

Church of Saint Lawrence

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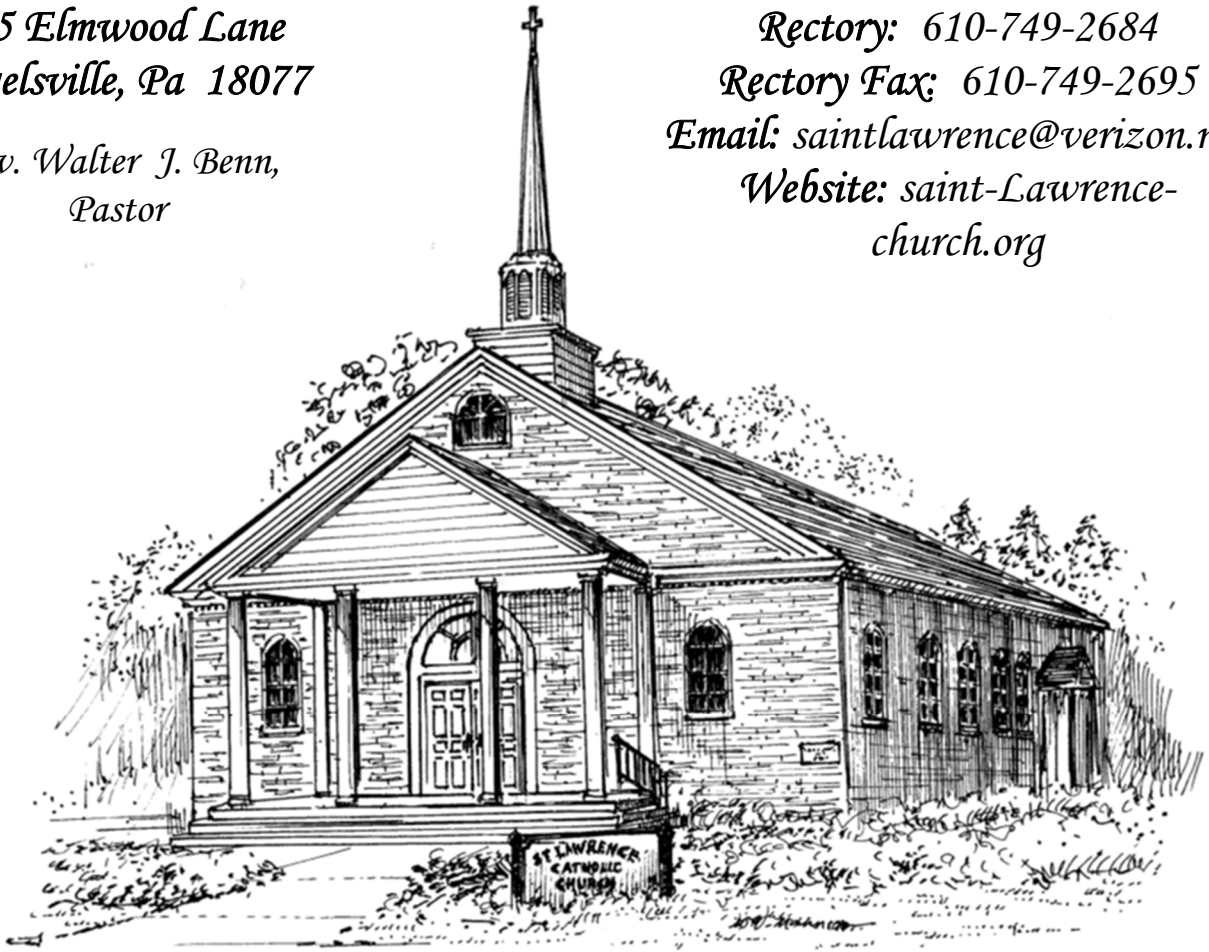
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Mass Schedule

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 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! October 11, 2020

In a wonderful string of parables & teachings, the Gospels of the last 5-6 weeks have reinforced Our Lord's teaching that the Father is the God of Love and nothing less. Throughout September, those Gospels focused on the Father's love in the form of *forgiveness*; specifically, *forgiveness* on two levels: [1] Forgiveness that God offers us when we have been unfaithful to him. [2] Forgiveness that we are expected to offer to those who have wounded us or others.

In this weekend's Gospel, Our Lord continues the theme of the father's radical love; a love that is unreasonably generous, open-ended, extravagant. In this parable, he relies on the imagery of a wedding banquet. The king invites all who know him, his family, his son and his in-laws. The kinds of food & drink, the amounts of it all is something one could only dream of. He honors his guests with this invitation; it is an expression of his love for them. In truth, there is no reason for anyone to refuse his invitation, the wedding and his hospitality. Stunningly, many of the "invited" turn down his invitation. Even after he invited them a second time, they treat his invitation as trivial; some went so far as to prefer working in their barn as opposed to celebrating with the king & his family. Incredibly, some kill his messengers. Hopefully, we see the parallel between the characters in this parable, and God [as Father], Jesus [as Son] and the invitation the Father offers to the people of Israel, and to us. There are many aspects of this story that bear focusing on, but we must be careful not to lose sight of the main point which Our Lord wishes to impress upon us; namely, the extravagance of the Father's love for us.

My sisters & brothers, we might not be rich in a lot of material things; however, we should be very much aware of the many subtle ways in which the Father has loved us and continues to love us. We must ask ourselves, are there times or issues in which God has loved me and those I love, and I failed to recognize it? Why? Are there any times, when I am like the King's guests and treated His love as something trivial? Do I make the effort to prayerfully send Him a "Thank You"? If I claim to be grateful for the Father's love, can I be accused of being as extravagant with my love to those around me, especially those who are strangers?



DESTROYING MURDERERS, BURNING CITIES

Jesus' parable of the king's wedding feast sounds extreme to our modern ears. After all, if a king—a beloved celebrity, say—were to invite us to his son's party, which one of us would refuse, much less murder the messenger? In Matthew's Gospel, the chief priests and elders obstinately refuse to acknowledge Jesus' mission as the anointed Son of God. Today's parable suggests that God will punish this stubbornness by burning their city. The extreme violence of this parable seems to be aimed at Jesus' stubborn first-century audience, but falls short of hitting us.

RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS, BUILDING BRIDGES

Instead of dismissing or quaintly smiling at today's parable, we can let the word of God work in our hearts. Jesus, who is the Word of God, exists in all time and knows each of us intimately. He speaks to us today through this very parable. The king's invitation applies to us. The Creator of the universe calls us, and we must respond. Eternal life is at stake. Today's liturgy is a rich opportunity to identify the invitation extended by God. The liturgy itself is our collective glimpse into heaven. Perhaps the Lord is calling us to be more attentive to the liturgy, or to enter more deeply into a parish's weekend experience. Or perhaps our liturgical prayer time today will reveal a call to service, an invitation to care intentionally for strangers in need or for people we know. Perhaps, too, we might discern a call to repair brokenness. Most of us do not witness murder or burning cities on a daily basis, but we surely know of relationships in need of repair. Once we hear the invitation to reconcile with others, we can pray for the strength to respond. Instead of ignoring the summons by filling our time with busyness, we can ask the Lord to help us apologize, or forgive, or begin a difficult conversation. "Many are invited," Jesus tells us. He will help us respond.

ACTION

What I began by reading I must finish by acting.

—Henry David Thoreau

REPENTANCE

Of all human acts, repentance is most divine.

—Thomas Carlyle

Collections: October 4th Parish @ \$2984, Thanks!

Special Collection: Mission Sunday, Oct 17-18

IMPORTANT 2021 Weekly Offering Envelopes

if there is no change to your existing 2020 envelopes there is nothing for you to do. If there is a change please advise Parish office. If you are a new parishioner, who currently does not have envelopes, & you wish to receive, advise. If you no longer want to receive envelopes, advise. Reference your current envelope number, if you have one, for a change/update request. Email is the best way at: saintlawrence@verizon.net; however what ever works for you.

Knights of Columbus: meeting Oct. 19 @ 7:30 PM @ Ceader Hall

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.

Seeking a Miracle: your prayers for Maria Middleton will help. She is a 10th grader with a brain tumor & a graduate of St. John the Baptist School currently in the hospital seeking all the prayers & help she desperately needs.

Reciting the Rosary: The Rosary is said every Monday starting @ 8:40AM prior to the 9AM Mass. All are welcome to join in when you arrive.

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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 to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

October 11, 2020 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Oct 10th -
Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm
5PM: Russell S. Powell, Jr. (Powell Family)

Sunday - Oct 11th - *Mass is Streamed Live*
9:30AM: Guidance of the Holy Spirit as we cast Our Election Votes

Monday - Oct 12th – Weekday
9AM: **NO MASS** - Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Tuesday - Oct 13th - Weekday
9AM: Living/Deceased Member of St. Lawrence

Wednesday - Oct 14th – St. Callistus I, Pope
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
9AM: Theresa Schlotter (Jones Family)

Thursday - Oct. 15th - St. Teresa Of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
9AM: **YES MASS** today: Protect all from Covid 19

Friday - Oct 16th - St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday - Oct 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
9AM: Intentions of Fran Hudec
(Lay Carmelite Community)

ASSIGMENT 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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