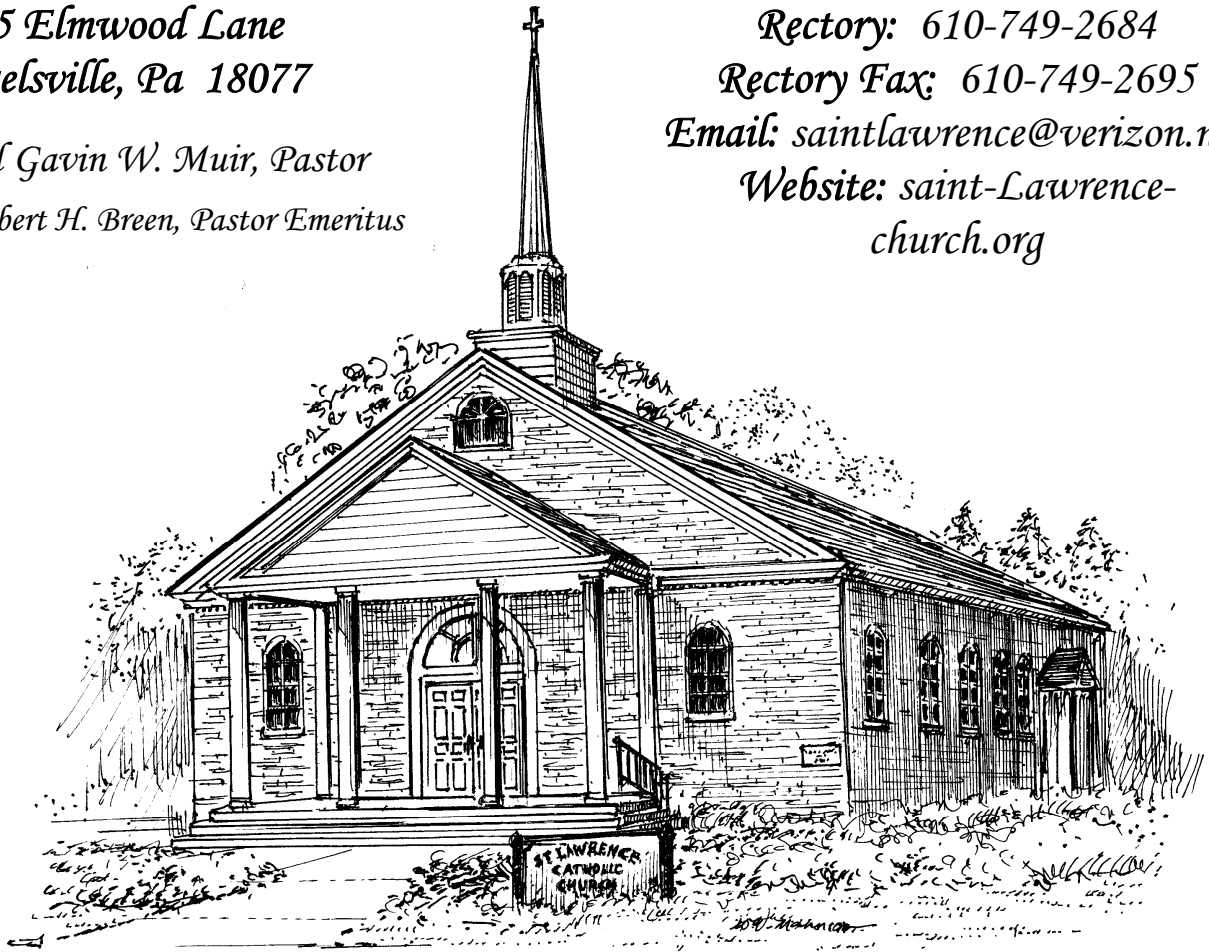


# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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

**September 25, 2016**

## **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES**

The message found in today's readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today's readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

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**Saturday - Sept 24th**  
**Confessions: 4:30 PM**  
**5 PM:**

**Sunday-- Sept 25th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8AM:  
10AM: Steve Zboravan (Bob & Joann Seren)

**Monday - Sept 26th - St. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Tuesday - Sept 27th - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM:

**Wednesday - Sept 28th - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**  
**Weekday:**  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6-7:00 PM*  
*Confessions 7:10 PM*  
7:30PM Frank Crocetti (Roszkowski Family)

**Thursday - September 29th - St. Michael Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM Jim & Sharon Huntington (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

**Friday - September 30th - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
**Weekday:**  
6:30PM

**Saturday - October 1st - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**  
**Weekday:**  
9:00AM Rocco & Julin Della Croce (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

COLLECTIONS: September 18 Parish @ \$2831, Black & Indian Missions @ \$115, Lord's Pantry @ \$78

**Flowers, Main Altar** by Janet Lentmeir & Family,  
Gertaude Nicholas

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We've been thinking about names lately, and there is hardly any tradition older than changing one's name when accepting a new vocation in life. In the time of Jesus, people would normally wait until the eighth day after birth for the naming of a child, partly because of the fragility of infant life, when the eighth day would mark the end of a survival crisis, and also because the elders would look for some clues as to the child's identity. In Jewish life then as now, it was not the custom to name a child after a living parent; notice there are no "juniors" in the genealogy of Jesus. Remember also how the relatives complained to Zachary and Elizabeth that no one in their family was ever named John. Then there are the changed names, Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, Saul became Paul, Simon became Peter. This spills over into Western culture in many ways, such as British royalty taking new names at coronation. It's anybody's guess, for example, whether the Prince of Wales intends to be King Charles II, or become Henry, or Edward, or George if he wishes.

Members of religious orders have until recent years swapped baptismal names for new ones, and the latest pope made a switch as well. Secular life has many parallels, and movie stars like Cary Grant, Judy Garland, and John Wayne might not have shone so brightly as Archie Leach, Frances Gumm, and Marion Morrison. There are some compelling reasons in our tradition for taking a new name when undertaking a new mission, yet also a clear preference for choosing the right baptismal name from the start!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### **UNRECOGNIZABLE**

All God's angels come to us disguised.  
—James Russell Lowell

**Public Community Rosary for World Peace** will be said on Friday, October 7th, at Rt. 611 & Rt. 212, @ 9:30AM. This is also the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are welcome to attend this public display of our Faith and Devotion.

**Knights Of Columbus** Help support the KOC in their annual Chance of A Lifetime (COAL) fundraising raffle. Tickets available in the vestibule or ask any usher. \$5 for a full book. You can either fill out at church or return the following weekend with payment. Thank you.

**CCD Enrollment** information & registration forms are in the vestibule. If you are on the email blast you have already received. If not, we suggest you provide your address now. Please take action if you plan to participate. Your payment must be received to be considered. Parent & Child Opening Orientation Day will be held on October 2nd in Parish Hall

**Knights of Columbus Penny Party** Wednesday, October 12th, 6-9PM @ St. John the Baptist gym. Donations of new items will be accepted after all Masses through October 1st. Leave in vestibule of church, note for Penny Party. This is the KOC largest fund raising event of the year. Do your best to support by attending. It is fun for the entire family. Additional details contact Jim Eckrich, GK at jeckrich@ymail.com

**St. John the Baptist** teardrop & fountain dedication Sunday, October 2 between 8AM & 10:30AM Mass

### **St. Lawrence Altar & Rosary Society Happenings**

**Parish Cocktail Party**, Saturday, October 15th, 6PM - 9PM in Parish Hall. Open to all adult parishioners. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

**Catholic Women's Conference**, October 29th, 8:30AM—4PM @ Our Lady of Czestochowa. Register by Oct. 18; Fee \$20. Interested? Contact Mary Senior at mmaryisd@aol.com

**Christmas Shopping Event** Thursday, November 10th, 6PM to 8:30PM in Parish Hall. Seeking Vendors, Arts & Crafts, Hobbyists either professional or home grown. Contact Mary Capobianco @ 610-252-7075 or Mary Senior at mmaryisd@aol.com

**St. Lawrence Men's Club**, meeting Monday, October 10, 7PM in Parish Hall.

**Catholic Happenings** open to all Parishioners:

**Abbey Fest:** faith, Music & Family Festival is the largest Catholic music festival on the East coast. Last year over 3,000 attended. Great music, crafts, games & fun for the kids. Food, Confessions, Vigil Mass & Candlelight Adorations. 11AM—9:30PM @ the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. Info 610-644-1655 ext 115 or tickets at The AbbeyFest.com

**Life Chain**, Bucks County Pro Life, Sunday, October 2, Street Rd. & Louis Drive, 2PM-3PM. Info: 267-629-9471

**Malvern Retreat House**, Women's Overnight Retreat, Sept 30 to Oct 1, 610-644-0400

**Our Lady of the Rosary** Malvern Retreat House, entire family, October 14-16. Info: malvernretreat.com or 610-644-0400

**Diocesan Pilgrimage**, Thursday, October 20th, to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Wash. D.C., departs from St. Theresa's 7AM return ~ 10PM, Bus cost \$25, meals on your own, Info 610-838-7045

**Flame of Love**, National Conference, Sept 30 to Oct 1, Phila Hilton in Bala Cynwyd, 610-622-4257 or 610-322-1940 or anbmyers2021@gmail.com

**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 We are ready to welcome you.

**Parish Web Site** don't forget that the weekly bulletin is posted there for your reference along with other informative things:> Helpful for kids religion homework too.

### **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

#### Lectors for:

10/1 5 PM: Dolores Patton  
10/2 8 AM: Martin Piccinich  
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

#### Altar Servers for:

10/1 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Francis Reinhart  
10/2 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Anthony DeArmas

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

10/1 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager  
10/2 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, 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!** Special intentions Tim McHenry, Molly Worner, Kelly Aubrey & Family, Lorraine Wallace, Liz Casterline, Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eve Zelle, Roger & MaryAnn 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 the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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