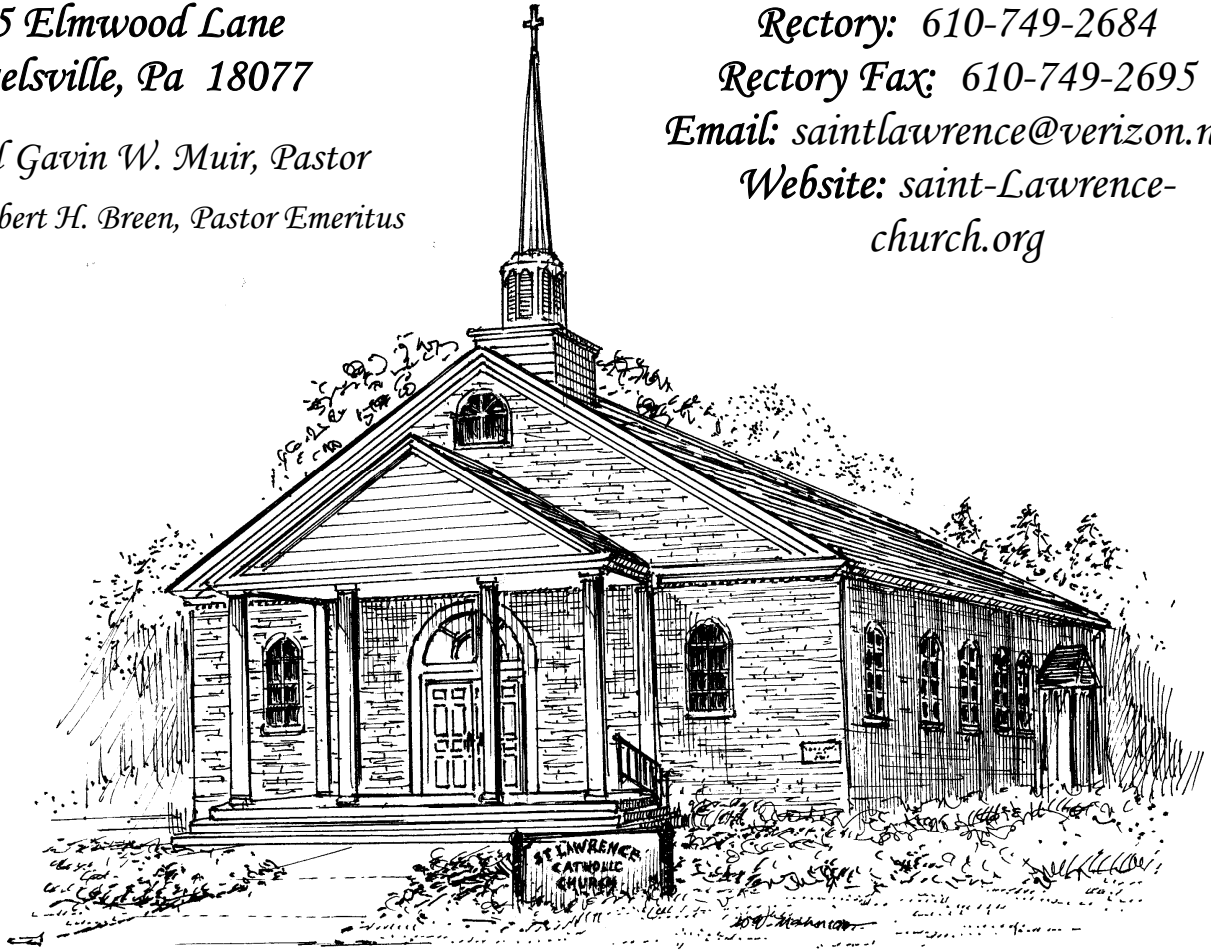


# Church of Saint Lawrence

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 9:00 a.m.  
Wed., at 7:30 p.m. & Fri. at 6:30 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m.

## Confessions

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday evening at 7:10 p.m.

## St. Lawrence Men's Club

Meets on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m.

## Altar & Rosary Society

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.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 wedding date. They are required to attend Pre-Cana sessions.

## Catholic Elementary School

Children may attend Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School, Ottsville; for further information call: 610-847-5523.

## Parish CCD Classes

Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 9:00 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

**January 31, 2016**

## **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE**

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

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### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

**Psalm** — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

**Second Reading** — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues

**Gospel** — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue

### **Saturday—January 30th**

9 AM: Joseph Balkus by Rex & Mariann Helfant

5PM: James Weiss by Kathy Weiss

### **Sunday—January 31st**

8AM: Zachery Nowicki by Frances Nowicki

10AM: Joseph McKeon by Mary Ann Mc Keon

### **Monday— February 1st**

9AM: Josephine Benko by Jones Family

### **Tuesday—February 2nd**

9AM: Joseph & Irene Moninghoff by Barbara Itterly

### **Wednesday —February 3rd**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM**

7:30PM: Margret Durns by Janet Davis

### **Thursday— February 4th**

9AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence Parish

### **Friday—February 5th**

6:30PM:

### **Saturday, February 6th**

9AM: Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rex & Mariann Helfant

5PM: Knights of Columbus

**COLLECTIONS:**

January 24th: ZERO, snow storm

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day

Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions;  
First Saturday

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

For the first four centuries or so, there seems not to have been a sense of marriage as a church institution. Christians followed civil law, which kept the wedding in a family setting. Bishops wanted people to be good citizens insofar as possible, and so they recognized the government's role in marriage. In general, they expected Christians to know that marriage was good, that marriage to other Christians was best, and to take it easy on the wild wedding parties. They agreed that marriage was a divine institution, that Christ blessed it especially, and they loved referring to the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Still, even when Christianity became the official religion of the empire in 380, marriage remained a family matter.

On wedding days people gathered in the bride's house, where the father would "give her hand" to her husband, draping a garland of flowers over the couple. There were no official words to say, there was no blessing to be given. Everyone walked in procession to the bride's new home for the concluding rites and the feast. In the Eastern Empire, it soon became customary to invite a priest or bishop to give a blessing at the meal or the day before. It was a nice thing to do, completely optional, but had a "photo-op" feel to it that was widely emulated. Before long, at least in the East, it looked as if the priest were joining the couple in marriage and blessing the union.

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### **A FORETASTE**

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

### **WANTING**

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

**Altar Rosary Society Fundraiser:** Chocolate Tasting Rescheduled to Sunday, January 31st at 11:30AM in the Parish Hall.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

2/6 5PM: Dolores Patton  
2/7 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

### Altar Servers for:

2/6 5PM: Andrew Benner, Gregory Deer-Haverlach  
2/7 8AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Anthony DeArmas, Eric Senior

### Extraordinary Ministers:

2/6 5PM: Russell Benner, Kathy Weiss  
2/7 8AM: Janet Davis, Marissn Helfant  
10AM: Joe Affuso, Mark Culichia

**Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!** Steve Ombalski, Jean Krenitsky, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hults, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eva Zelle, Roger Brahler, Gavin (age 3), Bill Miller, Caitlin, Steven Fusco, Charles More, Jeff & Bonnie, Baby Matthew Royer, Rose Romeo, baby Ely, Max Ours, Father Breen, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnano, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Summer Heddleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner, Jeremy Hewens, MD

### **Official Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy (12/8/2015)**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!**

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12, 2016 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**Catholic Charities Appeal:** A special collection will be taken on February 6th & 7th. Please do your best to support this most worthy effort. Thank you.

**Saint Lawrence Night at the Races:** The Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 27th. Doors open at 6:00PM and the event starts at 7:00PM. This event is open to everyone and is a family activity. Donations of door prizes and baked goods are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

**CCD Food Drive:** Sundays 1/31 and 2/7. Make a difference and donate a can of soup for our local food pantry. Every can helps, bring two if you can:>

**Valentine's Day Dinner Dance:** Saturday, February 13 at St John's Parish Hall. Doors open at 6PM. Entertainment, live band, Master Chef, B.Y.O.B. Tickets \$70 per couple, \$75 at the door. Contact Jim McHugh 610-847-5456 or Joe Affuso 610-258-1621

**Shadow Day** at The Regina Academy Monday, February 15th. Let your children explore the school. 610-847-5523

**Women's Retreat Weekend:** Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave. February 19-21. Contact 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1835 for details

**Catholic Cruises and Tours:** cruise to the Western Caribbean on a 7-night sail September 10th to 17th on Carnival Freedom out of Galveston, Texas. Ports of call; Montego Bay (Jamaica), Grand Cayman and Cozumel. Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785

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