

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! May 16, 2021

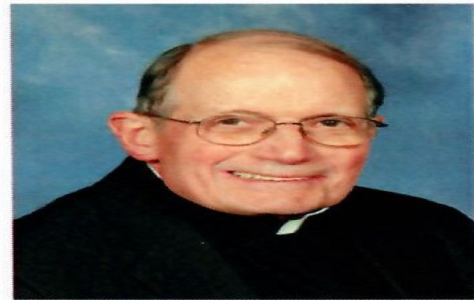
All three of this Sabbath's scripture readings hold much for us to reflect on. However, I would like to focus on the second reading from the First letter of John; particularly, the final two sentences. "We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." All three readings make reference to Jesus' public life, to the "Spirit", to "Truth". Whether we realize it or not, all three of these dynamics are linked by the virtue of Love. For the Apostles and the early Christian communities, discipleship could always be reduced to the most fundamental of virtues: **LOVE!**

In our culture, *Love* is often referenced to the point of abuse. Many people associate it with anything that feels good or that doesn't object to choices and behaviors which are wrong. To think this, is to accept the belief that a loving person doesn't have to be accountable; one merely means to *intend* good. Those choices revolve not only around what one does, but also around what one chooses not to do. The early generation of Christians, whose memories of Jesus were still fresh in their minds and hearts, understood this. They were so impressed with the Spirit of Jesus' Love, that they courageously imitated it in their everyday lives in the midst of brutal persecutions that went on for decades. Through their faith, they believed that "the Father sent his Son" to the world. When they experienced the Son in all His humility, patience, compassion and courage, they had no doubt how much they were loved by the Father. "They had come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Once they came to this realization, there was no confusion as to how they should live their lives or for whom. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him."

My sisters and brothers, a new week lies before us. It will be filled with all kinds of responsibilities, experiences and obligations. This new week will involve people we know and love; it will also involve people who are strangers to us or who are indifferent to us or worse, do not have our best interest in their hearts. Some of these things we will be able to control; others will involve things we can't control. What you and I must ask ourselves is how will I respond to them? Maybe, the needed response will be for us to step toward them when they are not at their most attractive. Maybe they might need for us to exercise great patience and listen to them. Maybe the situation might require that we turn the other cheek. Will my response reflect the

Father's *Love*? Somehow, will each of the people involved in these encounters step away realizing that they just experienced or benefitted from God's love? Will they be as inspired to be more God-like after they experience the goodness of Our Lord, that only you could have given them.

Your brother in Christ,



Gavin W. Muir

BORN: September 3, 1936

ORDAINED: May 22, 1965

DIED: May 15, 2018

Hear with favor our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully, and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved.

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Collections: May 9 will report next week Thank you.

Special Mass: *Year of St. Joseph.* Mass will be celebrated @ **7PM on 6/7, 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 normal 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. Amen.

Crab Cake Sale: benefiting St. John the Baptist, Ottsville initiative to replace their school building roof. Order forms in vestibule taken May 8 & 9 + 15 & 16 with pick up on 5/22 between 1PM & 4PM at SJB.

Free Free Free: we have 5 windows from the previous exterior church entrance leading to Ceadar Hall. Frames are 7ft 10in by 2ft 5in. Interested? You provide your own transport. Contact Steve @ 908-229-2220

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 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.

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface

May 16, 2021 - Ascension of the Lord

Saturday - May 15th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Fr. Gavin Muir, Pastor, Deceased (St. Lawrence Parish)

Sunday - May 16th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Fr. Gavin Muir (Tom & Gail Trotter)

Monday - May 17th – Easter Weekday

9AM: Frank Gambino (Gambino Family)

Tuesday - May 18th - St. John I, Pope & Martyr

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Wednesday - May 19th – Easter Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Protection of the Unborn

Thursday - May 20th - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - May 21st - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

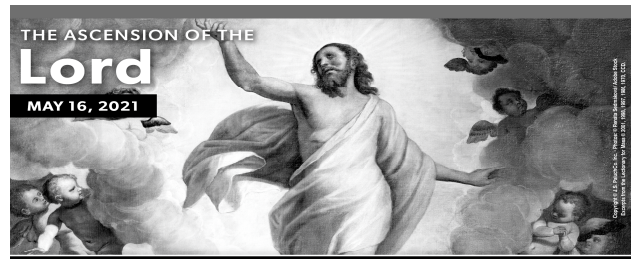
9AM: Prevention Worldwide Religious Persecution

Saturday - May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

9AM: Intentions of the Poor and Downtrodden

THE LOAN

We didn't inherit the earth from our parents. We're borrowing it from our children



Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Mark 16:15

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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