - Feb 8th – St. Jerome Emilliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

9AM: Nick Danford - Birthday Blessings (LCC)

**Tuesday - Feb 9th - Weekday**

9AM: Fr. Henery, Pastor, Deceased, Birthday (Tom Labant)

**Wednesday - Feb 10th – St. Scholastica, Virgin**  
***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Thurs. - Feb 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday - Feb 12th - Weekday**

9AM: Protection of the Unborn

**Saturday - Feb 13th - Weekday**

9AM: Poor & Hungry of the World

### **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!*** 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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