

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

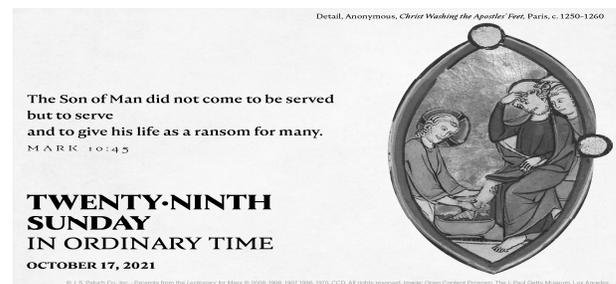
Pastor's Corner! October 17, 2021

Perhaps you noticed it; a basic pattern that has been running throughout many of the Scripture Readings over the last 4-5 weeks. Namely, that Our Lord needs to spend a lot of time reviewing spiritual issues with the Apostles, who should have grasped and embraced that part of their formation a long time ago. They quietly argue among themselves as to who should be considered the greatest after Jesus' death {9/19/21}. They are miffed that someone is exorcising demons in Jesus' name without looking to Jesus or them for authorization to perform these acts of love {9/26/21}. Following Our Lord's challenge to the rich young man to sell all his possessions and give the proceeds to the poor and then follow Him, they are seriously discouraged when Our Lord lectures them about the place which wealth should have in their hearts {10/10/21}. Today, the brothers, James and John, secretly attempt to go behind the Apostles' back, when they approach Jesus requesting, that following His return to heaven, that they be given the ultimate positions of status by sitting on His left and right. Certainly, parents reading this column can empathize with the exasperation and discouragement Our Lord must have experienced and needed to endure. Yet, they must also appreciate the perseverance which Our Lord practices, because that perseverance is driven by *Love* and by their conviction that God's Love will defeat any fears, any hard-heartedness, any resistance. If we were employers, and watched and listened to the Apostles who were applying for employment with God, how many of us would have hired them? What length of time would we have given them following more than two of these incidents? How many of us would have been able to envision each of them becoming the dynamic and powerful spiritual leader which each of them would become?

My sisters and brothers, the example which Our Lord gives us in these Gospels is precious. What makes it precious is His willingness to trust in the virtue of *Perseverance* as a powerful expression of God's love and of the power of that love when we choose to bring it to bear when we are groaning under the weight of circumstances or individuals who seem determined to undermine *good* or prevent it from being introduced in difficult situations. As disciples, each of us is called to bring this expression of God's love to bear in any situation and for any individual who needs it. It is so difficult, because those people are thoroughly convinced that your way is wrong. *Perseverance* as an expression of God's love requires the mental and spiritual

strength of a marathoner. Each of you have your horror stories, past and present. They involve marriage relationships, one of your children, parents, medical issues, unemployment. I'm sure you have the gray hairs to show for it. I hope that among those stories, you enjoy the consolation, that with Our Lord's help, you succeeded in helping that loved-one become whole and more of what we are all called to be; namely, a child of God. **Prayer is critical.** Looking to a particular Saint or to the Blessed Mother is good, but in the end, each of us needs to spend time alone with Our Lord, not only to share with Him what is in our hearts, but to listen to what He offers us from His heart. In the end, each of the Apostles benefitted from Our Lord's *Perseverance*.

Your Brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the eyes of many, the papacy is a peculiar institution. Still bedecked with some of the regalia of medieval princes, contemporary popes have worked to define their role in ways that give them influence over the world both within and outside the Church. The trappings of royalty, never really a good fit for the successors of Peter, could render a pope distant and irrelevant. On the other hand, the tendency of many to think of the pope as if he were the CEO of a modern corporation is also inaccurate.

St. Gregory the Great, himself a pope, first called the pope "the servant of the servants of God." He is "first among equals" among other bishops, who by tradition exercise significant authority within their own dioceses, not depending on the pope's authority. This arrangement often puzzles those accustomed to a top-to-bottom "chain of command." History has seen popes of many styles, but most strive to live up to Gregory's definition. Perhaps today's Gospel puts it all into the best perspective: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Pray for the pope this week.

Collections: Oct. 10th Parish will post next week, Thank You

Special Collection: Mission Sunday, Oct. 23 -24

IMPORTANT 2022 Weekly Offering Envelopes if there is no change to your existing 2021 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. If you did not pick up your 2021 envelopes you will be dropped from receiving envelopes in 2022. Email is the best way at: saintlawrence@verizon.net; however what ever works for you.

October Fest: Saturday, October 23 following the 5PM Mass. Doors open @ 6PM till closing. See usher hand out for additional details. All are Welcome and encourage to attend.

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.

Walking with Moms in Need: November 6th @ Peace Valley Park, Doylestown. Sponsored by The Bucks County Pro-life Coalition. Registration/ Contact: St. John's Parish Office @ 610-847-5521



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 17, 2021 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Oct 16th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Happy Birthday - Fran Hudec
(Lay Carmelite Community)

Sunday - Oct 17th - *Mass is Streamed Live*

9:30: Kathryn Keck (Bernie Boylan)

Monday - Oct 18th – St. Luke, Evangelist

9AM: Marie Smith (Fr. Benn)

Tuesday - Oct 19th - St. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

9AM: Randal Jones (Jones Family)

Wednesday - Oct 20th – St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

9AM: ***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***
Joseph Doyle (Jones Family)

Thursday - Oct 21st - Weekday

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

Friday - Oct 22nd - St. John Paul II, Pope

9AM: Clare Voigt (Lynne Voigt)

Saturday - Oct 23rd - St. John of Capistrano

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

IMPORTANT MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:
No Daily Mass Monday through Saturday 10/25 to 10/30 inclusive. Readings & Communion Distribution TBD and status announced @ weekend Mass on 10/23 & 24.

ACHIEVING SANCTITY

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

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