

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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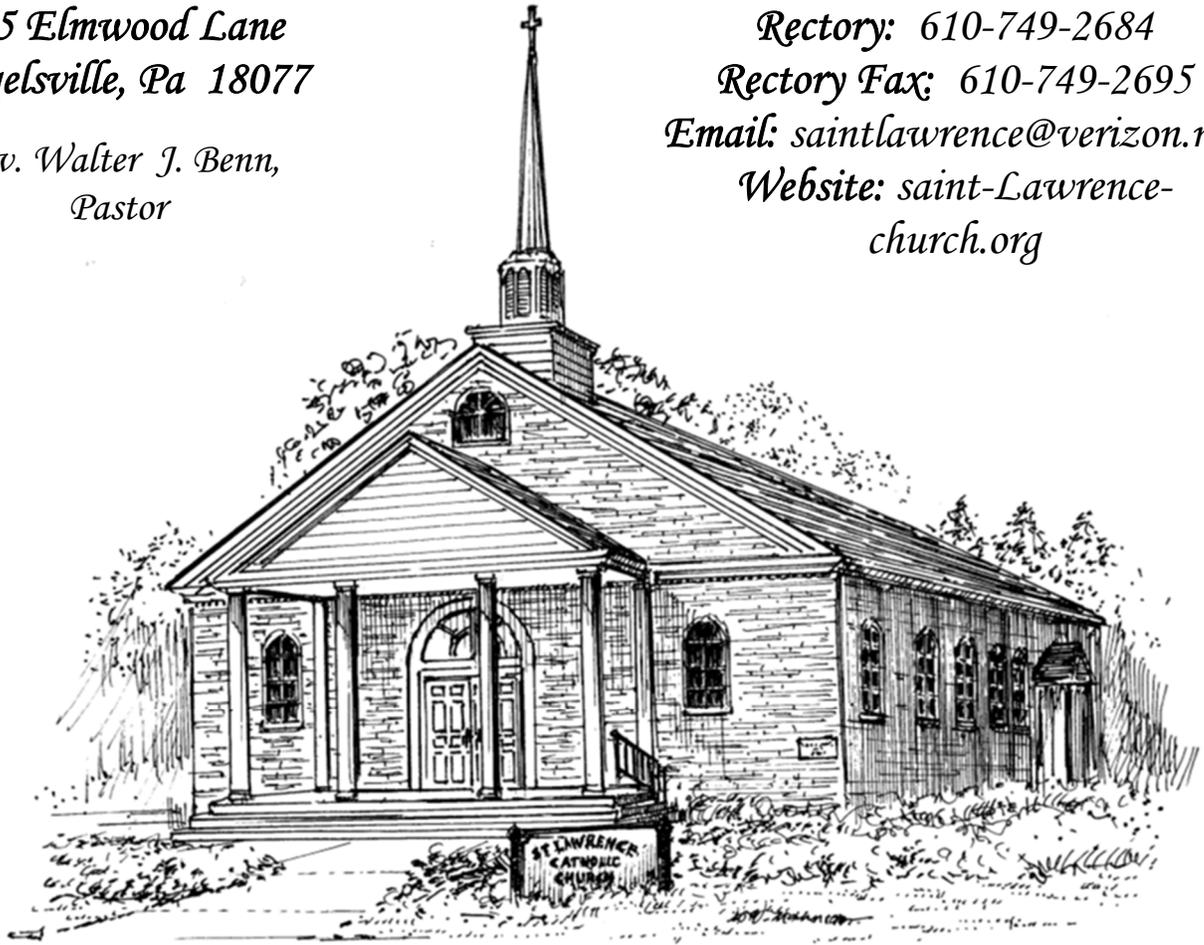
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## Mass Schedule

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 20, 2020

None of us think of God as a Used Car Salesman. Nevertheless, in listening to his Word to mankind through men like the Prophet Isaiah or the Gospel writer St. Matthew, you can't help but feel that some of the things that God tells us are "a bit of a stretch"; that the spiritual vehicle he is trying to sell us is too good to be true. This is particularly true when it comes to God's capacity to love us in the form of patience, and especially in the form of forgiveness. Recall the parable shared in last week's Gospel, in which Our Lord spoke of a very wealthy landowner who caught his most trusted servant embezzling a "huge" amount of his wealth. The servant had no way of making restitution. The Master forgave him of the entire debt. Most people would see that master as foolish; that his love was reckless. In today's 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, we hear the Prophet Isaiah appealing to the wayward people of Israel to turn back to their God from their unfaithful ways. The Israelites felt that there was no way that God could forgive them their sins, because their sins were so many and so serious. It was inconceivable for them to believe that anyone could be that generous. What is God's response to his people? "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.*" Reflect on the parable in today's Gospel. The owner of the vineyard hires laborers throughout the day, even until the final hour of the day. He pays everyone the same pay. When the landowner pays the workers, who worked only one hour, the same pay as those who worked the long, hard, hot hours of the entire day, they criticize him for his generosity. They don't understand the depth of his love, because his love is not their love, his capacity to love is above their capacity to love. This is the point that our Lord is making with us. God's love for us is wonderful; it is reckless; it is too good to be true. We need not to understand it; we need only to be grateful for it; to never waste it and **most especially of all, to never withhold it from those in need.**

So, my sisters & brothers, there is much for you and me to reflect on. Are we aware of all the ways in which God has loved us and continues to love us? If we are, it will show in what we do with that love. It will show in how patient, tolerant, forgiving, respectful and unselfish we are willing to be when we encounter those in need of them. Can the same thing be said of us as a Country? We who pride ourselves on being the *Land of the Free*; a place of great bounty, a place of great opportunities,

a place where everyone is equal.....What have we done with those freedoms? Are all welcomed to those freedoms? What have we done with that bounty? Do we make sure that everyone has a fair opportunity to have access to that bounty? Do we protect the Environment? How welcoming are we to those who come to our Country; people who are willing not only to benefit from those opportunities, but also who are willing to contribute to its wonderful opportunities? Can we say that everyone is treated equally? Or, are we reluctant to lose some of our *opportunities* at the risk of losing or sharing them with others? These can be unpleasant questions to be asked and answered. Yet, are we not the beneficiaries of God's reckless Love? Are we to complain because we may have worked the entire day, bore the heat of the sun and begrudge others the opportunity to be loved? Each day, when we pray, let us ask our loving God to help us to be as generous as he is, with each person who comes into our life. Regardless of how brief or long it may take; how prepared or unprepared we may be, let us ask him to never begrudge any person or people his love.

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](mailto: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 Cedar Hall. 9/15/20 > 12/1/20. Costs of materials \$16.00.**

**Collections:** September 13 Parish @ \$1333, Thank you.

**Special Collection:** Holy Land Sept. 12-13 & 19-20 postponed from Good Friday do to virus. Thank you to those who previously contributed.

**Knights of Columbus:** meeting Sept 21 @ 7PM @ Cedar 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](http://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](mailto:saint-lawrence@verizon.net) to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

## **September 20, 2020 - Twenty– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday - Sept. 19th -**

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

5PM: Protection of all from Coronavirus

**Sunday - Sept 20th- Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM: Greg & Dorothy Pagano (Fr. Benn)

**Monday - Sept 21st – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

9AM:

**Tuesday - Sept. 22nd - Weekday**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Wednesday - Sept. 23rd – St. Pius of Pietrelcina  
*Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

9AM:

**Thursday - Sept. 24th - Weekday**

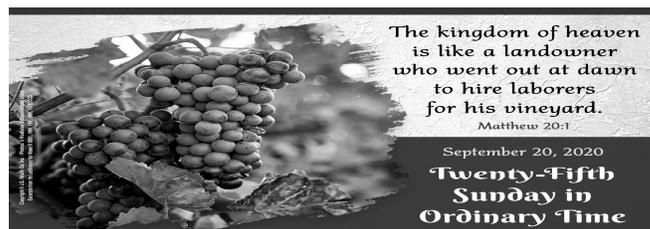
9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday - Sept. 25th - Weekday**

9AM:

**Saturday - Sept. 26th – St. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**

9AM:



## **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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