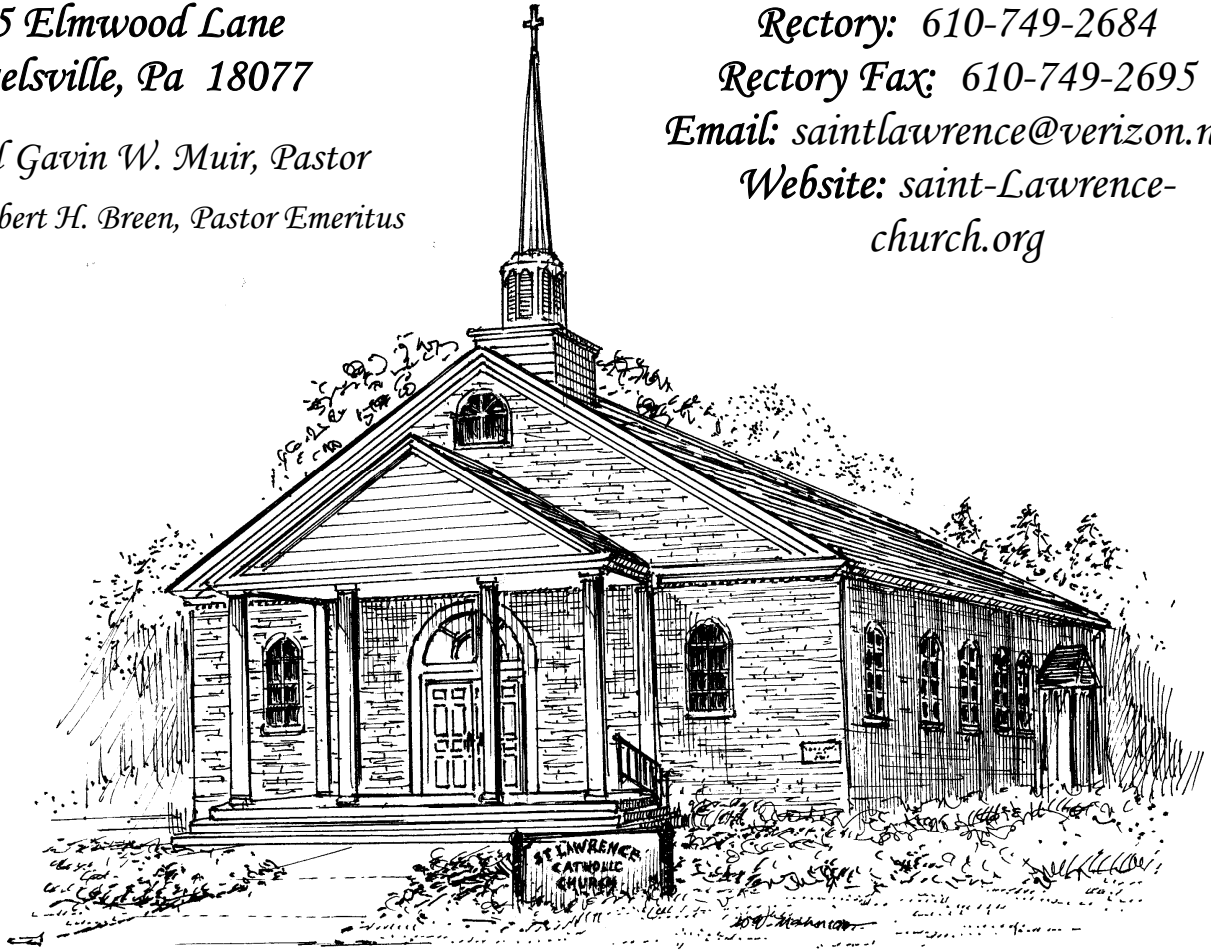


# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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.

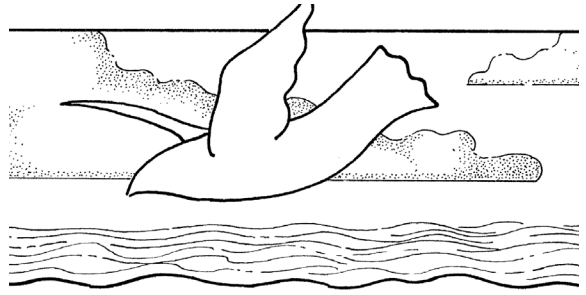
## Parish CCD Classes

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

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 10, 2016**  
**He saved us through the bath of**  
**rebirth**  
**and renewal by the Holy Spirit.**  
— *Titus 3:5*



**Saturday, January 9th**

*Sunday Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*

5PM:

**Sunday, January 10th**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

8AM:

10AM: Conrad & Mary Yeager by Ells & Barbara Cheeseman

**Monday, January 11th**

*Weekday*

9AM:

**Tuesday, January 12th**

*Weekday*

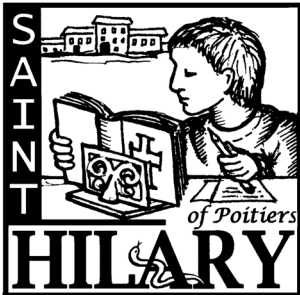
9AM:

**Wednesday, January 13th**

*Weekday/St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

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

7:30PM: Constance Karg by the Lay Carmelite Community



**Thursday, January 14th**

*Weekday*

9AM:

**Friday, January 15th**

*Weekday*

6:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Saturday, January 16th**

*Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary*

9AM:

*Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5PM:

**COLLECTIONS:**

December 24th: \$11,872.00

December 27th: \$3,272.00

January 1st: \$707.00

January 3rd: \$2,171.00

Additional Christmas: \$430.00

**MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT**

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

—Rev. James Field

### **Flame of Love Movement of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

An introductory Conference will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 235 E. State Street, Doylestown on January 23, 2016. Beginning with the 8am Mass three talks follow and conclude at 11AM. All are invited. Free of charge. This special day will open up for you the riches that are contained in the Flame of Love. A free Flame of Love Book will be handed out at this conference to everyone attending.

**Men's Club Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the Saint Lawrence Men's Club will be held on Monday, January 11th at 7PM in the parish hall. All members are asked to attend as we have much business to discuss. All men of the parish are invited.

### **DECORATIONS**

Will be taken down after the 10am Mass on Sunday, January 10th. Many hands will make the job go quickly. If you can give us some help, it will be greatly appreciated.

### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Sunday, January 10th, there will be coffee and donuts in the social hall after the 10am Mass. Please plan to join us for some relaxation, good coffee and delicious donuts.

### **Altar & Rosary Fundraiser**

Chocolate Tasting on **Saturday, January 16th** from 6-8:30PM in St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Join us as Independent Chocolatier Lynda Hoover shares samples of the sweet and savory sides of Dove Chocolate Discoveries! Lynda will donate her commission to the Altar & Rosary Society. See flier on the bulletin board for more information.

### **FREE THROW COMPETITION**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for boys and girls ages 10-14 at St. John the Baptist school gym on Friday, January 15, 2016. Registration opens at 6PM. Winners from each age group will be eligible to advance to the District Competition with details to follow.

### **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.

### **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

01/16 5PM: Jane Burger  
01/17 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

01/16 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Peter Shea  
01/17 8AM: Amy Wydner & Brielle Comiskey  
10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

01/16 5PM: Linda Krager & Bernie Boylan  
01/17 8AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi  
10AM: Mark Culichia & Mary Gambino

### **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 Hessesenthaler, 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.

### **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.

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