

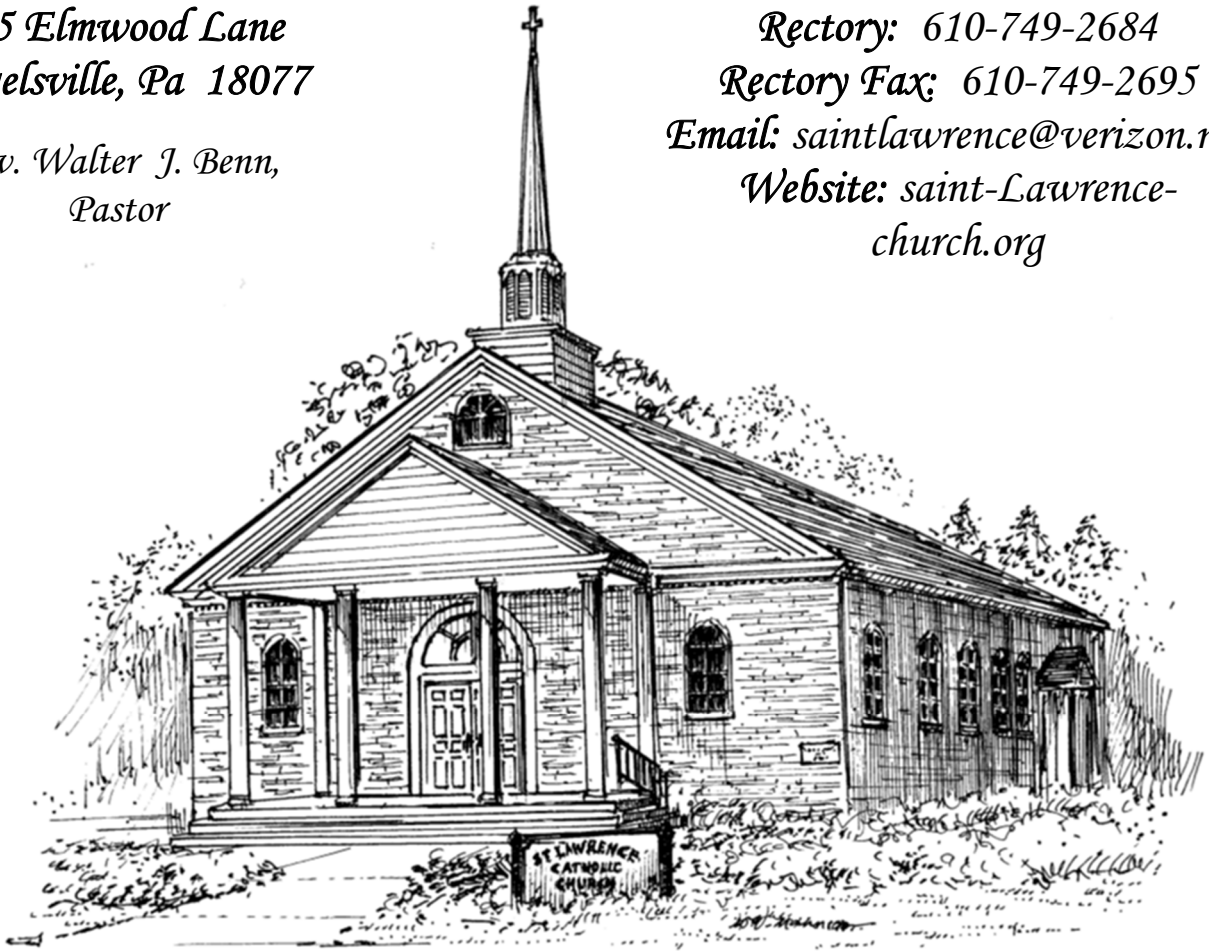
# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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 7, 2021

This weekend's dual stories of impoverished widows, who practice levels of generosity and faith which embarrasses me, is beyond impressive; rather, it is a challenge to each of us as to how seriously we trust in God's love for us. Place yourselves in the sandals of each woman. Both are experiencing isolation on multiple levels. The woman in the first reading is trying to survive during an extended drought in an arid part of the world; there is literally very little food. Both have no man in their lives, which means no one is going to extend any help to them. Both are not just second-class citizens; they are second class sexes, which means it is highly unlikely that anyone will offer them a job and if they do, it won't be for a fair wage. No matter where they turn, they are confronted with hunger of the body and hunger of the heart. Each has every reason to hold back what very little she has and certainly not to feel very positive about her God. Yet, in the midst of the dark world which their lives have become, they insist on trusting God and being grateful to agents of God's love. In the midst of their severe poverty, they respond with generosity. One woman is willing to risk the continued suffering of her starving child; the other believes that the works of charity are more important than the empty refrigerator and pantry in her kitchen. Hypothetically, I think most of us believe that we *could* emulate the spiritual character of these women.....that we *would* emulate the spiritual character of these women. Perhaps, that might be so, but it presumes that we have the spiritual core of these spiritual giants.

My brothers and sisters, these unnamed women lay a challenge before us. In our personal lives are we willing to put the welfare of strangers before our welfare? Are we willing to give their needs the benefit of our doubts? Can we do this unconditionally? Are we ready to empty the remaining flour and oil in Tupperware containers and offer it, confident, that somehow God will not allow us to suffer what that needy one is suffering? Can we do this as an individual? As a parish? As a Country? Those with such awful needs come in many facets. They could be an elderly relative who is starving for attention in the form of a regular phone call or visit. It could be a neighbor or family member whose emotional issues have frightened away everyone who used to be in their lives. It could be the refugees all over the world who can't bare their hunger for freedom from oppression, for food or the dignity of employment one moment longer. All I can say is that such challenges scare me and cause

me to feel overwhelmed, but I know I must never look away or step away from sisters and brothers in such need, and that I need to talk to Our Lord about this all the time, because so many people are suffering all the time.

Your brother in Christ,



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostela, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### IT TAKES MORE

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.

—Billy Sunday

**Collections:** Oct 31 Parish @ \$2608, Candles @ \$93, Mission Sunday @ \$100. Thank You

**Holy Name Society:** meeting Nov 8th @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall.

**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.

**William Township Veterans Memorial Service:** Thursday, November 11th @ 11AM @ the Municipal Campus, 655 Cider Press Rd. Guest speaker will deliver thoughts & respects for all our Veterans while the Elementary school children will assemble acknowledging with gratitude all Veterans participating in the service.

### **THE POOR**

As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves.

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**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](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

## **November 7, 2021 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - Nov 6th -**

**Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

5PM: Intentions of Irene Pavlica (Ted/Janet Achuff)

**Sunday - Nov 7th - Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30: Robert Kaspern (Larry & Jane Burger)

**Monday - Nov 8th – Weekday**

9AM: Robert Itterly (Jones Family)

**Tuesday - Nov 9th - Weekday**

9AM: Robert Itterly (Bernie Boylan)

**Wednesday - Nov 10th – St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

9AM: Jeanne & Jay Johnson (Barbara Itterly)

**Thursday - Nov 11th - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

**Friday - Nov 12th - St. Josaphat, Bishop/Martyr**

9AM: Intentions of Pam Hults (Affuso Family)

**Saturday - Nov 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

### **DO ANYTHING**

I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him.

—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini



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