

Church of Saint Lawrence

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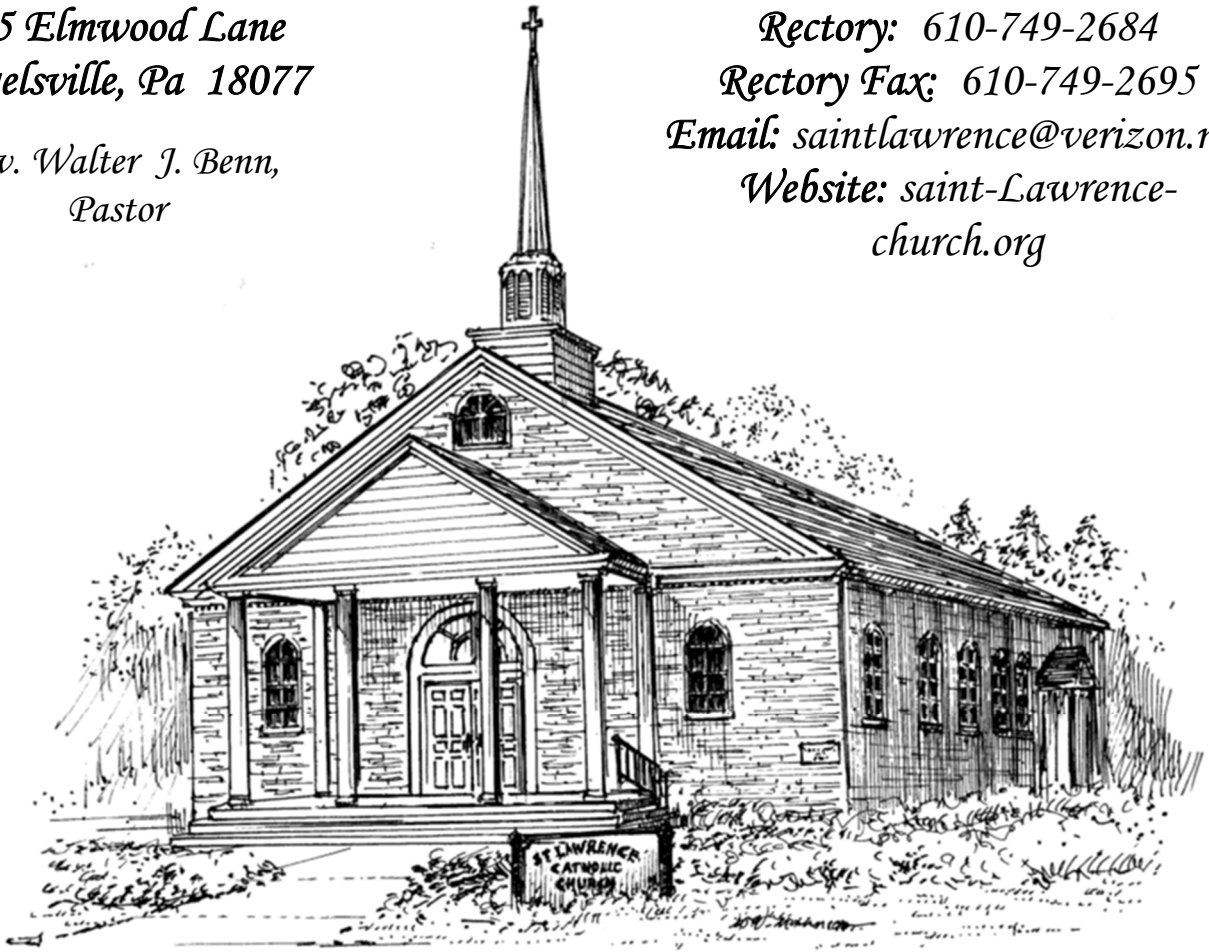
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Mass Schedule

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! September 13, 2020

You don't need to be a rocket scientist to understand the parable which Our Lord uses in today's Gospel. What each of us need to be, is a person who is humble and courageous. In today's Gospel, Our Lord issues a challenge to each of his followers to take a regular look within ourselves, and to examine the level of generosity with which we live our lives. It's a terrible thing to be in debt.....debt of any kind: financial debt, health-related debt, job-related debt. But the worse kind of debt is to be in need or debt of forgiveness. It's bad enough to be in debt over our finances, health or job, but with these there is always the hope and the ability to correct them, to recover from them. To be in need of forgiveness is another animal. To be in need of forgiveness is totally dependent on the goodness and generosity of another. This is the dynamic behind the parable which Our Lord uses this weekend. A servant has abused his master's wealth, trust & public dignity; his actions have been revealed. According to the culture of that time, the master has every right to recover his wealth; he also has every right to use whatever means available to him to regain it, which includes selling the servant & his family into slavery. The servant owns his theft; admits that he is unable to make restitution; he begs for mercy. In an act of great generosity, the Master ignores his culture's spirit of *reciprocity*, which holds that he would have the right to visit equal harm on the one who has harmed him; he forgives him of the entire debt. The Master doesn't work out some kind of payment plan; rather, he lets go of the "Huge" debt, which his servant created for him. That's mercy! That's generosity! That's imitating the love of his God! This is the point which Our Lord wants to impress upon his disciples; namely, that they need to discover the depth of the Father's love for each of us. Even when we betray the father's love time and time again; when we treat it as trivial; when we rack-up a "huge" debt; he is ready to let go of our debt. All he seeks from us is honesty, compassion and a willingness to change. God is not a score keeper; he is not up there with his spiritual ledger making sure we balance our spiritual account. He seeks to do one thing; to love us.

What you & I need to ask ourselves each day is one question: "Am I aware of this love?" Do I have a terrible habit of forgetting it? Am I so moved by

Our Lord's generosity to me time and time again, that I have made a life-decision to change? Am I going to be more generous to those who need my patience, my forgiveness, the benefit of my doubt? Am I going to stop being a score keeper with those whose serious faults have failed me, my loved ones, my Country? If you & I are discouraged by the level of dishonesty, abuse of power, greed, and cold-heartedness that takes place in our lives and in the life our Society; it is because so many have given up on the power of God's Love and where it will take them. The only way this spiritual condition will be reversed is when People of Faith courageously choose to act and behave with generosity, with trust, with humility and above all with forgiveness. That won't happen until we own our own poverty. Nothing else will work. Will we a Society and persons who will reverse these poisons because we are people who are "Moved with compassion" or will our response to people's faults always be "Pay back what you owe me."?

Your brother in Christ



Becoming Catholic!

Becoming a Catholic is a big decision, but one that hundreds of people make each year in the Philadelphia Area. If you or someone you know has this interest, please encourage them to contact Fr. Benn through the Parish Office at [610] 749-2684 or e mail us at saintlawrence@verizon.net, so that he can assist them in making this decision. Here is some basic info on MDG's RCIA program:

Classes run September 8, 2020 > March 23, 2021

Classes are conducted in the Church hall on Tuesday evenings 7-8 PM.

No previous knowledge of any kind is required; all materials will be provided.

This year's RCIA program will be closed to new applicants after September 22, 2020.

Last Call for RCIA!

St. Lawrence' 2019-20 RCIA program began last week; however, it is not too late for anyone who has delayed making this decision. It is imperative that anyone wishing to be a part of this program contact Fr. Walter J. Benn [610]749-2684 by noon Tuesday 9/17. We would love to include you in that evening's class which begins at 7 PM. Those making these decisions remain in our prayers.

2020 Autumn Scripture Study!

Our next Parish Scripture will be starting soon. The focus of this 10-week study is St. Paul's *First Letter to the Corinthians*. Since, all of us regularly hear readings from the letter during the course of the year, we hope you find this Study particularly helpful. We encourage those who have always had an interest in participating in a Scripture Study to consider taking advantage of this one. Remember, the purpose of the Scripture Study is to learn and become more informed. Everyone starts at the same level. Don't hesitate to contact Fr. Benn if you have any questions. Here are the particulars:

Tuesday mornings {10:30 AM > 12 PM} in Ceadar Hall. 9/15/20 > 12/1/20. Costs of materials \$16.00.

Collections: September 6 Parish @ \$2495, Black & Indian Missions @ \$283 Thank you.

Special Collection: Holy Land postponed from Good Friday do to virus. Thanks you to those who previously contributed.

Knights of Columbus: meeting Sept 21 @ 7PM @ Ceadar 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: saint-lawrence@verizon.net to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

September 13, 2020 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Sept. 12th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Protection of all from Coronavirus

Sunday - Sept 13th- Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Anne Gilmartin (MaryAnn McKeon)

Monday - Sept 14th – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9AM: Belated Birthday Wishes to Bernie Boylan (Senior Family)

Tuesday - Sept. 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Wednesday - Sept. 16th – St. Cornelius, Pope; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: All who suffer from the Covid Virus

Thursday - Sept. 17th - St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Sept. 18th - Weekday

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday - Sept. 19th – St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

9AM: Rex & Mariann Helfant– 55th Wedding Anniversary

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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