

Church of Saint Lawrence

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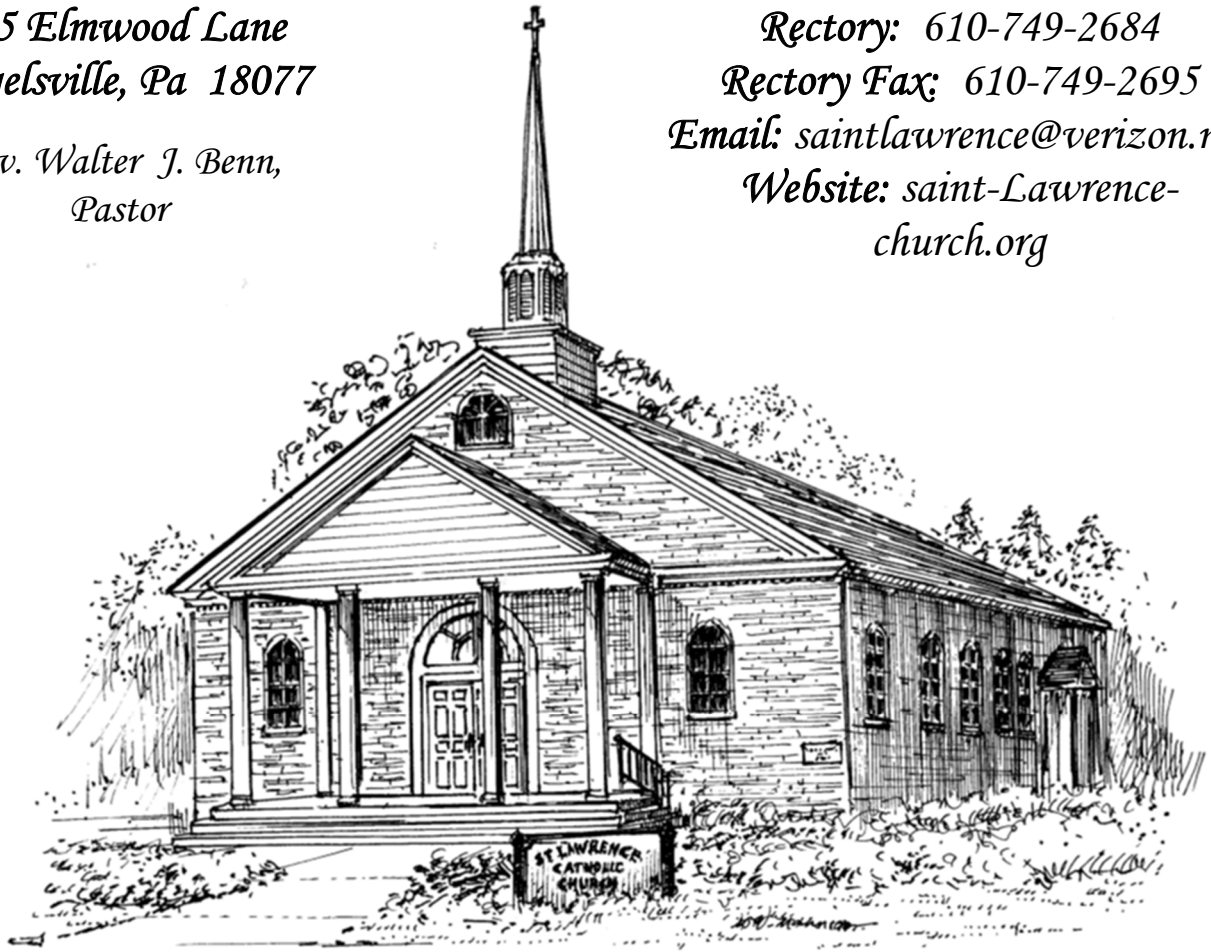
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Mass Schedule

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! May 17th, 2020

Once more, I would like to refer to this weekend's 1st Reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*. This reading takes place after Pentecost, when the Apostles & other followers of Our Lord had received the Holy Spirit; basically, it was Our Lord returning among them in a different way. Spiritually invigorated by that presence, each of the Apostles scattered throughout the region enthusiastically determined to offer his "Good News", which had become the source of their Joy and Peace, to others. These were not the quiet, reluctant-to-question the Master men who were just satisfied to stand in the shadow of the Master. They were no longer followers; they were doers! The story of Philip in today's 1st Reading is a wonderful example of them and the enthusiasm of the baby Church. In their mind, Jesus intended that all people were welcomed to follow him; every person had a right to be his Disciple, and the Apostles realized they had a responsibility to make sure they did. So, what do we see here? Philip, a sincere Jew travels to Samaria, a place and a People that all Jews had been taught to believe had no relationship with God. With enthusiasm, joy and love he does his level best to convince the Samaritans of Christ's love for them. Philip offers Christ's love for them in the form of healing their sick, crippled, paralyzed and possessed. When he gets back to Jerusalem to report to the Apostles, Peter & John immediately follow-up Philip's work, by personally traveling to Samaria and "laying hands on them" so that "they received the same Holy Spirit" which they had on Pentecost. What is the lesson in this story for us? #1 We should never presume that anyone, including those who are different from us or who had previously dismissed what we value, are unworthy of Our Lord's love, his forgiveness and of the chance to enjoy a New Life by being welcomed into the church or our parish. #2 Like Philip, each of us are called to initiate those opportunities for conversion to whomever they are and wherever they are. The burden is not on them to initiate the conversion process; the burden is on each of us to initiate that invitation.....we are the ones with the Gift.....they are the ones unfamiliar with the Gift. On the surface, Philip appears to be the visitor or guest. Just as Our Lord had done many times with the Apostles during their formative years, Philip flips the circumstances and behaves like the "host." He offers them the hospitality of the Lord's camp. Philip takes the risk of being rejected, by removing the tension of the old attitudes and offering them gifts; namely, respect, the gifts of Our Lord's healing; the

invitation of his belief that Our Lord wants them to be a part of this new community. Finally, he offers them the Master's "Welcome"!
My sisters & brothers, if we care enough and make the effort to look closely, you & I will recognize many of the Samaritans in our lives. They may be people among our relatives, friends, co-workers or casual acquaintances who don't feel welcomed or accepted by you or equal to you. Perhaps they are persons who aren't as perfect as you or your family, or at least have that perception because they are divorced, gay, are fighting an addiction, or never received any religious upbringing. These are the things that have paralyzed or crippled them for years. Like Philip, all they may need may be a signal from you; an act of respect; an effort on your part to offer them something that you treasure; namely, your discovery, that Our Lord was the only source of healing, stability and Peace which you had always sought but never found, because you were looking in all the wrong places. Can you say that you are such a host?

Your brother in Christ,



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.

LIGHT OF BELIEF

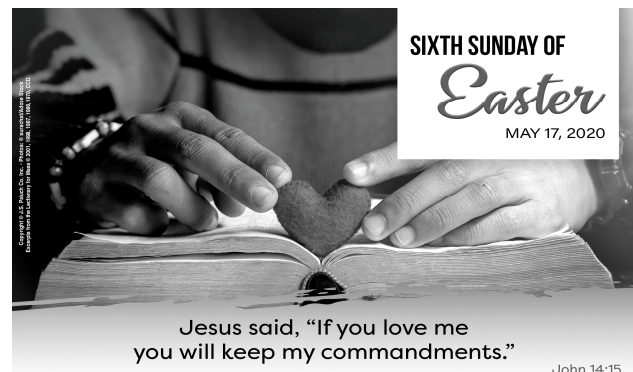
Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.

- Pope Saint John XXIII

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.

- Mark Twain



Collections: *We need your continued financial support. Mail to or put in Rectory door mail slot.* May 2 to May 8 Parish @ \$3165, Catholic Home Missions @ \$25 Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Fr. Benn will be privately celebrating Mass throughout the week and all Mass intentions will be honored as previously scheduled.

Confessions: contact Fr. Benn @ rectory or via email to make arrangements.

Parish Web Site: is up and running. Log on and take a cruise about to see what's happening and access streaming of Mass services.

Parish email blast: "Official" blasts have been sent with Parish content. If you are not receiving it means we don't have your email address. Please send to us via email to saintlawrence@verizon.net and we will copy/paste into our data base. Thank you.

Parish Social Activities: ALL activities are suspended till further notice. Will keep you posted. Check out the Parish web site at saint-Lawrence-church.org Keep in mind we are still under construction so there may be a glitch or two:> Thank you.

Reciting the Rosary: suspended till further notice. Suggested you say at home. 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.

50th Golden Jubilee ordination of Rev. Monsignor Charles H. Hagan, Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, May 17th

June 2nd Primary Voting can be done by mail if you so choose. See: www.votespa.com for details or call 1-877-868-3722

May 17th, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday - May 16th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

5PM: No Public Mass - Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - May 17th -

9:30AM: No Public Mass - Joseph Horvath (Fusco Family)

Monday - May 18th – St. John I, Pope & Martyr

9AM: No Public Mass - Joseph & Irene Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

Tuesday - May 19th - Easter Weekday

9AM: No Public Mass - Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Wednesday - May 20th – St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Postponed

9:00AM: No Public Mass - For protection of all people from the Coronavirus & those protecting us.

Thursday - May 21st - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

9AM: No Public Mass or Readings & Communion

Friday - May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

9AM: No Public Mass - For protection of all providing services during the Coronavirus

Saturday - May 23rd - Easter Weekday

9AM: No Public Mass - For protection of all people from the Coronavirus & those protecting us.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Lectors, Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers: no assignments till future notice.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life! 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, Mel Dion, Fran Reavey, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

Recently Deceased: Rev. Paul G. Obrimski, Antoinette Granese, Fr. Thomas E. Sullivan

INFORMATION SHEET

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