

Church of Saint Lawrence

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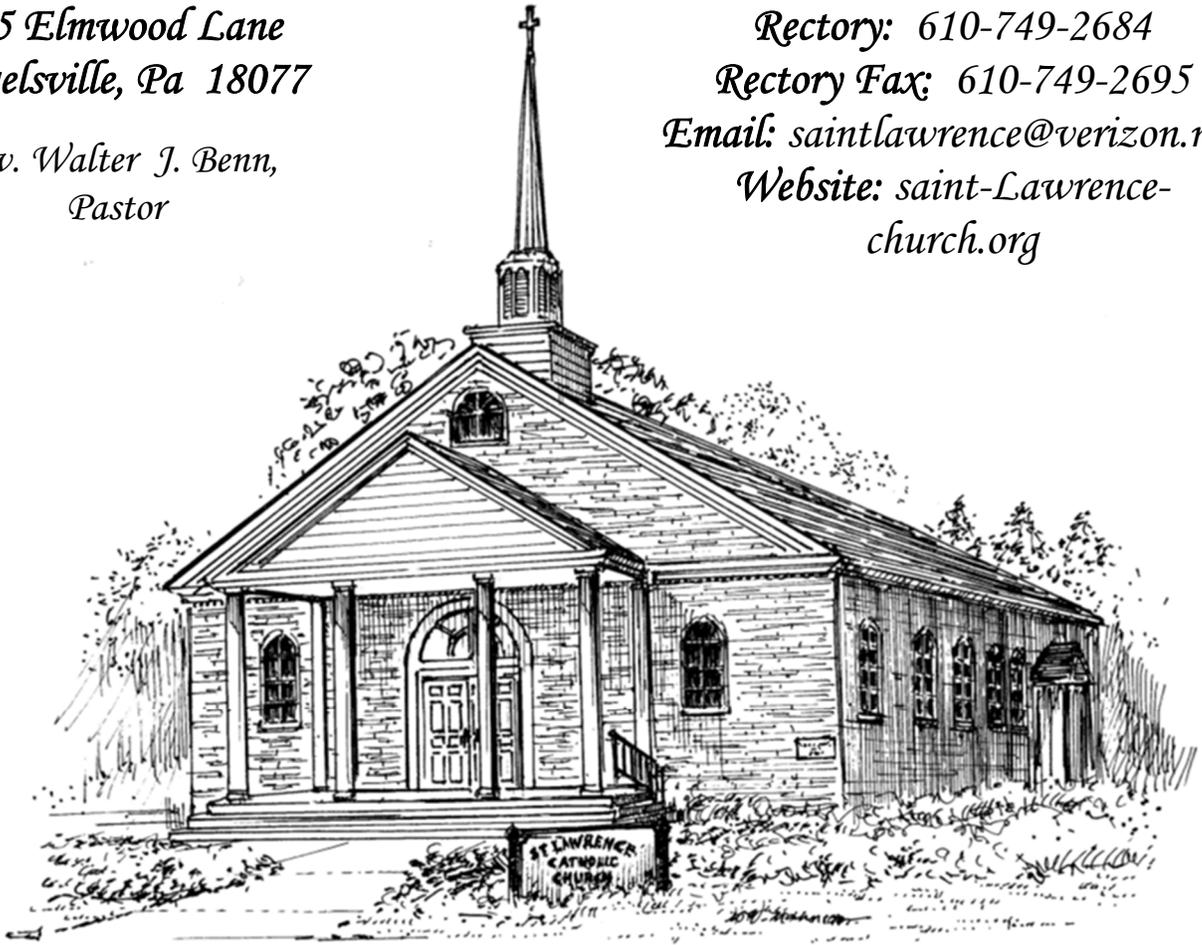
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Mass Schedule

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 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 20, 2021

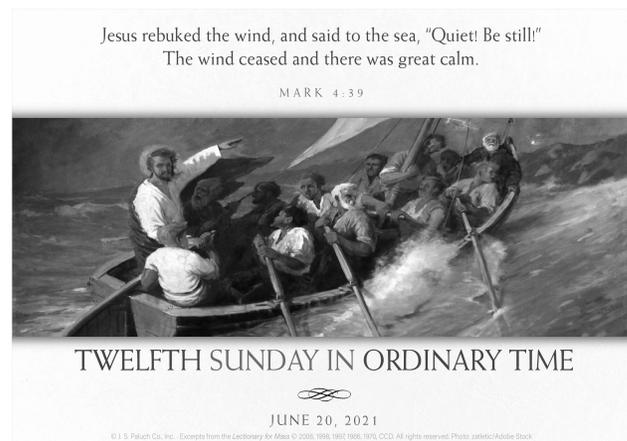
When I read this weekend's Gospel, I could not help but think of the story which Sr. Dorothy Fabritze's {*Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*} referred to when she began her appeal for our support of the Mission Coop two weeks ago. No doubt, you did too. For those of you who did not hear her story, it was about herself and a group of missionary sisters who were adrift in the Pacific Ocean when their small boat ran out of fuel. Recall how scared they were and how she eventually found calm and peace when she recalled the very Gospel which we reflect on this weekend.

It is very human to speculate how we would respond to a "storm" in our life should it happen; it becomes something completely different when we find ourselves in an actual storm. Being helpless...unable to control anything within a storm in our lives is awful. Those of us who have been around long enough know that there are storms, and then there are STORMS! It's one thing to be unable to buy that hot vehicle which we were certain we could afford. It's another thing when we are in a terrible accident in that car with loved ones. Somehow, the importance of that vehicle means nothing when a loved one is on the operating table fighting for his or her life because of injuries sustained in that accident. To say that such experiences "put things in perspective" is an understatement. This is the point that Our Lord has been trying to make with the Apostles and his other followers; namely, that true happiness, true peace, true direction, true security lies in the arms of the Father and the Father's *Wisdom*. Notice, that just because the Apostles are committed followers of Our Lord, doesn't exempt them from crisis. Discipleship with Our Lord doesn't include exemption from things ugly. Discipleship with Our Lord means that He will remain in our boat throughout the terrible storm we have found ourselves in; He will do this because He loves us. It might take time, but how many of us have had the experience, where we are going through something terrible and when it finally ends, what we had hoped for or expected doesn't happen; yet, it ends where we are at peace and in a way that was far better than we could have hoped. Somehow, Our Lord was moving through that bowl of spaghetti, and was able to resolve everything, but only when we were willing to be humble about our inadequacies and confident enough to use the graces He would give us to work through that storm. The point of today's Gospel is about Faith!

Do we believe God loves us or not? Are we humble enough about ourselves, that we are willing to place all that we treasure in His hands? Do we trust Him with our heart and those who fill our heart?

One last note! Notice, that like all who are immature, the Apostles presume they can handle anything. Consequently, they wait until the crisis arrives before they realize that they are not spiritually equipped {Faith} to handle the storm. When we pray, we should ask ourselves how equipped are we to handle the next storm in our life. What is the caliber of our Faith?

Your Brother in Christ,



Thank you: It was a joy for me, Sr. Dorothy Fabritze, MSC, to be present at the Sunday Liturgies on June 5-6. I shared with you the efforts of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to empower the local church in 20 countries around the world to continue a tradition of compassionate presence through skilled and creative responses to needs. I am grateful for your hospitality during my visit, for the opportunity to meet so many new friends, and for your generosity in the second collection. Our indigenous Sisters are grateful that they can be the Heart of God in our world. Without your generosity and shared mission, much of our work would be in jeopardy. Our Sisters will continue to pray for all of you and your intentions.

In Jesus' heart, Sr. Dorothy Fabritze, MSC

Thank you: to Tom Trotter for donating Blessed Miraculous Medals now available free to Our Parishioners on first come basis in vestibule.

Collections: June 13 Parish @ \$2325, Missionary Sisters @ \$120, Special Parish Donation @ \$500.

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.

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

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!

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.

Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to St. Joseph
On the 150th 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.

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.

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: saint-lawrence@verizon.net to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

June 20, 2021 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - June 19th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Frank Gambino (Janice Sebastiano)

Sunday - June 20th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Finbar MacCarthy (Gambino Family)

Monday - June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday - June 22nd - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St. John Fisher, Bishop & St. Thomas More, Martyrs

9AM: Irene Pavlica (Capobianco Family)

Wednesday - June 23rd – Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Andrew Schlotter (Jones Family)

Thursday - June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - June 25th - Weekday

9AM: Protection of the Unborn. Right to Life.

Saturday - June 26th - Weekday

9AM: Help to those Suffering from Addiction

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Enjoy!!

ON FATHERHOOD

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.

—George Herbert

CLOSER

God is closer to me than my own breath.

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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