

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 6, 2021

Over the last two weekends {*Memorial Day & the Feast of the Holy Eucharist*} the notion of **sacrifice** and the notion of **blood** have been our focus. Instinctively, most people are uncomfortable with the experiences behind these two events; virtually no one likes the sight of blood, and the notion of **sacrifice** carries with it a sense of loss. Yet, the great irony is that Christians, especially those who believe in the sacrament of the Eucharist, understand it in just the opposite way. For true Christians, the example of Our Lord's choice to accept the bloody sacrifice on Calvary centers our conscience. "He did that for me?" He did that for everyone, in the hopes that at least some of them would come to believe how much the Father loves them and is anxious for them to turn from their sinful ways and toward Him. In our spirituality, **sacrifice** is the ultimate gesture of love. Over the last 2,000+ years, how many millions of people have been so inspired to make similar choices, choices that involved the sacrificing of our time, our treasure, our blood, our life for the betterment of another? While we would never deny the pain of making a sacrifice for another, it is God's promise that He not only has the power to reverse one's loss, but He has the Love to replace that loss on a scale we can't imagine. Last week's celebration of Memorial Day highlighted the obvious sacrifices of millions of men and women in the Armed Services who made those choices over the last two centuries. However, there are others who have made decisions to sacrifice themselves for the sake of others, many of them not as high-profile, but fueled with just as much love and conviction: police officers, firefighters, the courageous neighbor who confronts members of gangs in their neighborhood, the child or relative who confronts a violent parent/in-law where domestic violence occurs. It might not involve the spilling of blood, but certainly involves the breaking of hearts, namely, those who have stood up and alone to oppose things that were wrong, things that everyone else did not have the courage to call out. These sisters and brothers paid for it with their careers, their standing in their family, among their friends, in their political party, and it pains me to say it, sometimes within the Church, which we love so much. Then, there are those women, who are confronted with a pregnancy they did want or expect. Perhaps it was a pregnancy involving a baby that had no chance of survival, or who could contribute to its mother's death. Those women were and are under tremendous pressure from those around them,

sometimes including their doctors, to "terminate" the pregnancy. Yet, like St Gianna Molla who embraced her child and all of the unknown experiences that would be a part of their future, these mothers accepted their risks. Perhaps these examples will help us put our own experiences into perspective each time we celebrate the Eucharist. When confronted with terrible choices, which will involve personal sacrifice on our part, can we follow the example of Our Lord by embracing our Cross and walking that stony road to Calvary? Even though we feel completely alone, will we trust that the Father will be with us just as much as He was with His son on Good Friday? Is our faith strong enough and heart big enough to believe that whatever our Calvary, the Father will make certain that it concludes with an Easter experience? This is the reason why we need to seek out Our Lord in the Eucharist each Sabbath; when we do, we give Him a chance to be our partner in any Calvary experience we choose to embrace .

Your brother
in Christ,



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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

A new name for this feast, long known as Corpus Christi or "Body of Christ," points to an important recovery of Communion from the shared chalice, the Precious Blood, in the Roman Catholic liturgy. For many centuries, only the priest received from the chalice. Now, over the last forty years, the cup has been offered more frequently to the faithful. Sadly, perhaps because it is not offered at all Masses, or because people are free to pass by the offered cup, it can be seen by some as a "take it or leave it" option. Some important meanings surface, however, when we drink from the common cup, such as our desire to participate in the pouring out of Christ's love. Bread is the staff of life, eaten by necessity even in times of pain. Wine, on the other hand, is the mark of festivity, a pledge of joy, a sign of unity between our altar table and the banquet feast of heaven. The center of the Gospel today is Jesus speaking of the pouring out of his blood, and his offer of a cup of blessing to be shared as a sign of his love. There is no better response than to take and drink, and no better way to mark this feast.

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