

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 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 4, 2020

In an effort to keep you informed about current issues that are a part of our parish life, I want to briefly refer to them here:

Despite the gravity brought about throughout our Country by the Coronavirus Pandemic, there have been and are bright spots in the life of our Parish. Specifically, there have been 4 Bright Spots! Over the last 4 weeks we have celebrated the birth & Baptisms of 4 new members. They are **Luke Anthony Mertus** {Chris & Christy Mertus}, **Benjamin Edward Phillips** [Charles Phillips & Beth Roszkowski}, **Madison** Bratkovics {Timothy & Christina Bratkovics} and **Gemma Stellar** {Joseph & Kerry Stellar! The Girls are beautiful. The Boys are charmers! Each of them have all of their fingers & toes and their parents & grandparents are still beaming. We are filled with joy for all of you!

Next week, you will find an insert with a list of Parish Socials which we are planning to host over the coming 10 months. Look them over and make plans to participate in them; we know you will enjoy yourselves. In the near future, I will put together a similar "Liturgical" calendar.

By the time you read this, the remaining section of our beautiful white oak tree which came down the night of August 27th, should be relocated to the rear of our property. Because the tree had so much sentimental importance to all of us, we want to save a portion of the tree for use within the parish. One of those uses is to make a moderate size Cross or Crucifix that we can use at our liturgies in the future, particularly on Good Friday. If there are any parishioners with wood working skill or tools, we'd be very grateful for your assistance. The goal is that these objects come from the wood of our tree and the hands of our people. We will see what other wonderful ideas spring from the fertile minds of our parishioners.

It's a long way off, but Confirmation has been scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2021 {9:30 AM} with Bishop John J. McIntyre presiding.

It sounds like a broken record, but our contractor is still waiting for one or two more pieces of equipment needed to install the new Video system in our church. This project will include revamping the lighting system within the sanctuary of the church.

It will also significantly reduce the visual movement of the camera and its operator. I continue to receive compliments & expressions of gratitude on St. Lawrence Live Stream broadcast.

We continue to be in need of additional liturgical ministers as Lector, Greeter, Usher and members of the choir, cantor or musician. We also need someone who would be willing to be a fulltime catechist in the PREP Program. Be assured that we would prepare you for these roles and never "throw in there cold!" We want you to have as positive an experience as we want the people to have because of you. On the positive side 2 additional parishioners have volunteered to help supplement the duties as Video cameraman & camera woman. We are so grateful.

Speaking of ministries, because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, one of the many things that has been discouraged is singing. When one sings, they project 2-3 times more spittle; 2-3x's further than when speaking. This is the reason why we do as little singing as we do, why the choir is not participating and why we use Gregorian chant when we do. Even though we won't be able to use them for a while, with optimism, we have ordered the normal number of the *2021 Breaking Bread* books. It sure would be nice, if we could go back to singing by Christmas, but all of us need to understand that this might not happen that soon.

Speaking of Winter, does anyone have any idea if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow in February?



ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

MASTER AND SERVANT

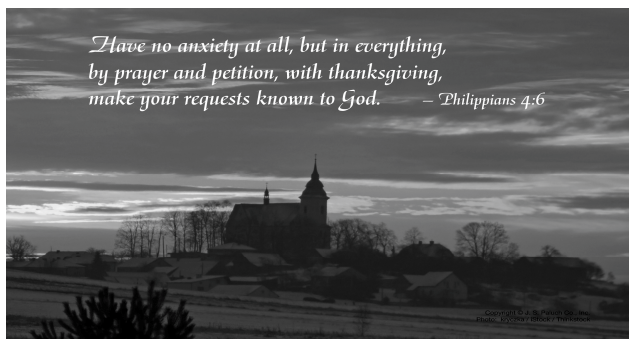
Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.

—P. T. Barnum

Collections: September 27th Parish @ \$4025,
Thank you.

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.



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 Middletown 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 4, 2020 - Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Oct 3rd -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - Oct 4th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Alice Krenitsky (Fr. Benn)

Monday - Oct 5th – Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

9AM: Protection of all from Coronavirus

Tuesday - Oct 6th - St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Duracher, Virgin

9AM: Phila Voso (Helfant Family)

Wednesday - Oct 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Ann Kaspern (Jane & Larry Burger)

Thursday - Oct. 8th - Weekday

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Oct 9th - St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

9AM:

Saturday - Oct 10th – Weekday

9AM: Randal Jones (Jones Family)

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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