

Church of Saint Lawrence

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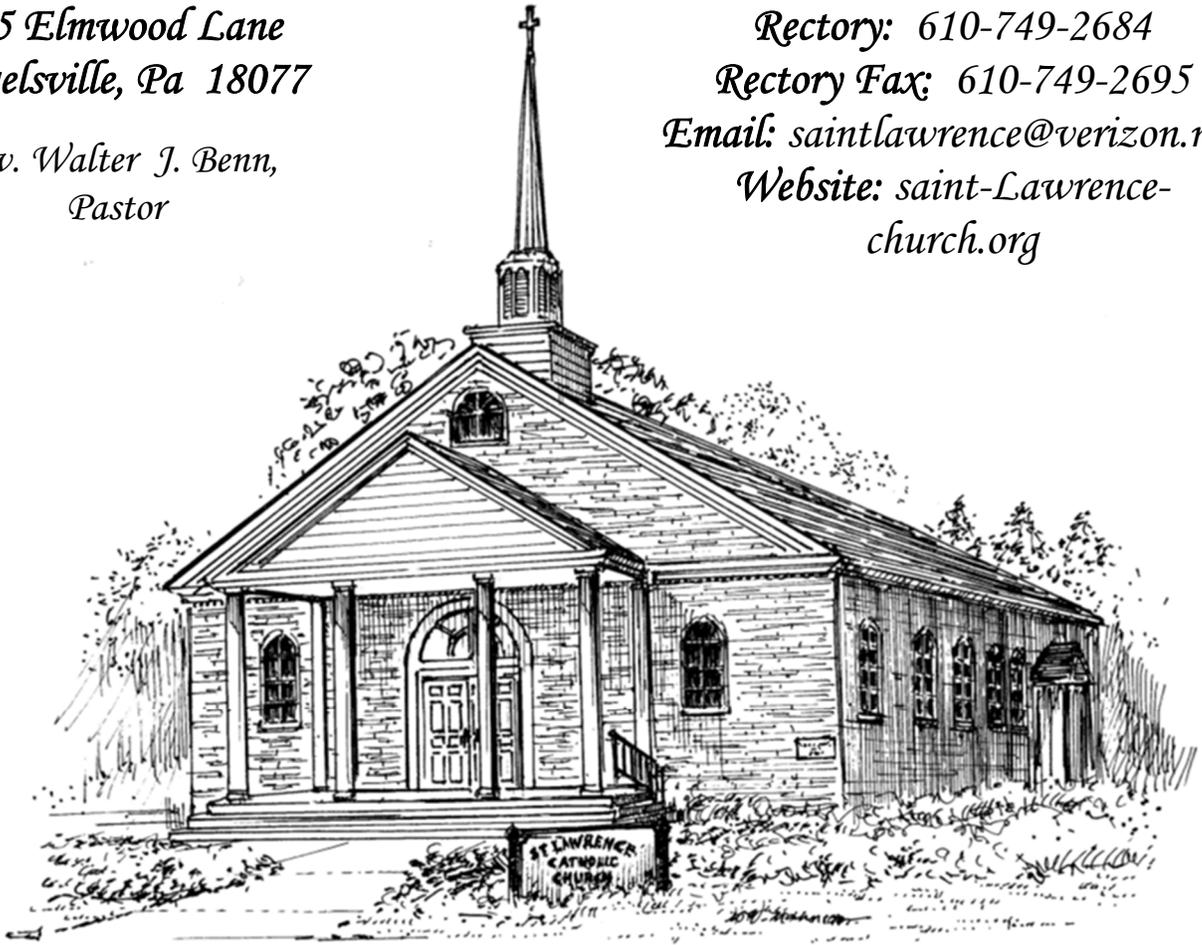
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Mass Schedule

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! September 19, 2021

As we saw in the Gospel of St. John, so we begin to see in the Gospel of St. Mark, the basic pattern in Our Lord's public life. The first half of His public life was devoted to exposing as many people as he could reach to the message and experience of the Father's love. That manifested itself in the form of His compassion, His miracles, His courage in standing beside those who were considered unworthy of God's love, His readiness to forgive. Inevitably, many among the religious leaders became uncomfortable with Jesus' message and began to challenge Him and eventually attack Him. Today's Gospel picks up on that transition period. Not surprisingly, Our Lord begins to prep the Apostles about the cost of discipleship. The initial response by the Apostles is disappointing. The heart of Our Lord's teaching is always anchored in being *selfless*; their response is to be *selfish*. It would require many painful and humiliating experiences, but eventually, the Twelve would come to appreciate the truth of Our Lord's teaching and embrace it in their lives.

What about ourselves? Just like Our Lord's disciples, we prefer and are always looking for a painless form of discipleship; however, in our heart-of-hearts, we know that there is no such discipleship. We live in a world filled with Pharisees and Sadducees all of whom are very uncomfortable with the Spirit of God's call to honesty, forgiveness, tolerance, respect and generosity. We are to be responsible for all people, including those who would reject or betray our efforts to love. This is a radical way of life, simply because we have been and are radically love by God each day of our lives. If today's Gospel is unsettling for you, it is understandable. However, through this moment in the Apostles' lives, Our Lord also speaks the same teaching to you and me. He loves us and He also calls us to love those around us, even if it is at a terrible cost. If you and I are going to be able to become comfortable with this call and its cost, we must do the same thing Our Lord did to become comfortable with Calvary; namely, we must be persons of prayer, quietly spending time with the Father in prayer. We must be persons who look for His Son in the mystery of the Eucharist, and who place ourselves in His presence in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also need to be around each other as all of us make this journey. When that happens, we will become persons who are at Peace, because we have given the Father the opportunity walk with us.

Your brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On the Byzantine calendar, September 23 is the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. The Roman and Byzantine calendars have in common the other equinox- or solstice-derived dates of solemnities: December 25, March 25, and June 24. Scholars see strong evidence in the writings of the early Church Fathers for the fixing of these dates from the imagined "anniversary" of Gabriel's appearance to Zechariah at Yom Kippur, which was thought to have coincided with the equinox as a day of "at-onement" between light and darkness. The spiritual writer Origen held to this date.

The annunciation to Zechariah then set the date six months later for Mary's conception of Jesus (March 25), and then, of course, for the dates of the births of John (June 24) and Jesus (December 25). Is this "liturgical trivia?" Perhaps. But it's also the best explanation we have for the dating of some of the most important festivals on our calendar. So even though the Roman Church doesn't observe the Conception of John the Baptist, yesterday's equinox can remind us of how our salvation history is closely attuned to God's creation.

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Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives
not me but the One who sent me.

Mark 9:37

Twenty-fifth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

OUR BEST

The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.

Ever Wonder.....what it's like to be a bird who is afraid of heights.

Ever Wonder.....if you were a circle..... would you be coming or going.

Ever Wonder.....today is the oldest you have ever been.

Collections: Sept 5th Parish @ \$1553, Air Conditioning @ \$20, Black & Indian Missions @ \$235; Sept 12th Parish @ \$1958, Black & Indian Missions @ \$30. Thank you.

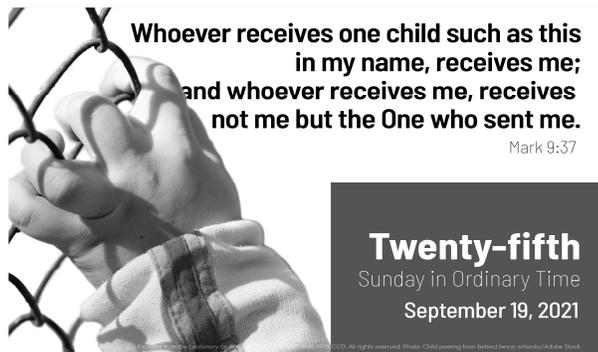
Knights of Columbus: meeting Sept 20th @ 7:30PM in Cedar Hall.

Special Mass: *Year of St. Joseph.* Mass will be celebrated @ **7PM on 10/4, 11/2/21** in Honor of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition to the 9AM Weekday Mass.

Pope Francis Proclaims Holy Year to St. Joseph
On the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis declared a Holy Year dedicated to St. Joseph 12/8/20 to 12/8/21.

Prayer: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer > Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary > To you God entrusted His only Son > in you Mary placed her trust > with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too > show yourself a father > and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us, grace, mercy and courage > and defend us from every evil.



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.



September 19, 2021 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Sept 18th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: The Victims of the Summer Hurricanes, Storms & Forest Fires (Fr. Benn)

Sunday - Sept 19th - *Mass is Streamed Live*

9:30: Intentions of Rex & Mariann Helfant (Helfant Family)

Monday - Sept 20th – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

9AM: Those Indifferent to the Sacraments of Life (Fr. Benn)

Tuesday - Sept 21st - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9AM: Blessings for All Married Couples

Wednesday - Sept 22nd – Weekday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Blessings for Students Returning to School

Thursday - Sept 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

Friday - Sept 24th - Weekday

9AM: Help for Poor & Hungry of the World

Saturday - Sept 25th - Weekday

9AM: Margaret Wladyka (Jones Family)

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