

Church of Saint Lawrence

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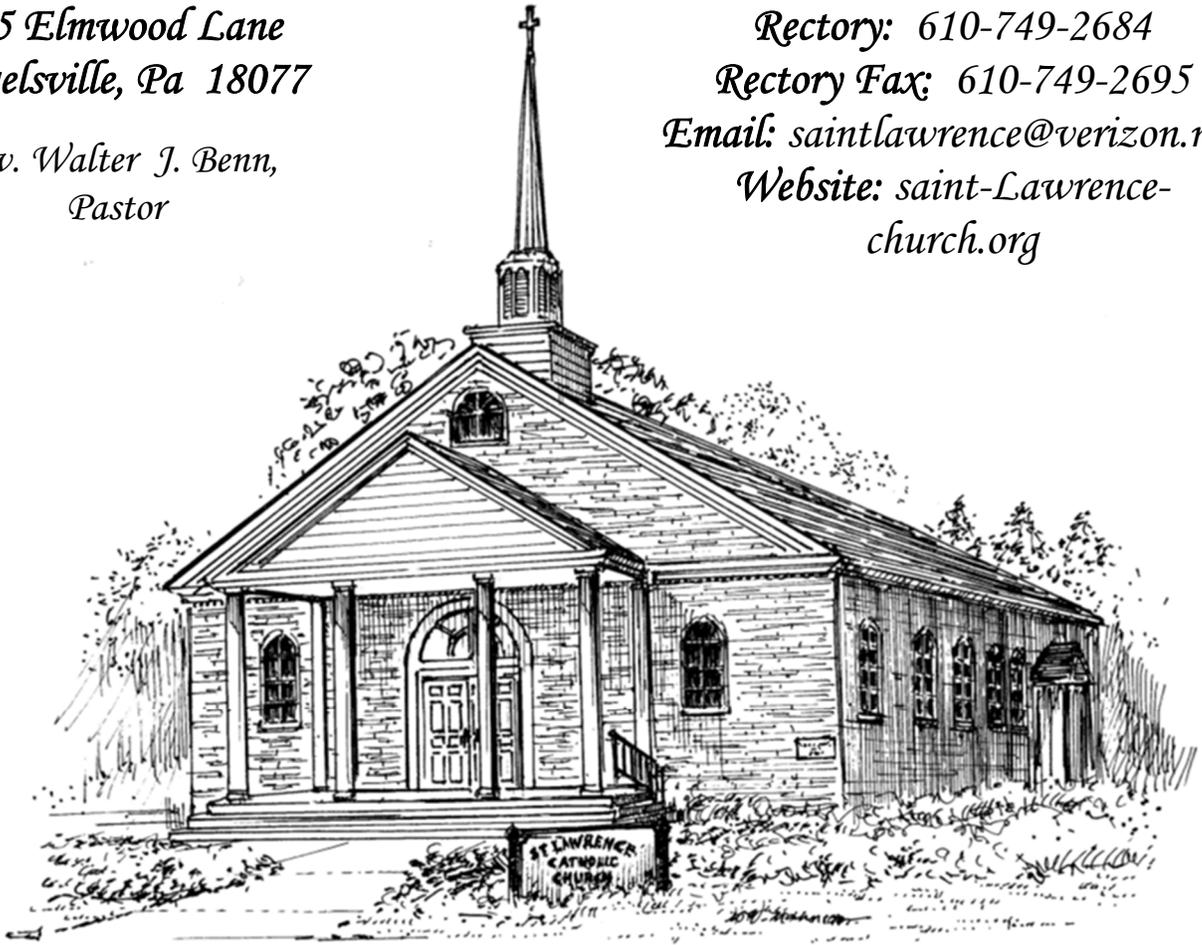
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Mass Schedule

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! November 14, 2021

This week, I'd like to draw our attention to a number of issues and activities within our parish:

1)The Parish Bulletin: In most parishes, the cost of their weekly Bulletin is covered by revenue generated by those who advertise on the back of the Bulletin. This revenue goes directly to the printing company. Because our parish has not been able to attract enough businesses who are willing to advertise in our Bulletin; J.S. Paluch Company, the company responsible for the printing of our weekly Bulletin, has given us notice that as of November 28th, they will no longer be printing our Bulletin. From a business point of view this is understandable; however, it does present a challenge for our parish. We have considered a number of possible solutions. After considering them, we came to the conclusion that St. Lawrence will be better off addressing this issue in-house. Presently, we feel we will be able to continue providing everyone with same information that they have enjoyed in the current Bulletin. We will be relying on the Parish WEB site, and E-Blasts when needed. Regardless of whether one has access to the Internet or not, we know that many prefer a hard copy of this info in their hand, and we intend to provide it. The initial weeks following November 28th will involve a lot of trial & error, until we find the right format for all of this. I am confident that when all is said and done, you will be pleased with the final product.

2)Speaking of advertising, I encourage the leadership of all parish groups to take advantage of the Bulletin and WEB site to promote your upcoming activities by advertising them for multiple weeks.

3)The M&M's: **M&M's** stand for Mary & Martha, the close friends of Jesus and sisters of Lazarus. Who are the **M&M's**? They are a group of parish women, who are bonded by their love for St. Lawrence Parish, many of whom you see working behind the scenes in parish activities. They have a sense of service to the parish, but who also want to include a spiritual and a social component to their ministry. They meet every Thursday in the church parking lot at 11:30 AM; decide where they want to go for lunch and then during lunch brainstorm ways in which they can do Our Lord's work both in St. Lawrence Parish and to/for groups unrelated to our parish. E.G. Last month, they made dozens of Christmas-themed vases for those on Hospice Care. This coming month, they have decided to sow short-simple stoles that tastefully remind those at home, in the hospital or involved with a funeral director that this person is a veteran. They are usually

placed at the foot of the bed. The **M*M's** are not an "In Crowd" group. They know there are many women who want to participate in the life of their parish; have talents; and would love to interact with other women. For them, it is not a matter of how much theology you know; if you are good at crafts or cooking; whether you are outgoing or on the quiet side. They **know** every woman among us has gifts and would love for others to benefit from those gifts. The Thursday meetings are not mandatory; you come when you can and get involved when you can. Additional info {including contact people & phone numbers} can be found on our website **saint-Lawrence-church.org** and in the vestibule of the church.

Your brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days ("change-of-season days") as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.) The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

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Collections: Nov 7 Parish @ \$,1189, All Saints/Souls @ \$40, Pontifical Mission @ \$40, St. Charles Seminary @ \$202. Thank You.

HEADS UP > BULLETIN CHANGE: November 21st will be the last bulletin provided in the manner you are accustomed to. The future is uncertain in how we will move forward. We intend to have a bulletin both on line via our Parish Web site plus hard copy hand outs in Church with limited supply. Formatting is uncertain at this time. We may also provide via email blast in conjunction with the Weekly Mass Worship Guides currently being sent. Mass intentions will be announced at Mass. Single page "insert" type may be used in the interim as hand outs. We may have a few hiccups along the way..sooooo be understanding:> Thank you.

Coffee & Donuts: Nov 14th following the 9:30AM Mass @ Ceader Hall. All are welcome.

Religious Education Program "PREP": Monthly Sunday sessions began October 17th and run through April 24th, 2022 following the Sunday 9:30AM Mass. Remaining sessions are Nov 21 - Dec 19 - Jan 23 - Feb 27 - Mar 27 and April 24. Sessions begin @ 10:45AM ending @ 12:15PM.



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.



November 14, 2021 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Nov 13th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Nathan Burke (Ted/ Janet Achuff)

Sunday - Nov 14th - *Mass is Streamed Live*

9:30: Joann Serene (Altar Rosary Society)

Monday - Nov 15th – St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Robert Itterly (Lay Carmelite Community)

Tuesday - Nov 16th - St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

9AM: Linda Achuff (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Wednesday - Nov 17th – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
9AM: Theresa Ballek (Janet Achuff)

Thursday - Nov 18th - St. rose Philippine, Virgin

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

Friday - Nov 19th - Weekday

9AM: Special Intentions (Anonymous)

Saturday - Nov 20th - Weekday

9AM: Special Intentions (Anonymous)

HOPE

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.

—St. Clement

THE FUTURE

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

—Saint John Paul II

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life! Joseph Bonk, Tom Trotter, Peter Celluci, 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, Bethany Steinberg, MaryLou VonDohlen, Lucy Herman, Mary Ann & Roger Brahler, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

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