

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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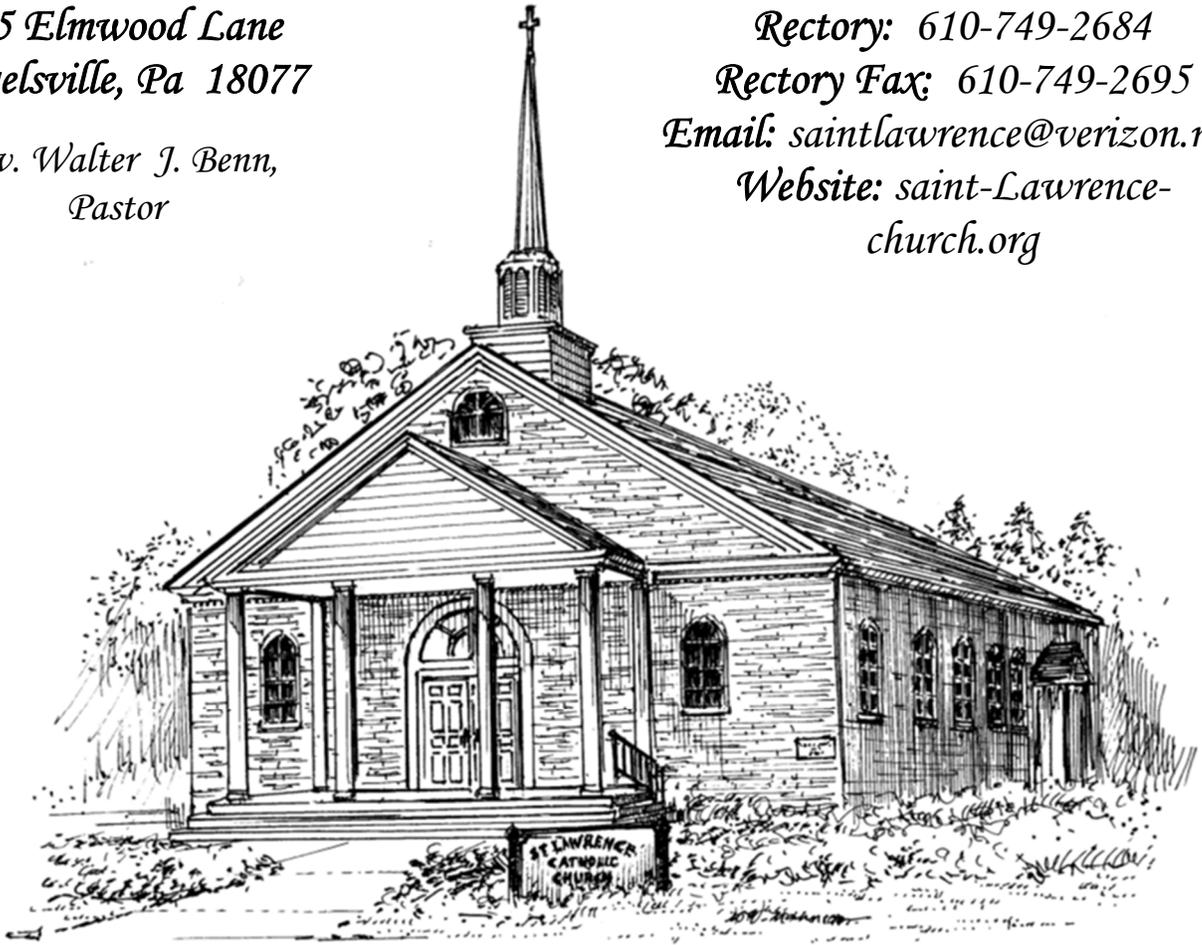
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## Mass Schedule

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 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 31, 2021

When a scribe asks Our Lord “*Which is the first of all the commandments?*” Quoting from the *Shema*, a collection of morning and evening prayers which fervent Jews pray each day, Our Lord responded, “*Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. Then Our Lord added ‘The second is like this: ‘You shall love you neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.*” In His day, the spirituality of Our Lord’s generation had become distracted and lost. Many felt that as long as they kept the *Letter* of their religious laws, regardless as their shallowness, that it kept them in good standing with God; that God was almost obligated to accept them, because that was the deal. So many had become indifferent to the *Spirit* of God’s Laws. In their mind, there was no connection between loving God, by loving His children. It wasn’t a question that their hearts weren’t sophisticated enough to grasp this concept; it was a question that they had hardened their hearts, so that they no longer felt obliged to be compassionate, to forgive, to help the hungry, to stand up for the weak. No wonder there were so many people during Our Lord’s life time who were suffering; who felt that they were totally alien to their God and that their imperfect lives was worth nothing to Him. Is it any wonder, that the life and teaching of Our Lord gave them new life, a new beginning?

Tomorrow, November 1st, we celebrate *All Saints Day*. On *All Saints Day*, we celebrate those countless and anonymous Christians, who throughout time, chose to love the Lord their God with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind and with all their strength; and they understood that they couldn’t do that unless they loved their neighbor as themselves. My sisters & brothers, this *All Saints Day* is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but whether you celebrate this Holy Day by joining us at the 7 PM Mass on Monday evening or not, set aside some time, to reflect on these wonderful women, men and youth. They recognized the linkage between loving God and loving His children. They made it a point that their lives, their choices, their values would be influenced by Our Lord’s love and that they would not be choosy as to who received it. At the end of our lives, wouldn’t that be a wonderful thing to be accused of?

Your brother in Christ,



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every four years, we engage in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in “chapter” at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in “chapter” by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don’t have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Prayer after Communion

The rites following the reception of Communion are very short. It is as if the Church is saying to us that the only way to respond to this great gift is to go forth and live it! But there are some significant rites yet before we are sent forth from the Mass. After Communion, we pray together in silence or sing a hymn; both are ways to thank God for the gift of the Son. Then the priest prays another collect, the Prayer after Communion. This prayer, usually very short, gathers our prayers into one. It reminds us of what we have already experienced: in receiving the Eucharist, we have received a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; we have eaten the bread of angels. This reality, this knowledge, should transform us, so that we may journey through this life with our hearts set on eternal life, and find in the Eucharist—which is food from heaven and daily bread—the strength and hope we need to work toward God’s kingdom of justice here and now.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Collections:** Oct 24 Parish @ \$2376,  
Mission Sunday @ \$1415 Thank You

**IMPORTANT: 2022 Weekly Offering Envelopes** are now sent to production. No more change requests. Will be available for pick up at Christmas in Church vestibule.

**Holy Name Society:** meeting Nov 8th @ 7PM @ Ceadar Hall.

**Coffee & Donuts:** Nov 14th following the 9:30AM Mass @ Ceadar Hall. All are welcome.

**Religious Education Program "PREP":** Monthly Sunday sessions began October 17th and run through April 24th, 2022 following the Sunday 9:30AM Mass. Remaining sessions are 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 ProLife Coalition. Registration/Contact: St. John's Parish Office @ 610-847-5521

### **BECOMING SAINTS**

Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints.

—St. Clement I

### **LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD**

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

—Mark Twain

**Ever Notice?:** when things are all said and done there is usually more said than done. Choose your words wisely.



**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 31, 2021 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - Oct 30th -**

**Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

5PM: For Parents facing unwanted pregnancy; may they have a change of heart and embrace their child.

**Sunday - Oct 31st - Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30: Margaret Giordano ( Fr. Benn)

**Monday - Nov 1st – All saints Day** (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

9AM: Joseph Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

7PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Tuesday - Nov 2nd - All Souls Day**

9AM: Bobby Itterly (Barbara Itterly - Loving Mother)

7PM: **Special Mass - Year of St. Joseph**

**Wednesday - Nov 3rd – St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

9AM: Intentions of Joseph Bonk (Dolores Bonk)

**Thursday - Nov 4th - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

**Friday - Nov 5th - Weekday**

9AM: Intentions of Terry Duda (Dolores Bonk)

**Saturday - Nov 6th - Weekday**

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

**Awareness:** ever notice how all you can eat buffets are somehow oddly unsatisfying.

**What You Wear:** the clothes you wear will not change the world; however the person who wears them can.

**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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