

Church of Saint Lawrence

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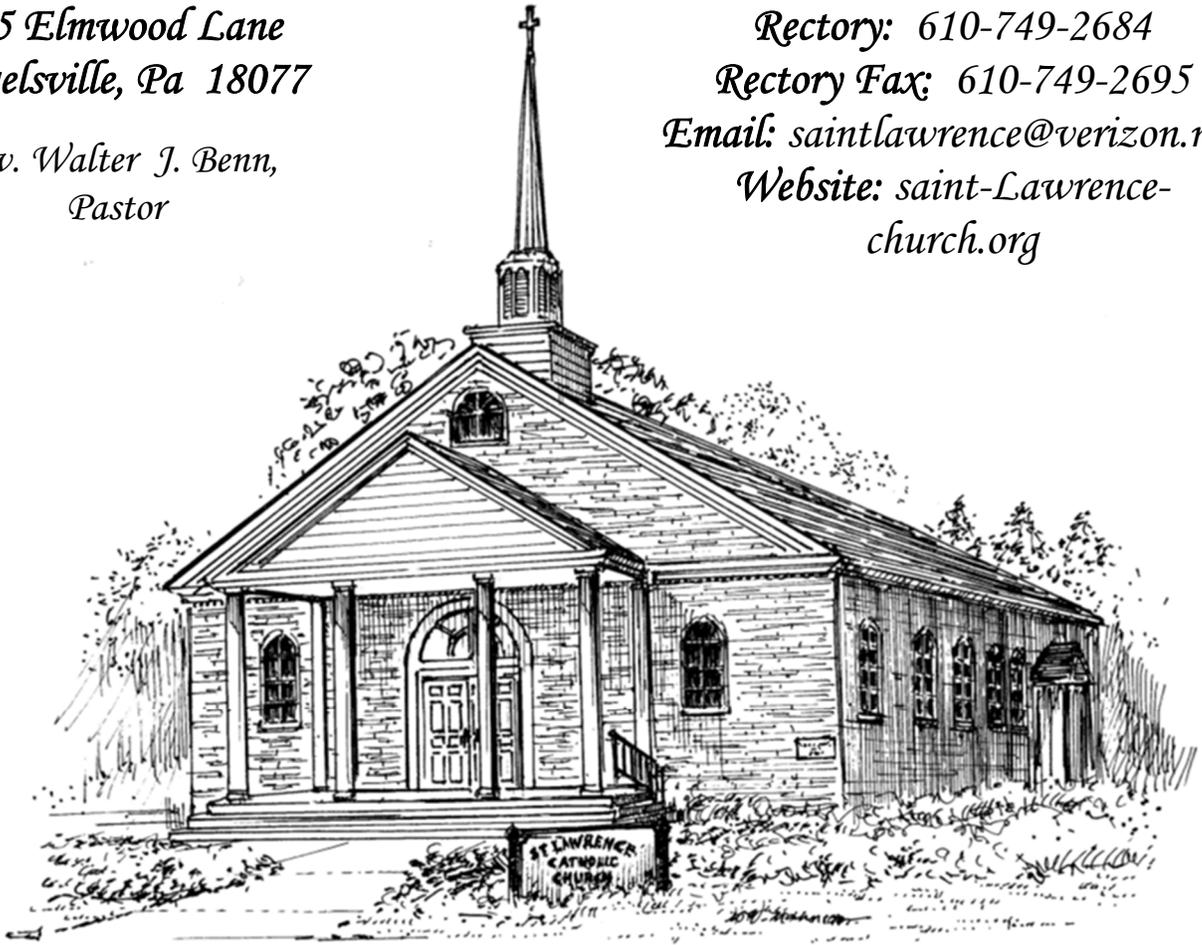
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Mass Schedule

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! May 30, 2021

Lighting is going to strike me because on this weekend the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Holy Trinity*; yet, it is also *Memorial Day Weekend* and I feel compelled to reflect on it. As all Americans know, *Memorial Day* is America's decision never to forget the sacrifices which millions of our Countrymen have made over the centuries to protect us, our freedoms and our values. Originally, *Memorial Day* was inspired by the "memory" of those who lost their lives in defense of our Country. Now, we are wiser and more sensitive; we also honor those who may have come home alive, but came home with permanent wounds both of mind and body. Along with them, we remember those in their lives who have also been touched by their deaths and wounds: their spouses, their parents, their children, their friends. This is an oxymoron, but the most pronounced behavior of all veterans is that they never draw attention to their time in the military; you have to practically drag out of them what branch of the Service they served in, where they were stationed, how long they were in the Service, and if they were ever exposed to combat. They always explain it away, that "they were just serving their Country", as if donating two, four or more years of their youth was a weekend of cutting the lawn. All of this highlights something that sets them apart; namely, they were able to think of others; they were willing to put others before themselves. Their perception of life was not focused exclusively on themselves; rather, their understanding of life included the welfare of others. This is a fundamental part of the Judeo-Christian tradition; namely, that we are God's children and like our creator parent, we should be selfless. Most Veterans will be quick to assure you that they are not saints, that they are not "Church-goers". Be that as it may, we must recognize that spiritually, "their Service" exposes the fact that they carry the DNA of God's love within them. For most, these values were awakened or discovered through their parents, within the interaction of their extended family, through their formation within their religious traditions, and in many cases, their time in school. We must ask ourselves if that sense of responsibility to others....for others is still being taught to our children and youth today. If not, what is the message they are being impressed with? Who are the persons who teach this message? I worry about the constant exposure of the impressionable to the constant

message from sports stars and celebrities, with their behavior that demands that all attention should be focused on them, on their wealth and the love which everyone pours on them. Life is not all glitter and wealth. Will our children learn that there are many people whose lives have no wealth, no glitter, no happiness? If they choose to do so, can they share part of their life with the less fortunate and for them? Like the people they choose to step beside, they will not become wealthy; they won't have a life of ease and it is likely they'll never be able to afford those season tickets to the Eagle's games which they dreamed of. Instead, do they see themselves serving in the Military; choosing to be a Nurse, a Social Worker, an Educator, a Counselor, working in the mental health field, a volunteer fireman or answering God's call to serve the Church as a sister, brother, priest or missionary? Do they see themselves happy as a full-time parent, especially as a mother? Do we encourage them to fantasize about themselves in those roles, doing those things, for someone other than themselves? This is the great legacy of our Veterans, especially among those who disregarded the cost to themselves; it was always about others.....never about themselves!

Your brother
in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Even though the Easter season has drawn to a close, today's feast still basks in the glow of Easter's twilight. To believe that we are made in the image and likeness of God—a God whose inner life is described in terms of community—is to recognize that we are in relationship with one another. In the language of the liturgy, we do not each stand alone before God, but constantly affirm this truth in the very words of our prayers. "We believe, we offer, we ask you," we say, or "have mercy on us, hear us, listen to our prayer," and in preparation for Communion, we pray the perfect prayer to "Our Father." To be baptized is to enter into the life of a community of faith. Nowhere is this sense of community more focused than at Sunday Mass, when we respond to the love of the Father by being together in Christ, embraced by the Spirit, for the sake of the world. Today has been called an "idea feast," and impossible to grasp fully. Yet, as the readings today explore, the Trinity is not a concept traced like a triangle on a blackboard. It is the air we breathe, the sign we trace on our bodies as a pledge and promise of God's love.

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Collections: May 23 Parish @ \$4434, Candles @ 135
Thank you.

Guest Speaker - Sister Dorothy Fabritze, MSC:
June 5-6 regarding Mission Appeal for Missionary
Sisters of the Most sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

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.

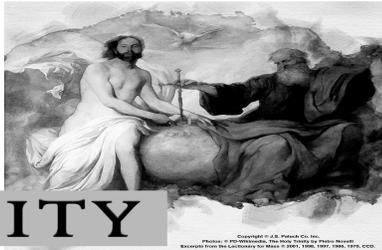
Veterans Memorial Program: Sunday, **May 30th**
@ 6PM @ William Township Veterans Memorial
Campus, @ 655 Cider Press Rd., Williams Town-
ship Building. All are invited to show our apprecia-
tion for all service Men & Women.

May 30, 2021

Go, therefore, and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in
the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

The Most Holy

TRINITY



Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to St. Joseph

On the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's procla-
mation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal
Church, Pope Francis declared a Holy Year dedicat-
ed 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.

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.

May 30, 2021 - The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday - May 29th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Intentions of Stephanie Babson (Dolores Bonk)

Sunday - May 30th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM Those Who Gave Their Lives in Service
of Our Country

**Monday - May 31st – The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM: Matteo Sebastiano (MaryAnn McKeon)

Tuesday - June 1st - St. Justin, Martyr

9AM: Dolph & Stella Ell (Helfant Family)

**Wednesday - June 2nd – St. Marcellinus & Peter,
Martyrs**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Betty Brianmen (Mary Ann McKeon)

**Thursday - June 3rd - St. Charles Lwanga &
Companions, Martyrs**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - June 4th - Weekday

9AM: Walter Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

**Saturday - June 5th - St. Boniface, Bishop &
Martyr**

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

Task Big & Small: it is said we live in a small
world..... but would you want to paint it?:>

COWARDLY

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst
cowardice.

—Confucius

**Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound,
Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and
Respect for all Life!** Tom TrotterIV, 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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