

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! November 21, 2021

Is it possible that we are trading summer's heat, humidity and smell of the ocean, for November's cool temps, dancing leaves and smell of pumpkin? As important as the summer is for our rejuvenation, the autumn has a value all its own. On *All Saints Day*, we recall all of those who strove to live lives grounded in holiness. *All Soul's Day* sets the tone for the rest of November, when in our belief in the Father's promise of eternal happiness with Him, we make a special effort to stay connected with our deceased loved ones. And then there is what we will celebrate this week, *Thanksgiving Day!* If there is a National Holiday that comes close to being a National Holy Day, *Thanksgiving* is it! All of us know that the spirit of this holiday originated with the Pilgrims & Native Americans shortly after they arrived in the New World. This was celebrated spontaneously for two centuries, until 1893 when President Abraham Lincoln officially declared it a National Holiday. At the risk of being simplistic, it took 3 basic things to bring this about: [1] the horrendous carnage of the Battle of Gettysburg where tens of thousands of Americans inflicted over 50,000 casualties on each other. The Northern forces lost 28% of their army; the Southern forces lost 38% of their army. [2] The close call of almost losing the Union. [3] The religious faith of President Lincoln to recognize, that as Nation, we need to stop and reflect on all that God has given us, both as a Nation and as individuals. Going to church that day was never mandated, but many Americans went spontaneously. Over the centuries, many traditions have been added to this celebration; however, two have never been lost: gathering as a family around food & drink, and gathering with those of our spiritual family to give *thanks* to God for his blessings to us as individuals, to our loved ones and to our Country. We are not the author of our blessings; God is! Only those humble enough to acknowledge this and who live with the same Spirit of Generosity with which God loves us will know Peace.

As we begin this week of *Thanksgiving*, I encourage you, my brothers & sisters, to make time to be alone with Our Lord; reflect on all that you have in your life {your health, your safety, your Faith, the heart of those who see in you what God sees in you and treasures it}. Thank Him for those blessings, those extensions of His love to you. Ask Him to help you to never forget His love. Ask Him to help you have the courage to be as generous for others as He has been generous for you. I'd also

encourage you to consider taking 30-40 minutes to come the 8 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day to thank Him through your celebration of the Eucharist. Know that I give Thanks to the Father for the gift of the people of St. Lawrence Parish in my life.

Your Brother in Christ,



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a "vehicle for spiritual teaching," one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ's reign in so many different ways.

The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November's focus on the end times, Christ's second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. The threefold cycle of readings also expands our imaginations in regard to this feast. In this year's Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord's kingdom. In a world where oppression still holds sway over too many people, this feast is somehow still as timely as when Pope Pius XI first established it.

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TRUE GRATITUDE

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

—Theodore Roosevelt

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

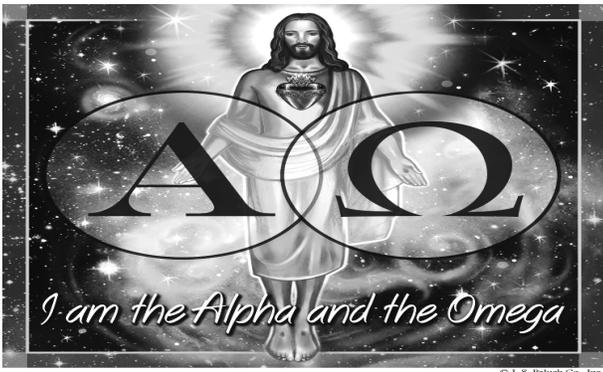
—Cicero

Collections: Nov 14 Parish @ \$3352, All Saints/Souls @ \$115, St. Charles Seminary @ \$520. 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.

Knights of Columbus - Christmas Party:

Saturday, December 4th @ Ceader Hall following 5PM Mass. All KOC members and their families 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 21, 2021 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday - Nov 20th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Joann Serene (Senior Family)

Sunday - Nov 21st - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Intentions of Joseph Bonk (Delores Bonk)

Monday - Nov 22nd – Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9AM: Nicolo & Anna Scardino (Helfant Family)

Tuesday - Nov 23rd - St. Clement I, Pope & Martyrs; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

9AM: Margaret Durns (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Wednesday - Nov 24th – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Intentions of Rachel Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

Thursday - Nov 25th - Thanks Giving Day;

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

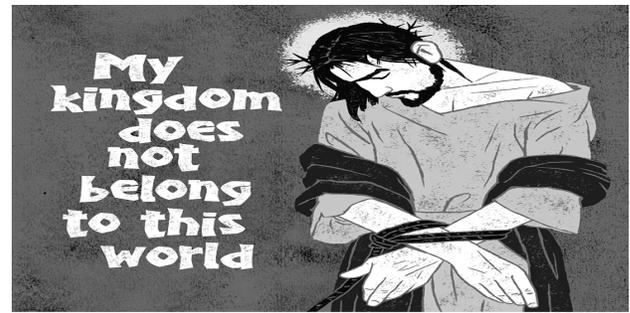
9AM: **Mass Will be Celebrated Today!!**

Friday - Nov 26th - Weekday

9AM: Walter Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

Saturday - Nov 27th - Weekday

9AM: Intentions of Irene Pavlica (Ted/Janet Achuff)



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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