

Church of Saint Lawrence

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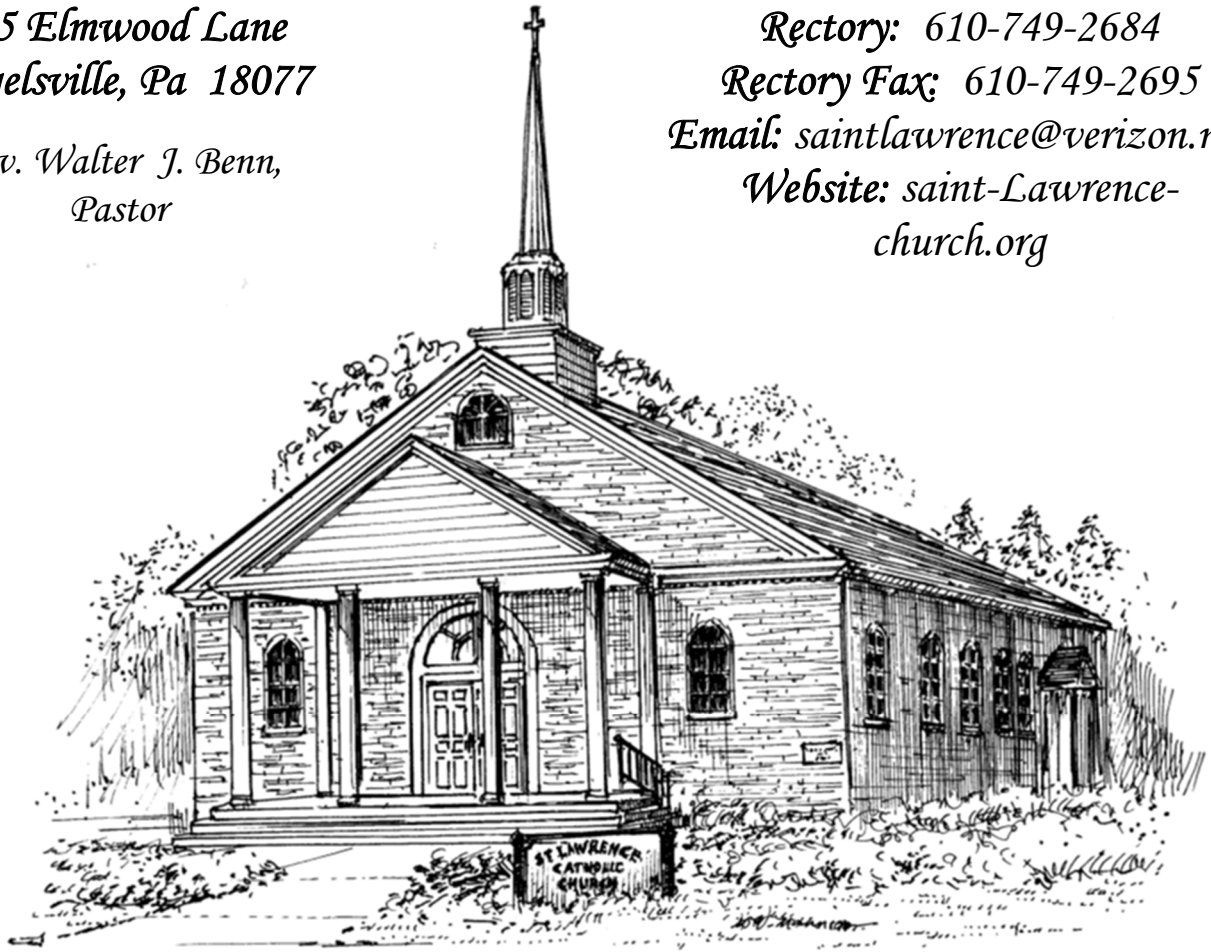
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Mass Schedule

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 27, 2020

The theme running through the Gospel of the last four Sundays has emphasized God's love for us and the responsibility as beneficiaries of that love; namely, to share it with anyone who is in need of it. Today's readings recognize that among those who receive God's forgiveness, some respond, even if belatedly; while others waste that love, by withholding it from others. Consider Our Lord's words to the chief priests and elders: "*Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him, but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.*" The Father will be patient with a lot of our failings, but one of the things he will not accept is the one who benefits from his love and then consistently withholds it from others. This, God will not excuse!

So, my sisters & brothers, it is important that we critique ourselves in this matter. Our Lord is impressing upon us, that it is not enough to be good; one must also do good, and there is no greater expression of love than to forgive. For each of us, this form of love is the most difficult expression of love to practice. If a person has hurt us, it is because in some form or fashion they have withheld love from us or from someone {e.g. family member / child} or group {e.g. the Church or our Country} we love. The urge is to hurt back and hurt back BIG! Our Lord's teaching to us is that this kind of response never corrects, heals or solves anything; it just continues the dynamic of *wounding*. Only the person who chooses to **publicly** be God-like and injects God's love into that situation, and to those persons who have withheld God's love will be able to break the cycle of the absence of love. To many, this seems so unfair; namely, that the victim must love the victimizer, but this is exactly what Our Lord expects of every disciple. This is the only caliber of Love that will reverse the Evil that exists in the world today.

Today Evil doesn't even bother to be subtle. It manifests itself in many people's refusal to respect the danger of the Coronavirus. They want their children to return to school no matter what; they want the return of organized sports down to the high school level, regardless of the risk of infection; they lie to themselves as to the real danger of the Coronavirus and mock everyone's efforts to contribute to its control by wearing masks and social distancing; they behave like they are a victim if they can't gather with dozens, if not hundreds of party-goers

to drink. They mock those who peacefully confront our Society about the many subtle forms of racism that have been excused within our Society. They either paint all of Law Enforcement as something to be mistrusted, or they refuse to confront those in Law Enforcement with the immoral culture that exists among some of its members. Then there is the outrageous lying and slandering among our political leaders and political candidates; they really expect people to accept their destructive attitudes & unwillingness to work with each other for the good of the community, state or country. These are just some of the obvious examples of how we are wounded and how we wound each other, when we choose not to respond with the courage & humility which Love requires. I am certain that you could triple the examples I have referred to.

All of this can feel overwhelming, along with the sense of hopelessness that understandably comes with such experiences. Nevertheless, Our Lord, who was no stranger to selfish, dishonest and slanderous people, assures us that we can defeat Evil when we persevere in our humble attempts to love by being persons who act unselfishly, who behave with moderation, patience and most especially of all with a willingness to forgive. I don't know about you, but, all of this is something I need to pray about and for, and I need to do it all the time. With God's help, each of us can do this. Without God's help, we will just continue to being victims; waiting for someone else to make it all better. Sometimes it's tough living the Gospel!

Your brother in Christ,



GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.

—St. Jerome

IMPOSSIBLE

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.

—St. Francis of Assisi

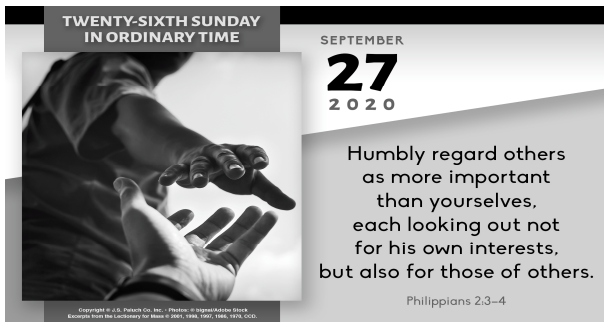
Procrastination

Something most people would do if they ever got around to it.

Collections: September 20th Parish @ \$3010,
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.

September 27, 2020 - Twenty– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Sept. 26th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: Protection of all from Coronavirus

Sunday - Sept 27th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Monday - Sept 28th – St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

9AM:

Tuesday - Sept. 29th - St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

9AM: Jim & Sharon Huntington (Helfant Family)

Wednesday - Sept. 30th – St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Joseph & Irene Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

Thursday - Oct. 1st - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution Only

Friday - Oct. 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

9AM: Rocco & Julia DellaCroce (Helfant Family)

Saturday - Oct. 3rd – Weekday

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant 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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