

Church of Saint Lawrence

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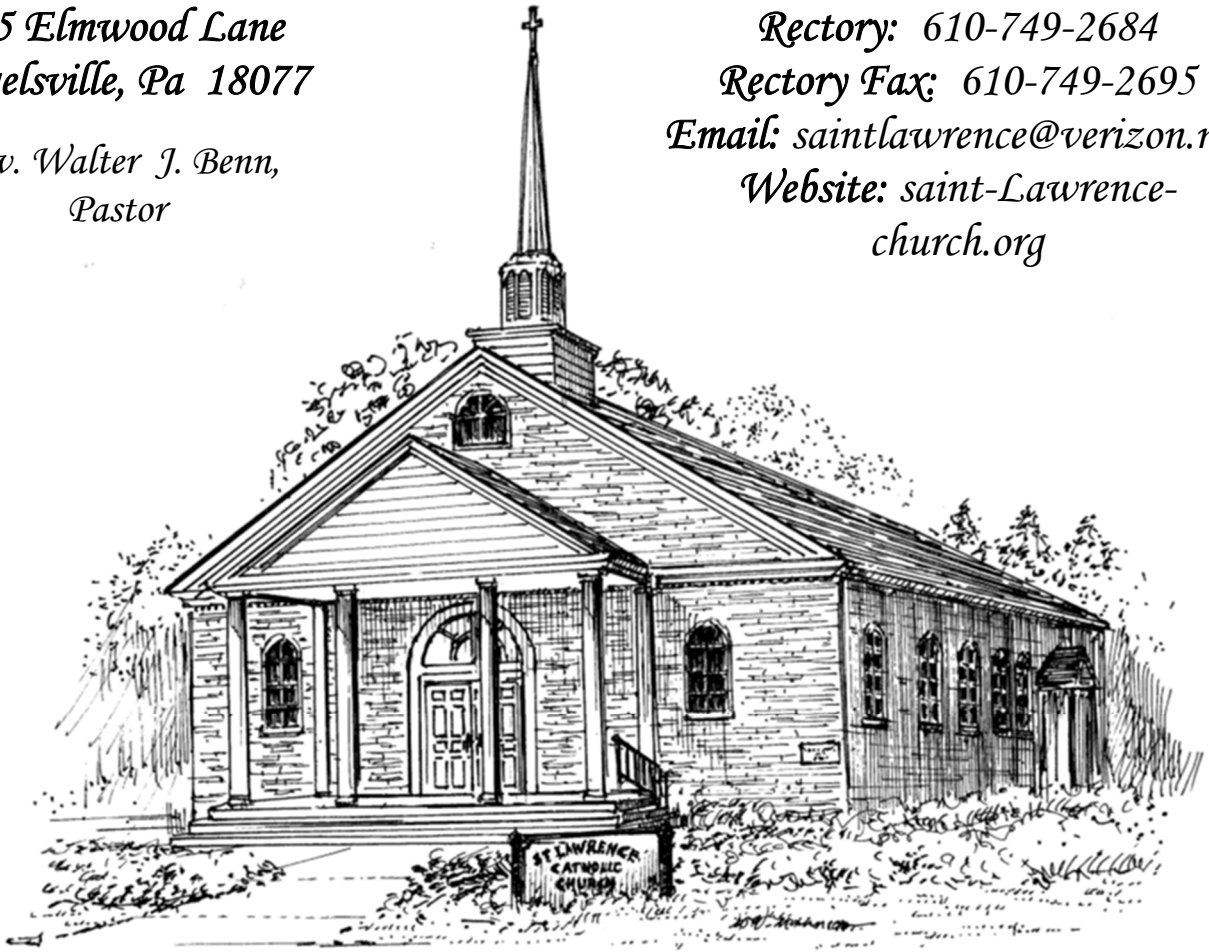
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Mass Schedule

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! November 1, 2020

All Saints Day!


On this weekend, we celebrate *The Feast of All Saints!* The history of the Church is rich with the lives of specific women & men whose efforts to embody the life of Our Lord grabbed everyone's attention. They were and are inspirations. In fact, the extent of their efforts to put Our Lord's teachings into action was so profound that their names, backgrounds and accomplishments have been passed on from generation to generation; the presence of God in their lives simply couldn't be ignored.

Nevertheless, there is a second group, of saintly people which the Church also feels must be recognized. They are a much larger group and are largely anonymous; yet, they are individuals, whose lives were characterized by quiet and simple effort to model themselves after the Master. They were characterized by humility, a silent courage, plus a willingness to always put the needs of others before themselves. They were persons of prayer and simple piety. They were persons centered in the Eucharist, and they never drew attention to themselves. Who are these people? As I said, so many of them we never knew. They were the millions of Christians who refused to deny their Christian faith whether that was in the Colosseum of Rome; in far off lands as religious & lay missionaries; in Nazi concentration camps. They were in political prisons of the Communist, or has happened in recent years in the Mid-East, martyred at the hands of ISIS. Others, we knew and know. They are friends, teachers, parishioners and especially family members. We may have recognized something special about them when they were alive, but often, it was only after they had returned to God and we were celebrating their eternal life during their funeral Mass, that we recognized the extent of their choice to be a holy person. It was only then, when we are sharing stories about them and grieving their absence that we realized, that here was a person who was such a gift. Would we not make the observation that they "were a Saint"? The *Feast of All Saints* is about them!

All of this leads us to an important question, a serious question. "What about me?" What am I doing with the gift which an Apostle or Grand Mother or Uncle left me? Do I dare attempt to be as patient or forgiving or generous with my heart for those around me like they were? There holiness stemmed from a basic choice to be a person of daily prayer and to center their lives in the Sacraments of

the Eucharist & Reconciliation. We may have laughed about their little holy book crammed with dog-eared Holy Cards which contained short prayers on the back-side; the rosary beads that were always in his pocket or her purse, or the Novenas they prayed; yet, they were ways in which they connected with their Lord. How are we grounding our lives in a serious effort to become holy? Basically, in what way do I make time with the Lord? Each of us are called to become a saint; this is not an option! Becoming holy is not easy; but, it is not complicated either. It doesn't require great intelligence; what it does require is a willingness to be genuine, to be humble and to believe that Our Lord is the true source of happiness in both this World and the next! Perhaps that is the greatest gift which these loved-ones have given us; namely, the gift of their example and their convictions. One last thing! We must trust, that we are not alone in our spiritual journey. We have them...the Holy Ones! They are just as present to us from Heaven as they were present to us when we were spending time with them in the kitchen, in the car or in church.

Your brother in Christ,



SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639)

November 3

An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome guests, and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity. Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this "poor mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to.

Collections: October 25th Parish @ \$1677,
Mission Sunday @ \$85. Thank You!!

LAST CHANCE Monday November 2nd

2021 Weekly Offering Envelopes: *if there is no change to your existing 2020 envelopes there is nothing for you to do. If there is a change please advise Parish office. If you are a new parishioner, who currently does not have envelopes, & you wish to receive, advise. If you no longer want to receive envelopes, advise. Reference your current envelope number, if you have one, for a change/update request. Email is best at saintlawrence@verizon.net; however what ever works for you.*

Catholic Education Financial Assistance: Action Item: Forms are now available in vestibule for the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 school year provided by the Trustees of the Ceader Trust. Time sensitive, act now. Deadline 11/30/20. For registered parishioners of St. Lawrence.

Walking with Moms: fund raiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers for those in need of help & guidance. Peace Valley Park, 230 Creek Rd., Doylestown, **Nov 7th**. Registration forms in vestibule.

E-Giving: 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: saintlawrence@verizon.net to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

—Mark Twain

SAINTS AND SINNERS

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

—Oscar Wilde

November 1, 2020 - All Saints Sunday; Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Oct 31st -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Mary Frances Phillips (Senior Family)

Sunday - Nov 1st - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Joseph A. Nowicki

Monday - Nov 2nd – All Souls Day

9AM: Linda Achuff (Ted & Janet Achuff)

Tuesday - Nov 3rd - St. Martin de Porres

9AM: That all American use the Grace our Lord gives us to defeat Covid 19

**Wednesday - Nov 4th – St. Charles Borromeo
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Thursday - Nov 5th - Weekday

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Nov 6th - Weekday

9AM: Theresa Ballek (Janet Achuff)

Saturday - Nov 7th – Weekday

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

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

INFORMATION SHEET

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