

Church of Saint Lawrence

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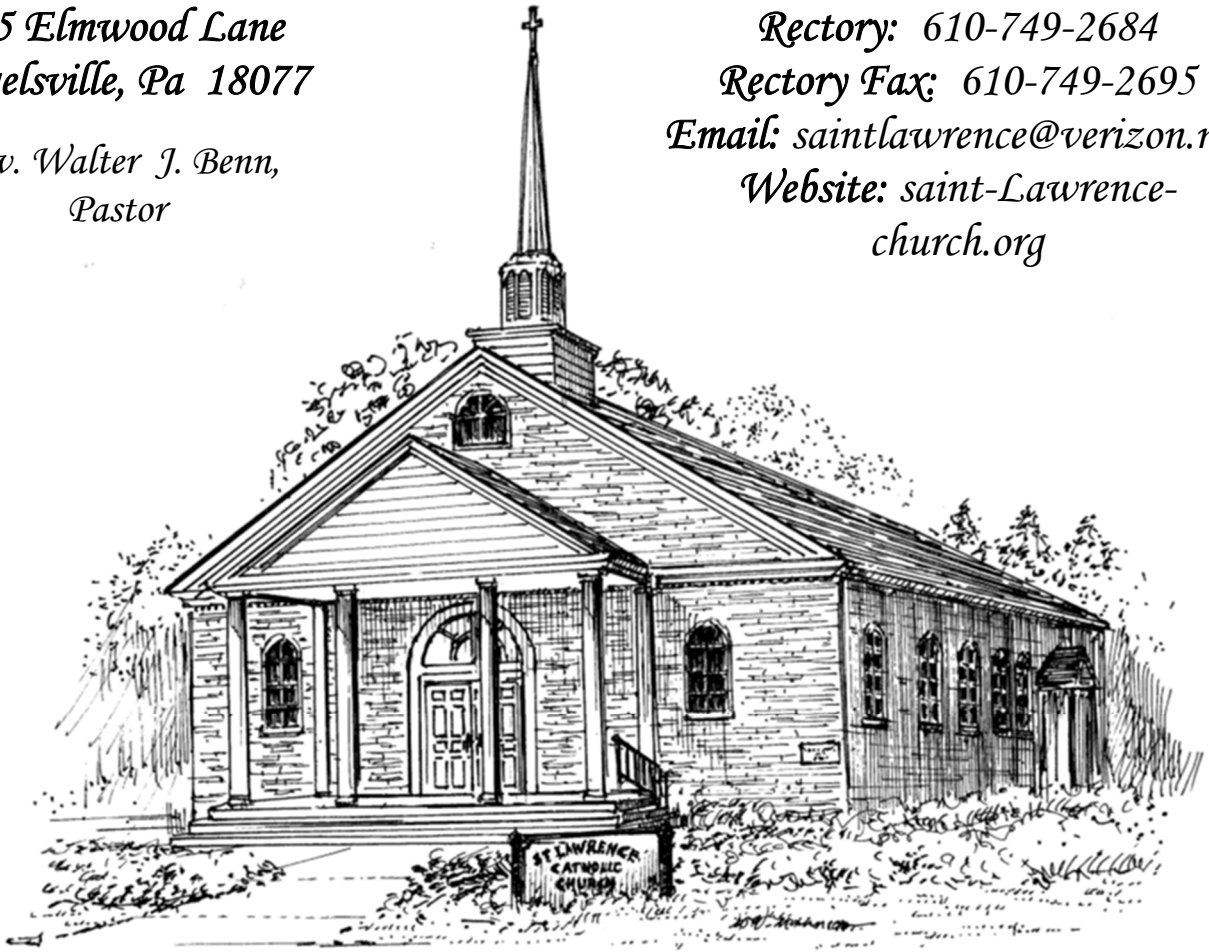
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Mass Schedule

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 18, 2020

As we approach Election Day, it is appropriate that today's Gospel was chosen for this weekend. Today's Gospel is the well known incident when the religious authorities, who were filled with hatred of Our Lord, attempt to portray Him as someone he is not; namely, as a person who is unfaithful to God, because he counsels respect for civil authority. In this particular case, that civil authority is the Emperor of Rome, who also claims to be a god! No doubt, you recognize that the tone of this election is just the opposite, where one is painted as unpatriotic if they aren't religious. Regardless of the accusations, the dynamic is the same. During this election, voters are pressured to make a choice between two loves: love of their God, along with his teaching's versus love of their Country. The history of our Country shows that these loves should be and can be complimentary; however, today, one is often portrayed as a threat to the other. This has been a growing pattern over the last 4-5 elections, and it has only gotten worse. Historically, both parties have a different vision of our Country, but they were always complimentary, not diametrically opposed. When appealing to us with their vision, they went about it respectfully; they did not demonize the other. They might have warned the voters of the downside of their opponents' platform, but they never cast her/him as the enemy of their Country. As voters, we should never have been placed in this terrible position. Election Day should be a day of joy, excitement & pride; first and foremost because we are participating in something shared and contributing to the life of our Country. We were and are proving to the World that democracies can work and work well and that democracies are a healthy form of government, and that despite their flaws, there are checks and balances to our system, and that there is accountability demanded by the citizens. Historically, the United States of America was considered the Poster Child for all democracies; the template by which all other democracies judge themselves. Today, we must really have them scratching their heads.

My brothers & sisters, at this time I know you feel very frustrated, concerned and worst of all, conflicted. Despite it all, as Catholic Americans, our Country needs us, as well as all people of faith to help calm the waters. We should not be adding to the turmoil with inflammatory rhetoric, perpetuating hear-say, unsubstantiated "facts", end-of-the world predictions if so-and-so is elected. Secondly, it is so important to pray to Our Lord for the guidance of his Holy Spirit. Ask for the help to recognize the

candidates with healthy agendas; they might not be the glamor candidates, but hopefully they will be competent candidates with morals to match. Don't dismiss the idea of considering **Write-In** candidates. While the cynical and arrogant might dismiss this approach, because your *Write-In* candidate has no possible chance of being elected, you send a message with your vote, that you are not going to reward either political party for inflicting a candidate and a platform on you, who contradicts your values. Stop stressing over issues that you can no longer control; for example, mail in ballots. This issue is very serious issue and must be addressed in the months following this year's elections. If you have followed all of the recommendations & protocols, which were set before you months ago, your vote will count. Finally, I would recommend to all of us, that we pay attention to the State and local elections. These elections are the incubator for candidates of high office in the years ahead. There are many fine women & men in our community, State & Country who want to contribute to the life of our Country by a life of Public Service. These early years of their public life will be the time when they reveal their priorities, values and morals. During this in-between- time, we will recognize who is genuine and who has the courage to represent values we want reflected in our Society and in Country's Laws. Then as a Country, we will be able "*to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*". Above all, each of us must pray to Our Lord for the guidance of his Holy Spirit and the courage to use that guidance.

Your brother in Christ,



Knights of Columbus: founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, will be beatified on October 31st, 2020 in Hartford, Connecticut. May his Spirit & Example of charitable support for all in need continue to help the Knights grow & encourage charitable outreach in all the faithful. Amen!

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

When money speaks the truth is silent.

—Russian proverb

WORDS AND ACTIONS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.

—second-century Christian

Collections: October 11th Parish @ \$2150, Food Pantry @ \$619. Thank You!!

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

Knights of Columbus: Annual Membership Drive taking place Oct.17-18 following Mass. Interested Men of our Parish please see ushers for details.

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

Walking with Moms: fund raiser for the Bucks County Area Pregnancy Care Centers for those in need of help & guidance. Peace Valley Park, 230 Creek Rd., Doylestown, Nov 7. Registration forms in vestibule.

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.

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 18, 2020 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Oct 17th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Guidance of the Holy Spirit as we cast Our Election Votes

Sunday - Oct 18th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Guidance of the Holy Spirit as we cast Our Election Votes

Monday - Oct 19th – Weekday

9AM: **NO MASS** - Readings & Communion Distribution Only

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

9AM: **NO MASS** - Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Wednesday - Oct 21st – Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: **NO MASS** - Readings & Communion Distribution Only

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

9AM: **NO MASS** - Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Oct 23rd - St. John of Capistrano, Priest

9AM: **NO MASS** - Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Saturday - Oct 24th – St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9AM: **Yes Mass**

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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