

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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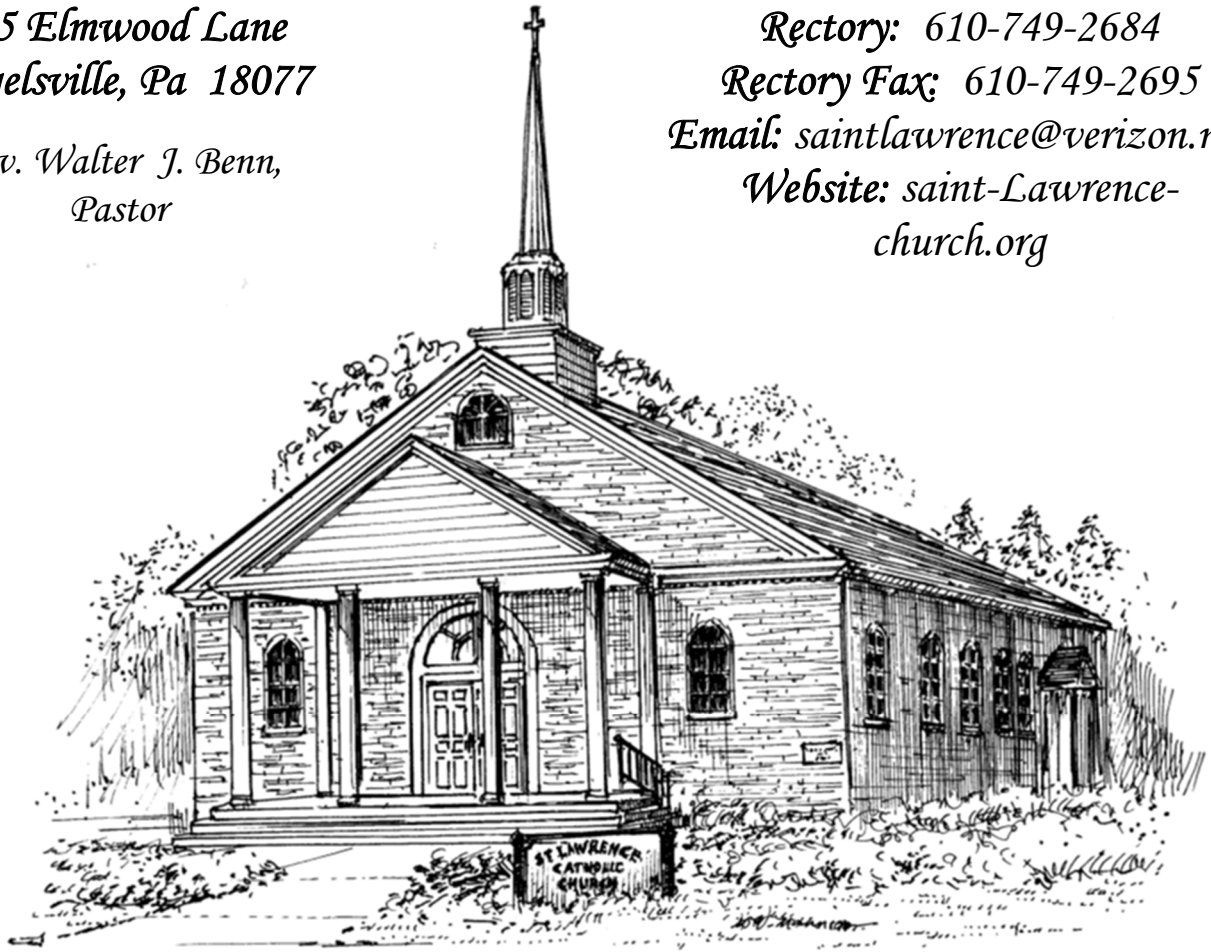
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## Mass Schedule

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! July 26, 2020

In today's Gospel, Our Lord uses two analogies intended to help his followers understand their relationship with God. I'd like to focus on the first analogy; namely, the unknown treasure hidden in the field. Notice this treasure is hidden. For a long time, no one knew of it. Even if they did know of it, they didn't know where to find it. Obviously, Our Lord is challenging his listeners with the question of who and what do we treasure, and what are we willing to do to acquire and keep that treasure. How often do we allow ourselves to become distracted by things or issues, which in hind-sight, reveals to us, that they were not important to our welfare or happiness as we thought? Our Lord challenges his listeners to reevaluate their priorities. Wealth, status, power are not what will bring a person true happiness, lasting happiness. Only living a life focused on God and living in the Spirit of God's love will bring us eternal happiness. Being a patient person, a generous person, a forgiving person; a selfless person, a person who speaks out against things that are wrong and for things that are right; a person who insists on justice and who will defend the innocent; a person who chooses not to slander the people in their lives.....these are the treasures which God offers us. These are treasures, which he promises us, will bring us his Peace. Unfortunately, these are ways of life that don't shine. Upon first glance, they don't sparkle and they don't catch our eye. Because of that, many people don't take them seriously or see any value in them. Like a field which they might be driving by; all they see is dirt and weeds.

What about you? What do you treasure?  
What are you willing to give up to acquire that treasure? To keep that treasure? To live that treasure?

Your brother in Christ,



### WISDOM

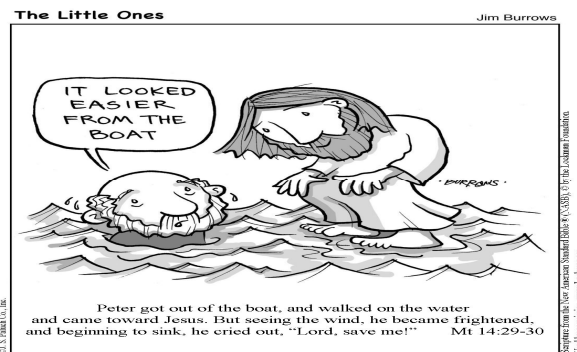
Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic!

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### GIVING UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE

This message again seems very countercultural. We live in an age of instant gratification. Consumer debt is at an all-time high. Houses get bigger and bigger and more luxurious. Instead of saying "I can't afford a new car," people stretch payments out over six or seven years in an attempt to afford the unaffordable. Today we are called to put it all in perspective, to follow the "pearl of great price," to put all things aside that we might seek the kingdom of God and reach our heavenly goal, our salvation. This may require a paradigm shift and making radical changes in our lifestyle, in how we spend our time, our money, our energy, how we define what is important to us. May each of us find the wisdom of Solomon to guide us in making the right choices.

**Collections:** We need your continued financial support. Collected @ Mass or via Mail or put in Rectory door mail slot. July 19 Parish @ \$2746, Catholic Home Missions @ \$140, Human Development @ \$20 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](http://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](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

## **July 26, 2020 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - July 25th -**

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

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Sunday - July 26th- Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM: Intentions of Donna Schulz

(Lay Carmelite Community)

**Monday - July 27th – Weekday**

9AM: No Mass - Communion Distribution Only

**Tuesday - July 28th - Weekday**

9AM: No Mass - Communion Distribution Only

**Wednesday - July 29th – St. Martha**

**NO Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today**

9:00AM: No Mass - Communion Distribution Only

**Thursday - July 30th - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday - July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

9AM: No Mass - Communion Distribution Only

**Saturday - August 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

### **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!*** 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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