

**May 26, 2024 – The Most Holy Trinity**

**Saturday – May 25th – Vigil Mass**

5PM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Sunday – May 26th – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30: Intentions of Bernice Piecyk (Dolores Bonk)

**Monday – May 27th – Weekday – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

9AM: Irene Pavlica (Ted/Janet Achuff)

**Tuesday – May 28th – Weekday –**

9AM: Susan Chopko (Fr. Benn)

**Wednesday – May 29th – Weekday – St. Paul VI, Pope**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament – 9:30AM – 11AM

9AM: Intentions of Stephanie Babson & Memory of Walda Wojcik (Dolores Bonk)

**Thursday – May 30th – Weekday -**

9AM: Readings and Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – May 31st – Weekday – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM: Irene/Joseph Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

**Saturday – June 1st – Weekday – St. Justin, Martyr**

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

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

Lynda Stefanski, Peter Libasci, Joseph Bonk, Tom Trotter, Dave Blessing, Jeff Olimpo, Matt Sebastiano, Maria Middleton, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Russ Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bethany Steinberg, Joann Thaler, Julie Petry, Steven Fusco, Greg Gambino, Patrick D. Brown, Douglas Defreest, Jr., Benny LoScalzo, Steve Ombalski, Jane Burger, Ginny LaBar, Michael Gawronski

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

**Church of Saint Lawrence**

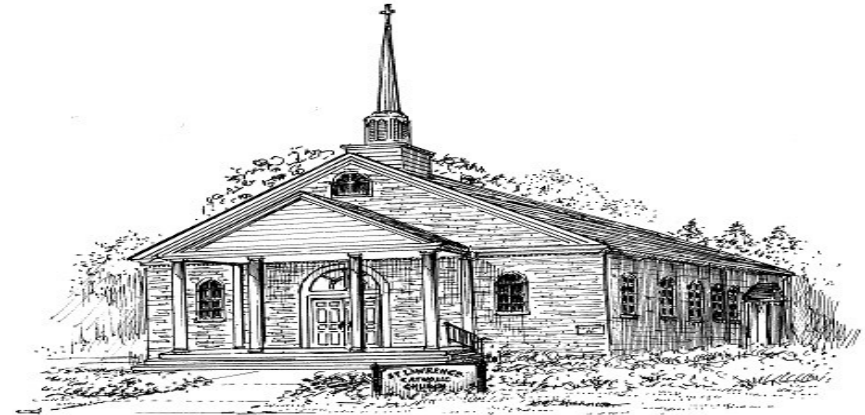
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday @ 9:30AM – 11AM

**Confessions:** Saturday @ 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ Church. Via Appointment - Contact Rectory

**Holy Name Society:** Meets Monthly; Second Monday @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall (Sept – May)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Meets Monthly; Second Thursday @ 7PM (Sept – May)

**Lay Carmelite Community of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes:** Meets Monthly, First Saturday Following the 9AM Mass in Ceader Hall.

**Marthas & Marys Ministry:** Faith based group, meets First Thurs. @ 11:30AM @ Ceader Hall

**Weddings:** Contact Rectory for Details. Plans Preferred Minimun 6 Months in Advance.

**Parish PREP Classes & New Parishoners:** Contact Rectory via Phone or email.

**Rectory Office:** Mon-Fri @ 9:30AM – 12 noon

Pastor's Corner! May 26, 2024

Children's Liturgy of the Word!

Four years ago, we attempted to include a *Children's Liturgy of the Word* program within our weekly 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Two gracious parishioners stepped forward and began their preparation for this Ministry. Unfortunately, we weren't able to pull it off. No doubt you have noticed the growing number of young parents joining our celebrations, and they wonderfully bring their children. We want to establish this Program again. *Children's Liturgy of the Word* is simple. One does not have to be a theologian; it lasts for about 20-25 minutes or less on any given Sunday if the little people are getting antsy. The focus groups are Pre-School, Kindergarten, and 1st Graders. As much as they may want to participate, we feel older children need to experience the Eucharist with the adults, particularly since they are preparing for their First Holy Communion. We might concede if the younger child is willing to go if their older sister or brother participates.

The goal of the Program:

We want to impress upon our children that they are unique and that there is a special place in Mass for them. We also want to expose them to the experience of *community* with the adults of our parish and their peers.

The children receive the opportunity to listen to scripture on their level. It gives mothers and fathers a break where they don't have to wrestle with their restless child.

How does the program work?

After the priest prays the *Opening Prayer*, he will invite any children who want to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word to come forward. The children and the adult leaders go into the main aisle. Father will hand their book to one of the children, give them a short blessing, and the adults lead them downstairs to Ceadar Hall. They will remain there while the adults listen to the Scripture Readings and Homily. Sometime during the Profession of Faith, Apostles' Creed, or the Prayers of the Faithful, the children return upstairs to be reunited with their parents.

The Adult Leaders:

In a perfect world, we would like 2-3 adults each Sunday to lead children. That is unlikely, however, because of Child Protection Protocols. There must be a minimum of two adults with the children.

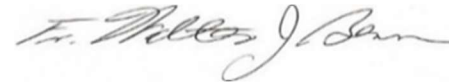
The adults will be provided with a set program to follow. Sometimes, the Program provides a Bible story on the child's level. Other times, it will be a religious topic such as prayer, forgiveness,

or respect for another person, such as your friends.

All adults will be required to participate in the standard child protection protocols required of anyone working with children. Included among these are acquiring a State Police check, fingerprinting, participating in a brief lecture that can be done online, and finally, participating in one in-person group session. This sounds like a lot, but you will be surprised how easy it is.

Having this Program as a part of our parish spirituality will be such a blessing. I ask that those of you who are attracted to it pray about it and not hesitate to contact me or speak with a PREP catechist or a teacher from a Catholic school. Please think of how this Program can only enrich our parish.

Fr. Walter Benn



**Collections:** May 19th Parish @ \$2006, Thank You.

**Coffee and Donuts:** June 9 following the Mass @ 9:30AM @ Ceadar Hall. All are invited.

**Thank you:** for support of Pro-Life Roses sale. All \$ donated to Pro-Life.



**St. Lawrence Annual Parish Dinner:** all adults of the Parish are invited to attend. Venue is The Meadows of Saucon Valley @ 1770 Meadows Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055. Wednesday, June 26 @ 7PM. Cost \$15 pp, Cash bar @ 6PM. RSVP by Sunday, June 9. Flyers available in Vestibule.



**Altar & Rosary Trip to Philadelphia**

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, Depart St. Lawrence 7:30 am return approx. 5:00 pm  
Visit Chapel of Divine Love  
Private guided tour of Cathedral Basilica Saints Peter & Paul prior to Mass at 12:05  
Lunch at Con Murphy's Irish Pub: Lunch Paid by Individual  
Transportation Cost: Approx. \$60.00 pp  
RSVP by May 20, 2024  
Mary Senior email: mmaryisd@aol.com or text 267-882-5586



### Catholic Women's Conference 2024

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2024 theme is "The Joys of Womanhood, Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful." Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women are daughters of God with unique gifts that when cultivated will bring joy to ourselves and others. Speakers include: Father Stephen DeLacy, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Cook, Dominique Brutus, De Yarrison, and the Sisters of Life. Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9am-4:00pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. *Early sellout is expected.*

**Registration Available through the Saint Lawrence Altar Rosary Society. Group registration will reduce fee to \$50.00! Deadline: July 10, 2024**

**See flyer in the back of the church.**

**Questions: Mariann Helfant, 908-892-8663; [principal46@gmail.com](mailto:principal46@gmail.com)**

### Pastoral Council Elections!

The time limits of two members of the Parish Pastoral Council will expire soon and need to be replaced. This is a crucial role that plays a significant part in shaping the future of our parish. Although the dates for nominations and elections have not yet been set, we would like all active parishioners to consider reflecting on stepping forward to offer themselves as candidates for the Pastoral Council. All parishioners are encouraged to reflect on any parishioner whom you feel has a sense of service and dedication to St. Lawrence Parish and consider nominating them when we begin this process soon. All candidates should be active members of the parish, celebrating the Eucharist weekly and getting involved in the life of the parish as best as their personal schedule allows.

We expect to publish the schedule of the Nominations and elections, along with the necessary ballots, soon.

### Parish Ministries: Help is needed!

No doubt, you have noted there are fewer and fewer parishioners making themselves available to help in the celebrations of our weekly liturgical ministries. This places a heavier burden on those parishioners' kind enough to make themselves available. We need additional **Lectors, Greeters, PREP Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir members, and Altar Servers**. Although we have dedicated **Videographers** to help with the weekly *Live Streaming* of our Sunday 9:30 AM Masses, they are few. Like all liturgical ministers, they would like the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist with their spouse and family occasionally but are often unable because of their commitment to their ministry. These ministries are not complicated. We do provide training. Scheduling is flexible. Like the rest of us, we know you are not perfect, so do not consider that an impediment to serving the people of your parish family. Seeing couples serve together or parent/child combinations would be great. Those attracted to helping with PREP are encouraged to

email PREP Coordinator Gina Wydner via the Parish Office at [saintlawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net). Those of you interested in any of the liturgical ministries are encouraged to email Fr. Benn at the Parish Office or by phone call **[610-749-2684]**. Know that your willingness to contribute to any of the ministries will be greatly appreciated by the people of the parish, your fellow ministers, and me.