

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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! June 13, 2021

Today, we listen to a Gospel with a familiar parable; namely, the *Parable of the Mustard Seed*. Typical of Our Lord and the parables he composed, they begin by leading the listener to believe he/she knows where the story is going and what the point of the parable is. Then, near its conclusion, Our Lord reveals the true point of the parable. So, it is with the *Parable of the Mustard Seed*. Some of us find ourselves focusing on the farmer. Many of us focus on the mustard seed. In truth, the focus of this parable is the earth...the soil! The farmer represents God, the Father. The mustard seed, which seems so insignificant, represents the gift of Faith which so many people in our world see as insignificant or lifeless. However, it is the soil of our faith which will or will not fail to help the mustard seed of God's love to grow or die. So, my brothers and sisters, each day, when we prayerfully stand before Our Lord, we should ask ourselves these questions: "What kind of soil am I?" "What am I doing to enrich the soil of my faith?" "Do I ask the Lord for His help?" "Am I humble enough and patient enough to trust in how He goes about the task of farming in my life?"

Your Brother in Christ,



### Saturday Summer Dinners!

They're back! With the lifting of Covid restrictions, we have decided to return to our Saturday Summer Dinners! Here's the 2021 schedule: **6/26/21, 7/31/21 and 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!

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, June 13 following the 9:30AM Mass in Cedar Hall. All are Welcome.

### HONESTY

The most important person to be honest with is yourself.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration, even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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CCD - Prep 2021-2022: registration forms are now available in the vestibule for the upcoming sessions. Also posted on Parish web site. Deadline is July 2nd



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**Collections:** June 6 Parish @ \$1796, Missionary Sisters @ \$1425. Thank you.

**Matteo Sebastiano:** heart felt THANK YOU to all who donated to our Parish in Memory of Matt. Greatly appreciated. Janice Sebastiano.

**Special Collection:** June 19th – 20th. Peter's Pence supporting the Universal Church. In part, this collection helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering throughout the world. It also supports the ongoing activities of the Holy See.

**Special Mass:** *Year of St. Joseph.* Mass will be celebrated @ 7PM on 7/5, 8/2, 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.

**Holy Name Society:** meeting on Monday, June 14th @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall.

### **THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT**

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth.

—St. Irenaeus

### **HEARTFELT**

I would rather say five words devoutly with my heart than five thousand which my soul does not relish with affection and understanding.

—St. Edmund the Martyr

### **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.

**EGiving:** does not replace what you currently do. It merely provides an additional option. To E Give go to: <https://thecfgp.org/donate/st-lawrence-parish-riegelsville> 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.

## **June 13, 2021 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - June 12th -**

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

5PM: Matteo Sebastiano (Senior Family)

**Sunday - June 13th - Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Living/Deceased Members of the Maddaloni Family (Fr. Benn)

**Monday - June 14th – Weekday**

9AM: Nathan Burke (ted & Janet Achuff)

**Tuesday - June 15th - Weekday**

9AM: Special Intentions (Anonymous)

**Wednesday - June 16th – Weekday**

***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

9AM: Intentions of Elfride Wojcik (Dolores Bonk)

**Thursday - June 17th - Weekday**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

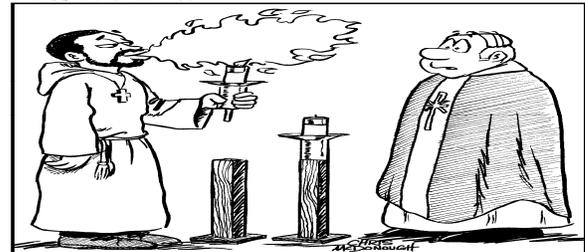
**Friday - June 18th - Weekday**

9AM: Intentions of Victoria Leigh Babson (Dolores Bonk)

**Saturday - June 19th - St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence  
**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.

### **Pastor Al**



"I know you're working on a fire-swallowing act, but I'd rather you use matches like everyone else."

**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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