

Church of Saint Lawrence

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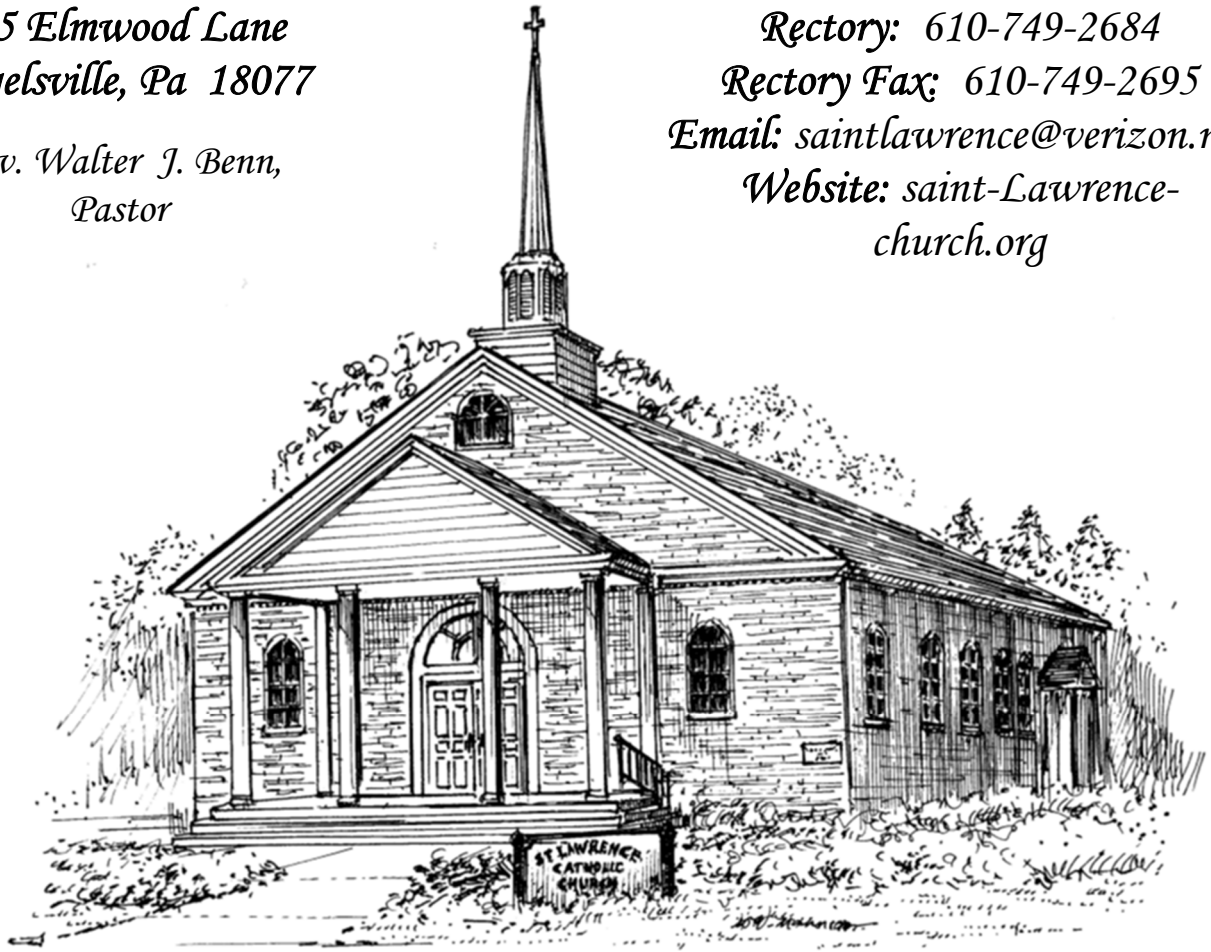
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Mass Schedule

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! March 21, 2021

Here we are on the in the *Fifth Week of Lent*, and I ask you “How are you doing”? We’re five weeks into this season intended to be spent looking inward; making the effort to be alone with Our Lord, so that we might draw closer to Him. Regardless of whether these past weeks have been enriching for you or whether you are looking back on them with a sense of regret recognizing many lost opportunities, it is never too late to enter into this period of conversion. For everyone, I would advise you to use these remaining days by keeping things simple. First and foremost, I would encourage you to PRAY! Spend time alone with Our Lord. It is not always easy to do this because there are so many things that can interfere with prayer. If you are like me, your mind is going five hundred miles an hour: Issues going on in the family, the daily obligations you will be facing each day at home, at work, at school; finances, the many issues and restrictions caused by Coronavirus and the Pandemic; general fatigue. For many, it is a real challenge just to find a quiet time and a quiet place to pray. If you are like me, trying not to fall asleep once you find that rare quiet time and space is also a challenge. Then too, many people do not know how to quiet themselves; it is a learned skill. All of this may seem like I am building a case **not** to attempt personal prayer; that there are too many obstacles to overcome for you and me to even have a chance to find Our Lord and to hear Him. Not so! Time spent in prayer is not a test or an evaluation on God’s part where He grades you on the caliber of your prayer. Let Him worry about the content. You worry about the effort. First and foremost, it is about us choosing to put ourselves in the presence of Our Lord. If you want to worry about anything, worry about whether you are making genuine efforts to spend time with Our Lord. There are numerous things that can be a starting point for your prayer: issues going on in your life; something that happened that day at home, at work or with someone in the family. Go back to any one of the scripture stories you have heard over the last couple of weeks; perhaps a particular character. Recall one of the moments celebrated in the *Stations of the Cross*; e.g. Our Lord’s trial before the religious authorities or Pilot. Another way in which each of us can participate in the Season of Lent is by celebrating the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Seek out Our Lord in this sacrament. Place yourself in his presence, bringing those issues in your life that need healing. The *Sacrament of Reconciliation* is about healing; it is a celebration of Our Lord’s love. It is a celebration of what only

he can do, and a humble acknowledgement of what we can’t do.

While there are number of other ways in which we can participate in the Season of Lent, I would encourage you to focus on these efforts as we enter Lent’s home stretch. Remember, Keep it simple!

Your brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday, and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as “Passion Sunday.” In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth, and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father’s will. Wherever elect are present today, the “A” reading reveals Jesus’ compassion in the face of human suffering, and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation, and even death itself.

As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days, and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today’s old title of “Passion Sunday” has migrated to next Sunday, also called “Palm Sunday.” In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week’s liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood. If your parish schedules a procession, you may want to prepare these branches at home and bring them along.

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Easter Egg Hunt: will not be held this year do to coronavirus. Instead candy will be available after the Saturday & Easter Sunday Mass celebrations. Please take a sample for your child, grandchildren or those in need. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don’t trust enough.

Collections: March 14 Parish @ \$1118, Church in Latin America @ \$128, Thank you.

Catholic Charites 2021 has begun. In pew donation envelopes are available. Direct mailings from the AOP will be received at your home. Checks are payable to Catholic Charites, not St. Lawrence.

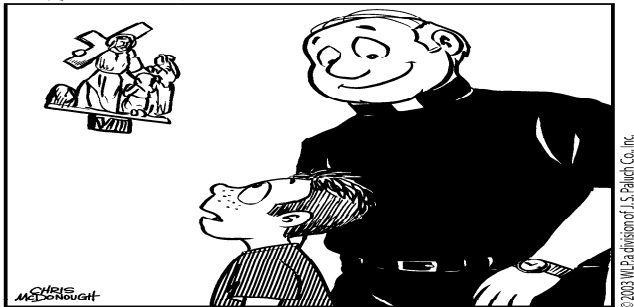
Pontifical Good Friday: Pope Francis has asked all Parish members to provide a special focus on this year's Holy Land special collection held on Good Friday, April 2nd benefitting: ministers in the Holy Land, Catholic Schools, Religious Education and helps to preserve our sacred shrines.

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. Amen.

Pastor Al



"There are only fourteen stations?
Must have been before cable."

EGiving: does not replace what you currently do. It merely provides an additional option. To E Give go to: 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 donor. 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: saintlawrence@verizon.net to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

March 21, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday - Mar 20th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Frank Gambino (Twomey Family)

Sunday - Mar 21st - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Frank Gambino (Culichia Family)

Monday - Mar 22nd – Lenten Weekday

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday - Mar 23rd - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

9AM: Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday - Mar 24th – Lenten Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: The poor & needy of the World

Thurs. - Mar 24th - Annunciation of the Lord

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Mar 25th - Lenten ABSTINENCE

9AM: Dorothy Wladyka (Jones Family)

Saturday - Mar 26th - Lenten Weekday

9AM: Poor & Hungry of the World

Fast & Abstinence : persons 14+ years old abstain from meat on Ash Wed., all Fridays of Lent & Good Friday. Persons 18+ years to 59 inclusive, fast by limiting themselves to one full meal on Ash Wed. & Good Fri. while other meals are light in nature.

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! 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, Bill Chabot, Bethany Steinberg, MaryLou VonDohlen, Lucy Herman, Mary Ann & Roger Brahler, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

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