

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! October 10, 2021

Today's Gospel shares a beautiful story! On the surface, it certainly doesn't seem that way. It begins with a young man who is obviously impressed with Our Lord and who, like many young people, are anxious to impress someone he looks up to. His pride is not so much one of arrogance, as it is suffering from a kind of naivete that every young person experiences as they begin a journey that requires maturity. Every time I read this story; I feel happy for him. Proudly, he is able to confirm with Our Lord that he has been faithful to all of the Commandments, all of which require a fair degree of unselfishness. Appreciating the young man's enthusiasm and sincerity, Our Lord challenges him to be selfless by selling all that he has and give the proceeds to the poor. *"At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."* My heart also aches for this young person, as we witness him enter into a painful, but important moment of spiritual maturation. In my bones, I know this good young man will get past this and will progress in his spiritual journey. Then, Our Lord turns to the Apostles who most assuredly have witnessed this encounter with Our Lord. Our Lord directs the same lesson to them, which he had just laid on the unnamed young man. *"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."* Behaving in a similar way as the rich young man, a discouraged and incredulous Peter asks, "We have given up everything to follow you."

Those centered on themselves will ask, *"Is this the requirement of discipleship?"* The answer to that is **No**, but it does reflect on the **cost** of discipleship. It reflects on what is involved in being a disciple; namely that one must be completely focused on the Master, on His message/teachings and on the people who the Master calls us to minister to, because they can not afford for us to be distracted from the message.

My brothers & sisters, today, our peers and our children are bombarded 24/7 with messages that encourage them to think of themselves, and the priorities of their peers, which are often shallow. It is very important that this incident which Mark shares with us is not mistaken as applying only to those "Called" to the religious life. It applies to everyone who accepts Baptism. It applies to wives and husbands, to parents, to grandparents, to us as neighbors or classmates, to us as Americans. I hope that the young man continued to track Our Lord, even if

it was watching Him from afar. If he did, he, witnessed how Our Lord would embody that spirit of selflessness which he asked of him. If the horror of Calvary confirmed his fears, I hope the joy of Easter Sunday proved that he was on the right track!

Your Brother in Christ



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty-nine years ago Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council with these challenging words: "Our duty is not just to guard this treasure, as though it were some museum piece and we the curators, but . . . what is needed at the present time is a new enthusiasm, a new joy and serenity of mind." As the participants in Vatican II proceeded with their deliberations, the first document they produced was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, for they knew that it is from the liturgical life of the Church that everything else we do proceeds.

This seminal document, arrived at after much debate and approved virtually unanimously, set the tone for the entire Council to follow. It also set in motion the liturgical reforms that we are still implementing today. Perhaps no single phrase of the entire Vatican Council has had more influence on the life of the Church over the last half-century as the Constitution on the Liturgy's ringing declaration that "full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else."

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HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly dependent on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

Collections: Oct. 3rd Parish @ \$3123, Candles @ \$151. Thank You

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, October 10th following the 9:30AM Mass. All are invited.

Holy Name Society: meeting on Oct 11th @ 7PM in Ceadar Hall.

Religious Education Program "PREP": Monthly Sunday sessions begin October 17th, 2021 and run through April 24th, 2022 following the Sunday 9:30AM Mass on Oct 17 - Nov 21 - Dec 19 Jan 23 - Feb 27 - Mar 27 and April 24. Sessions begin @ 10:45AM ending @ 12:15PM.

Special Mass: Year of St. Joseph. Mass will be celebrated @ 7PM on 11/2/21 in Honor of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition to the 9AM Weekday Mass.

Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to St. Joseph
On the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis declared a Holy Year dedicated to St. Joseph 12/8/20 to 12/8/21.

Prayer: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer > Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary > To you God entrusted His only Son > in you Mary placed her trust > with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too > show yourself a father > and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us, grace, mercy and courage > and defend us from every evil.

Perspective: it is said "It's a small world"..... but would you want to paint it?

Quarreling: ever notice those little things that bother you at the moment can't be remembered a day or two latter.....so what was the fuss all about anyway? Let it go and enjoy the moment.



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.

October 10, 2021 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Oct 9th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Russell S. Powell, Jr. (Jan & Sharon Powell)

Sunday - Oct 10th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Pat Walsh (Senior Family)

Monday - Oct 11th – St. John XXIII, Pope

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Tuesday - Oct 12th - Weekday

9AM: Nathan Burke (Ted/Janet Achuff)

Wednesday - Oct 13th – Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Elizabeth Fox (Jones Family)

Thursday - Oct 14th - St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

Friday - Oct 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Theresa Schlotter (Jones Family)

Saturday - Oct 16th - St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, BVM

9AM: Bill Pyatt (Loving Wife Carolyn)

THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

SOBRIETY

Be sober, as God's athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal.

—St. Ignatius of Antioch

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