

Church of Saint Lawrence

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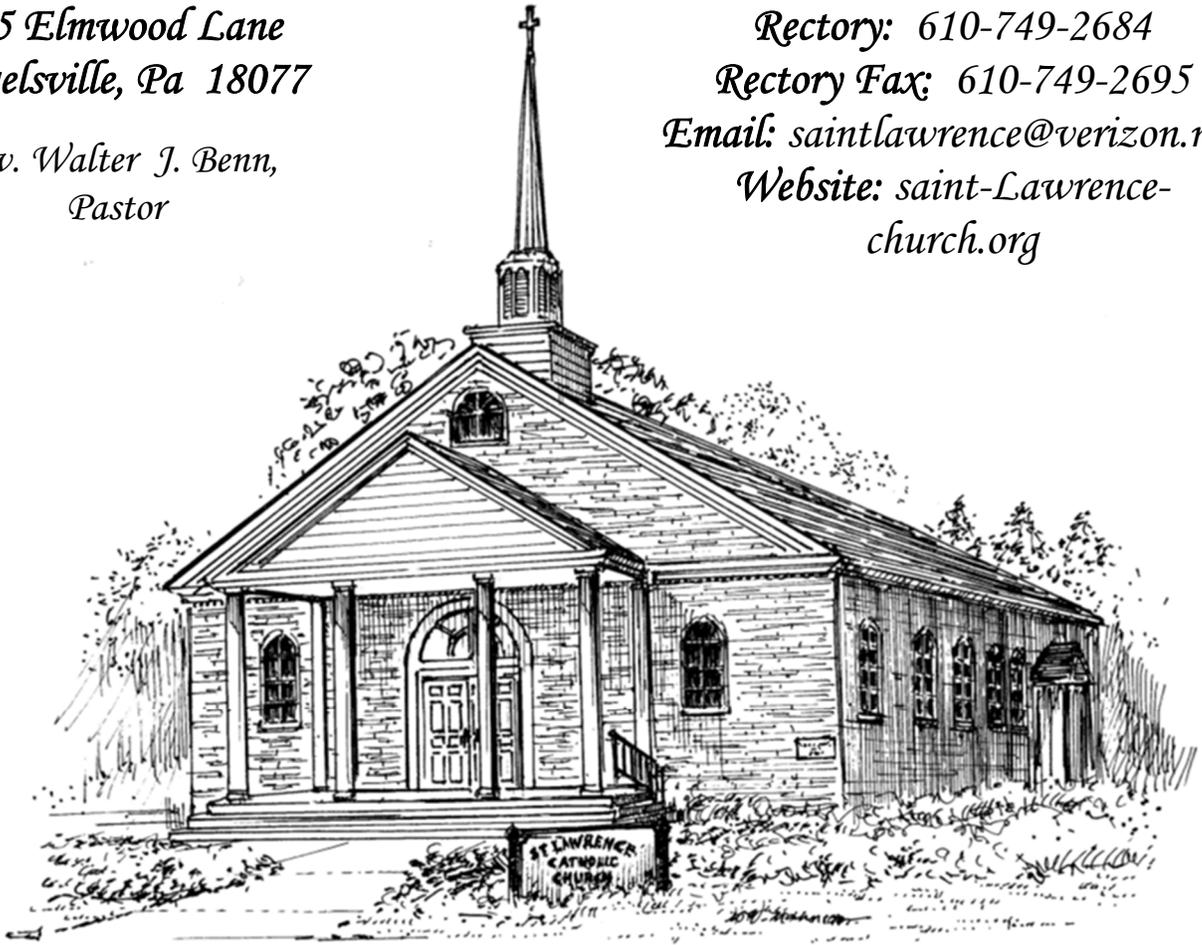
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Mass Schedule

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 5, 2021

In today's Gospel, we hear how Our Lord travels into pagan territory. Even there, word of His compassion in the form of his healing-miracles, has reached these people and have opened their minds and hearts to the promise of God's love to His children. Not surprisingly, once He is recognized, people begin to bring loved ones who have no alternative to their medical or emotional ailments. Just as many of you who have made the loving decision to care for a loved one who can no longer care for themselves, the people who bring their ailing loved one to Jesus are in just as much need of healing as that loved one; they are experiencing exhaustion and a loss of independence. You can sense the desperation in their actions and pleas; they "begged him to lay his hands on him." When Our Lord removes the speech impediment from the man and he, who could not be understood, now enjoys the ability to speak clearly, intelligibly and joyfully, we see how Our Lord's goodness reverses evil. The heavy weight created in the lives of the mute one, as well as those who cared for him, has been removed. Their joy knows no bounds. Even when Our Lord asks them not to share what has happened, they cannot; they will not suppress this good news, nor the person responsible for it.

My brothers and sisters, there are many things that we can take from this brief story; however, I would ask you to focus on just two of them: First, the spirit of generosity on Our Lord's part. These are strangers, people who were completely indifferent, if not hostile to the Jewish people. No doubt, many Jews had formed their own prejudices toward these pagans. The bottom line was they had little or no respect for each other and were not sympathetic to each other because of their sufferings. Unlike the God who created them, they were unwilling to extend themselves to the other in their hour of need. We see how Our Lord refuses to play to that and how He defeats such lack of love with his availability and compassion. He offers this love freely and without condition. Jesus trusts in its power! Secondly, we see the effect which such love has on its recipients. They are not only filled with joy over what has happened for their loved one, they are filled with love for the one who shared it with their loved one. They tell anyone who will listen of how God had not abandoned them, nor their loved one by making him whole. My brothers & sisters, in these days, when we wrestle with the issues of legal vs illegal immigrants, the refugees arriving from Afghanistan, those among our own Countrymen whose poverty never seems to go

away along with the crime which is connected with poverty, the various burdens which many of you have embraced as you support family members who are dealing with their own troubles, it is important that we trust in the lesson which Our Lord offers us in today's Gospel. God is not indifferent to our troubles, and just as His Son made Himself available to people who were heart broken and desperate, He will journey to you and your loved one to reverse the evil of their troubles. It might not happen as quickly as we would like or be resolved in the way we had hoped, but He will be present to them and to you.

The second thing we must keep in mind, is that the Father will often ask you to be His presence to people with overwhelming troubles. For our part, we must ask ourselves how willing am I to extend His love to people whose needs are exhausting, which seem to never go away, who are so different from me, and who will never be able to return that love? It is not a question of whether we can be that generous; it is a question of are we willing to be that generous?

Your brother in Christ,



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a "map" of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity "into our bones!" And best of all, there are no grades!

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Collections: Aug 29th Parish @ \$2965,
Air Conditioning@ \$5 Thank you.

Special Collection: Black and Indian Missions,
Sept. 4th & 5th

Coffee and Donuts: Sept 12th following the
9:30AM Mass. All are invited to this free activity.

Holy Name Society: meeting Sept 13th in Ceader
Hall @ 7PM

2021-Autumn Scripture Study!

St. Lawrence's next Scripture Study will be begin this week, Tuesday, September 7th in Ceader Hall. This 11-session study will focus on the *Gospel pf St. Luke*. Each session begins at 10:30 AM and concludes at 12 PM. St. Luke's Gospel contains many of the Gospel stories that many people remember, particularly the narratives dealing with the coming of Our Lord and his Birth. We encourage you to consider participating in this study, especially if you have never participated in a scripture study before. We know you will find it enjoyable and contribute to your spiritual life. Cost of materials is #20.00. There is not pre-registration, just arrive 10-15 minutes ahead of time.

Special Mass: *Year of St. Joseph*. Mass will be celebrated @ **7PM 9/6, 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: saint-lawrence@verizon.net to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

September 5, 2021 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday - Sept 4th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: James D. Kohl (Bernie Boylan)

Sunday - Sept 5th - Mass is Streamed Live

9:30: Matteo Sebastiano (Veronica & Cyril)

Monday - Sept 6 – Weekday Labor Day Holiday

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

7PM: Year of St. Joseph, Special Mass

Tuesday - Sept 7th - Weekday

9AM: Intention of Bernie Boylan on his Birthday (Lay Carmelite Community)

Wednesday - Sept 8th – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9AM: Protection of the Unborn - Pro Life

Thursday - Sept 9th - St. Peter Claver, Priest

9AM: Readings & Communion Distribution

Friday - Sept 10th - Weekday

9AM: Special Intention (Jones Family)

Saturday - Sept 11th - Weekday

9AM: Protection of All Our Armed Forces

March for Life: in Harrisburg, PA with Knights of Columbus; bus trip departing from @ St. John the Baptist, Ottsville. Sign up sheets in vestibule. Cost dependent upon level of response.

Fr. Muir: Birthday Sept 3rd; Deceased 5/15/18. Prayers, May he Rest in Peace

LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers.

—Sophocles

Perspective of Age

Today is the oldest you have ever been.

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

INFORMATION SHEET

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