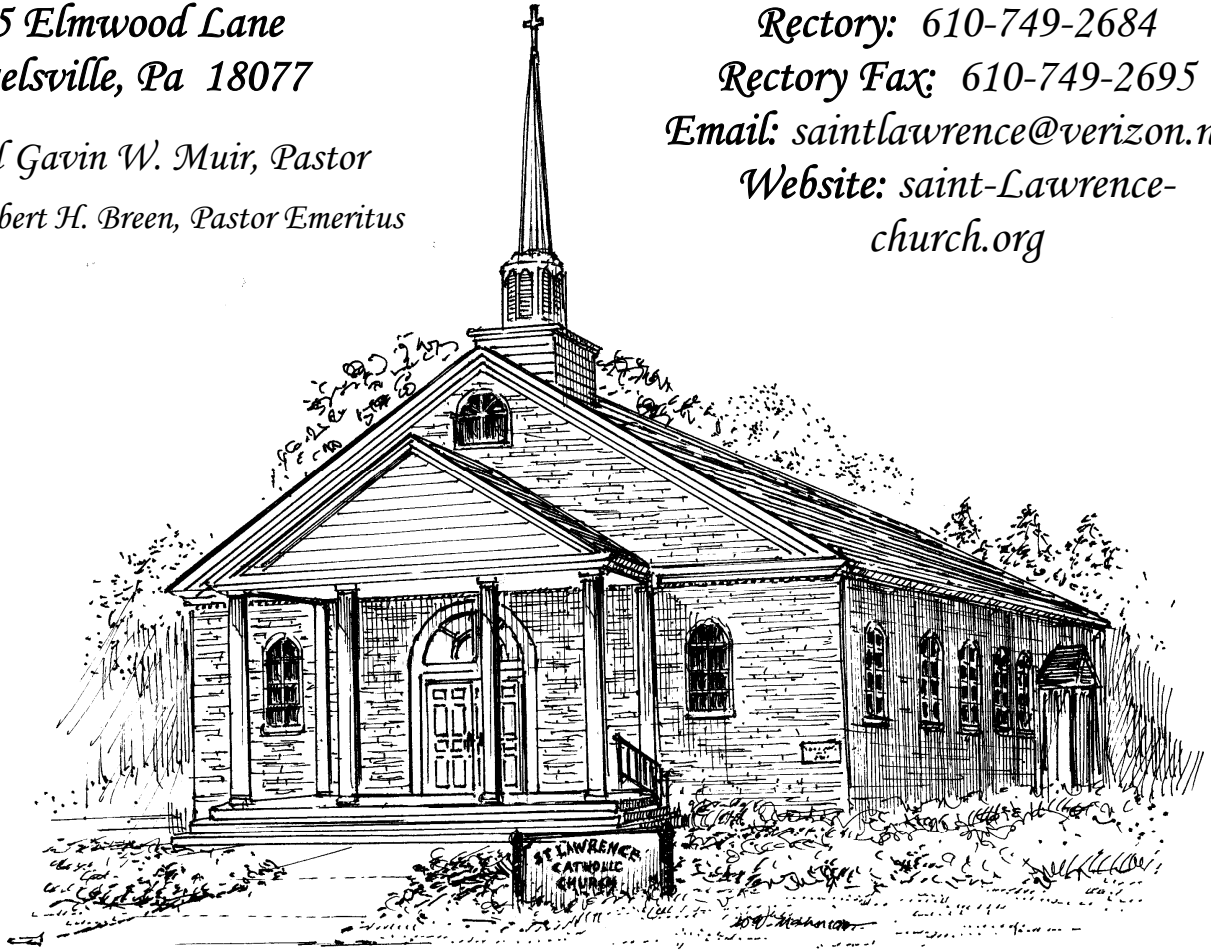


# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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

**May 1, 2016**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**THE GIFT OF PEACE**

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

**Saturday - April 30th - Saint Pius V, Pope**  
**Confessions: 4:30 PM**  
**5 PM:**

**Sunday - May 1st - First Holy Communion**  
8AM: Rex Helfant (Lay Carmelite Community)  
10AM: Josephine Busacco (MaryAnn Mc Keon)

**Monday - May 2nd - Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM: MaryAnn Segletes (Margaret Zeiner)

**Tuesday - May 3rd - Saints Philip and James, Apostles**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM:

**Wednesday - May 4th**  
**Weekday: Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6-7:00 PM**  
**Confessions 7:10 PM**  
7:30PM:

**Thursday - May 5th - The Ascension of the Lord**  
**Weekday:**  
9:00AM: Eugene & Theresa DellaCroce (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

**Friday - May 6th**  
**Weekday:**  
6:30PM

**Saturday - May 7th**  
**Weekday:**  
9:00AM Virginia Sudol (Ruth Arck)

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

One ancient Roman custom that was approved by the church was the veiling of the bride. When a single woman pledged her life to Christ, in a way of life not dissimilar to today's religious women, the outward sign of this commitment was a veiling. In ancient Rome, a woman with uncovered head was unmarried, and a veiled woman was "off limits to suitors." It was one small step to decide that a bride should receive a veil from the hands of the church as a sign of her new state in life. The prayer that accompanied the veiling was beautiful, and sung, a kind of consecratory prayer that was very similar to the prayer of ordination, or the prayers for blessing holy water or chrism. The "nuptial blessing" originally mentioned only the woman, although we know that the veil was often extended to cover the husband's shoulders also. The blessing was located before the kiss of peace, which the priest gave to the husband, and the husband to his new bride. Remember that this is in the early centuries, long before the kiss of peace virtually disappeared from liturgy.

The veiling and blessing was required when priests or deacons married, was recommended to laypersons, but forbidden for certain public sinners and second marriages. The veiling of the couple was preserved in England until the Reformation, and is returning to practice among Swedish Lutherans after having fallen into disuse about seventy-five years ago.

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**ALL THE ADVANTAGES**

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

—Anonymous

Whoever loves me  
will keep



my word

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**Catholic Charities Appeal** - Special Collection, in pew, May 14th & 15th

**Wedding Anniversary Mass:** The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7th at the cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul, 5 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. Reservation Required:  
[www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call 215-587-0500

**Catholic Home Mission** - Special Collection April 30th and May 1st for needy missions throughout the U.S.A.

**New Parishioners –WELCOME!!** No need to feel shy. We are happy you are here. To register see an usher, or just fill out form in vestibule of church, or call 610-749-2684 or email: [saintlawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) We are ready to welcome you.

**St. Lawrence Choir** - needs your help. Seeking willing parishioners to sing the praises of the Lord at Mass they usually attend. You are already there so why not let your voices ring from the church balcony with all the words there for you and nothing to remember. Please stop by and see Janet, our parish organist, after Mass to answer any questions or concern you may have.

**Regina Academy** - open house Sunday, May 1st, 12 noon to 2 PM. All are welcome to attend.

**Dance Fiesta - St. Peter's of Riegelsville**, Sunday, May 1st, 4 to 7 PM. A variety of Latin Dances and food. Instructor to show you the moves, attire dressy casual. Contact 610-749-2391

**Capital Singers of Trenton** concert, May 15th at 4 PM. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ. Guest soloist is Michael Niederer, star of the theater production "Samson" Info at 609-434-2781

**Catholic Pilgrimage** to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12-22, 2016 via Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Info 1-800-773-2660. Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner.

**Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist** - 1st Annual Fundraising Breakfast, Thursday, May 12th. RSVP by May 2nd, 610-847-5523. Begins at 8:15 AM - ends 9:45 AM

**Retreat for Mothers of Children with Disabilities** - Tuesday, May 3rd at Malvern Retreat House. Info 610-644-0400

**Confirmation for Adults** - Sunday, May 15th at 6:30 PM, in the Cathedral Basilica. The deadline for submitting is Friday, May 6th. On the Web at [www.odwphiladelphia.org/confirmation-for-roman-catholic-adults/](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/confirmation-for-roman-catholic-adults/)

**Notre Dame HS All Class Reunion** - Saturday, June 18th, 1 PM to 5 PM. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 / under 21. Info at 610-868-1431 X 123 or [alumni@ndcrusaders.org](mailto:alumni@ndcrusaders.org)

**Retreat for Girls** - 3rd through 8th grade, Malvern Retreat House, May 15th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Cost \$20. Info at 610-644-0400

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

5/7 5 PM: Linda Krager  
5/8 8 AM: Joseph Keeney  
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

### Altar Servers for:

5/7 5 PM: Francis Reinhart, Peter Shea  
5/8 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
10 AM: Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey  
Mother's Day; May Procession

### Extraordinary Ministers:

5/7 5 PM: Kathy Weiss, Bernie Boylan  
5/8 8 AM: Janet Davis, Alvin LaBar, OFS  
10 AM: Mary Gambino, Mark Culichia

**Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!** Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hults, 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 Hesselthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eve 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**

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

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