

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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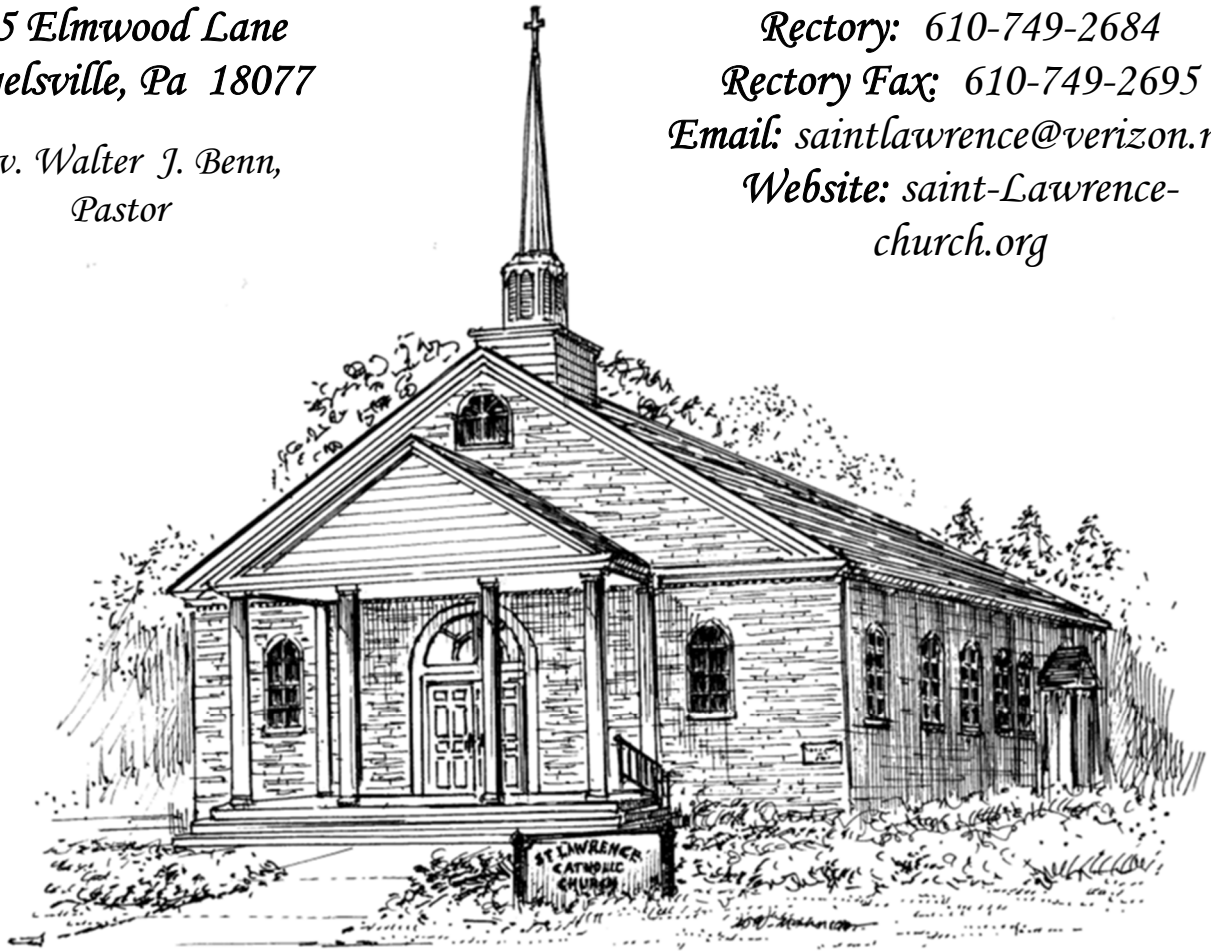
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## Mass Schedule

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 5, 2020

Most of us make it a point to send Birthday cards ahead of the actual celebration, so that they arrive days before the recipient's actual birthday. We want them to enjoy the fact that those in their lives share in this celebration; rejoice in their lives and are grateful for their love. There's no law saying that the anniversary of a person's birth should be limited to one day. With that in mind and in the light of our Country's Birthday, I want to share some Birthday reflections.....Think of it as a wordy Birthday Card without the artwork. When most of us celebrate the birth of our Country, we have a tendency to high-light the military events that were critical to its life. These should never be diminished. Nevertheless, there is more to the formation and preservation of *the United States of America*. There are her resources, the vastness of her land, the diversity of her peoples with all of the cultures that they have brought and added to our mix; there is her form of government which has taken over 200 years to develop. To this day, it is a work in progress, which has never been free of pain, because our choices have always required honesty, generosity and a respect of other's point of view. Finally, what really defines the *United States of America* is her people. We have needed outstanding political, military, industrial, scientific, educational and social leaders, but ultimately it is its people who define America. America is the sum of our values, our priorities, our courage and our willingness to think beyond ourselves. Throughout its history, there have been plenty of times and plenty of Americans who have behaved and voted only for themselves. We live in such a time. This is not to say that there are no good Americans; there are, but they do not make up the vast majority of our Country. If there is a majority of one group, it would be those Americans who are apathetic. These are citizens who don't extend themselves in any way for their community; who don't get involved; who don't insist on certain basic moral values and who don't use the blessing of the Right to Vote to elect credible leaders. I'm sure this sounds presumptuous and self-righteous, but as Catholic Americans, I believe we can contribute so much to the moral health of our Country. We can do this not by inflicting the Catholic religion on our fellow citizens, but by *offering* our Catholic values. There are numerous ways in which we can do this. But I would suggest three specific ways:

1) our public witness. What values and morals do our neighbors see in our day-to-day lives, in our day-to-day choices? 2) Our consumer dollars. Do we reward with our consumer dollars those companies/corporations who promote or support issues & groups that betray basic Judeo-Christians values? These groups know exactly what they are doing and are willing to sell out, all for the almighty dollar. 3) Our right/obligation to Vote. Do we vote? Who do we vote for? While Americans have not always had a great selection of candidates to vote for, Catholic voters have helped elect many candidates who directly oppose true Judeo/Christian values.

My brothers and sisters, so often we are asked to "Pray for our Country". Well that's nice. It is also easy to do, because we are asked to pray for some anonymous entity. If you & I really love the *United States of America*, we will pray for yourselves. We and our neighbors are America. Pray that every time your neighbor sees or hears you, they are never confused by your public morals & public values. Pray that when it is difficult or inconvenient to shop somewhere else for a product that is either more expensive or of less quality, because your preference company supports groups/ agendas that are not God centered; you are standing up for what is right and not rewarding those who are wrong. Pray that with each election and with all of the issues that we are asked to process, we love our Country enough to oppose who & what is wrong. The issues should not be centered on what is legal, but rather on the Truth, in what is just vs unjust, healthy vs what is unhealthy, morally right vs what is morally wrong. For reasons we don't understand and certainly don't deserve, God has blessed us as citizens of the *United States of America*. Despite its flaws and sins, we are envied by the peoples of the world. On this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, pray.....pray for yourselves, that you always contribute to this great gift, by being a conscientious citizen, who will leave our Country better for the next generation of Americans. God already blesses America; He does it through you and me. Can we say that we are His blessing to America?

Your brother in Christ,



**Collections:** We need your continued financial support. Collected @ Mass or via Mail or put in Rectory door mail slot. June 28 Parish @ \$ will report next week do to Holiday production schedule, Thank you.

**Special Collection:** July 4 & 5 Campaign for Human Development

**Special Collection:** Catholic Home Mission with guest speaker, July 11-12

**Employment Opportunity** @ St. John the Baptist, Ottsville: seeking a school Adm. Assistant. FT position. Contact Mrs. Tami Koerber @ 610-847-5523

**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.

**Parish Social Activities:** all suspended with new dates under consideration. Will keep you posted. Check out the Parish web site for updates at [saint-lawrence-church.org](http://saint-lawrence-church.org)

**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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## **July 5, 2020 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - July 4th - Independence Day**

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

5PM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

**Sunday - July 5th- Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM: Marguerite Hooper (Russ & Rosemary Benner)

**Monday - July 6th – St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**

9AM: Lisa Jones (Jones Family)

**Tuesday - July 7th - Weekday**

9AM: Julia Jones (Jones Family)

**Wednesday - July 8th – Weekday**

***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

9:00AM:

**Thursday - July 9th - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday - July 10th - Weekday**

9AM:

**Saturday - July 11th - St. Benedict**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

### **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!*** 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

**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.

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