

Church of Saint Lawrence

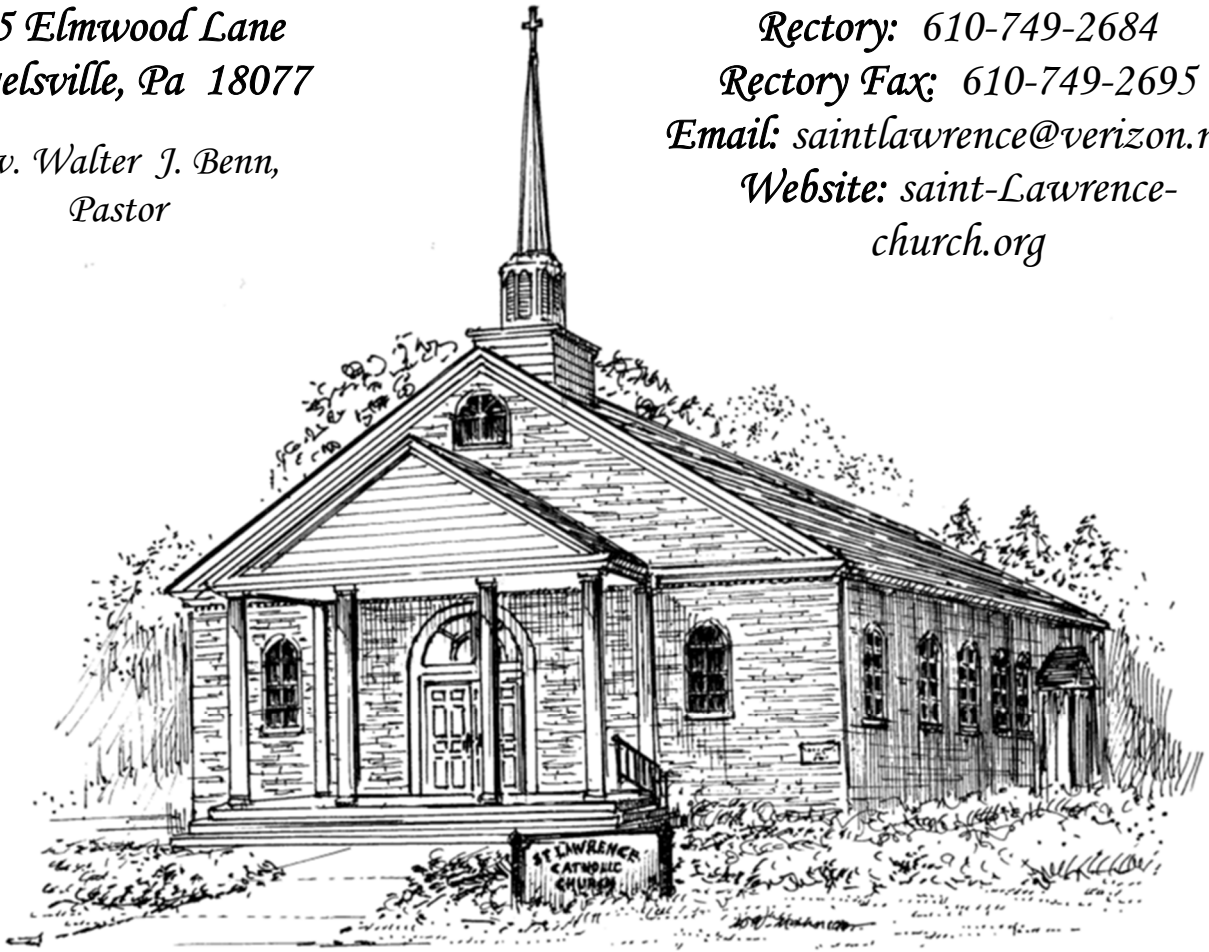
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Mass Schedule

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 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 8, 2020

Because our Bulletin must be sent to the printers by the Tuesday before each approaching Sunday, the elections will not have taken place as I type this. Hopefully, each of you has held the candidates, ourselves as voters and our Country up to Our Lord for His guidance and care.

This gives me an opportunity to share with you information that will affect you and our parish.....all of it good!

Those of you who celebrated the Eucharist or participated in Mass via our *Live Stream* telecast last week must have noticed a significant improvement in the lighting of the Sanctuary. In fact, it was so "significant" that it might have seemed we have too much light in the Sanctuary. I like it and on Live Stream, it did exactly what we had hope it would do in improving the quality of our video streaming; however, it does produce shadows and can be a bit of a challenge for those facing those lights while lecturing or leading singing from the Ambo. Because the electricians worked all day Friday into early evening installing the wiring for the new lighting, the audio/video people had no chance to return to tweak the lighting. The new lighting fixtures can be dimmed; we just need a technician to return to show us how to do this on the new control panel. Also, we will experiment with a kind of screening that will diffuse or scatter the light more evenly. It might take a week or two, but this will be a trial & error exercise until we find the right combination.

I just learned this morning, that the long-awaited video camera has arrived. I would hope that it would be delivered and installed this week; this will complete the installation of the church's new video system.

In recent weeks, I have seen more and more of the "regulars" return to Mass on the weekends. Despite the rise in the number of Coronavirus cases & deaths, people feel more and more comfortable going out in public when & where people are wearing masks, social distancing is maintained and conscientious sanitizing is practiced. We are so happy to see you back; it is not the same without you. To those of you who have concerns about returning to Church, know that we understand and respect your concerns.

With the passage of time, medical researchers and the CDC have learned more about the Coronavirus.

One of the basic patterns which they have now established, is that the coronavirus is spread through the air, and not by touch. With that in mind, the Archdiocese recently announced the following:

That parishes can return to making Holy Water available in their church fonts, as long as those fonts are emptied & sanitized after each weekend.

That music issues can now be made available in the pews.

That a limited amount of singing may be re-introduced. Choirs will continue to be prohibited from gathering to sing because of social distancing issues.

While Parishes are mandated to continue sanitizing their churches after each Mass on the weekends, they no longer are obliged to wipe everything down with disinfectant. Now, parishes need only sanitize those surfaces which people touch, e.g. tops of pews, doors, door handles, railings, etc. **Until the current trends in Coronavirus cases shows significant improvement, St. Lawrence Parish will maintain the original sanitizing protocols initiated since early March, 2020.**

By the time you read this, the Pastoral Council will have had its first in-person meeting since February. At that meeting, we will have reviewed the various happenings that have taken place in the parish since March, 2020; review parish finances and spend time anticipating parish life throughout the coming Winter & Spring; e.g. liturgical calendar for Advent, Christmas, Lent & Holy Week, Confirmation, plus the various Social Events tentatively planned for that time period.....That's it for now!

Your Brother in Christ,



GOD'S WILL

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

—St. Martin of Tours

EVANGELIZATION

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

Collections: November 1st Parish @ \$2405, All Saints Day @ \$162, All Souls day @ \$60, Mission Sunday @ \$60, Catholic Foundation Philadelphia @ \$48.34 Thank You!!

Special Collection: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Nov 15th.

Knights of Columbus: meeting Nov 16 @ 7:30PM in Ceadar Hall.

Holy Name Society: meeting Nov 9 @ 7PM in Ceadar Hall.

Raising of the Flag: Veterans Day celebration. We will gather outside around our new Flag Pole, following the Sunday, 9:30AM Mass. Coffee and Donuts to follow. All Invited.



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 Ceadar Trust. Time sensitive, act now. Deadline 11/30/20. For registered parishioners of St. Lawrence.

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.

2021 Weekly Envelopes: have been transmitted to publisher. Further changes cannot be made for 2021

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 8, 2020 - Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Nov 7th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Robert Kaspern (Larry & Jane Burger)

Sunday - Nov 8th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Maria Middleton (Altar Rosary Society)

Monday - Nov 9th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9AM: Elizabeth Fox (Jones Family)

Tuesday - Nov 10th - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday - Nov 11th – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Jeanne Johnson (Barbara Itterly)

Thursday - Nov 12th - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Nov 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday - Nov 14th – Weekday

9AM: Patricia Wyant & Joann Thaler (Jack Thaler)

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

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