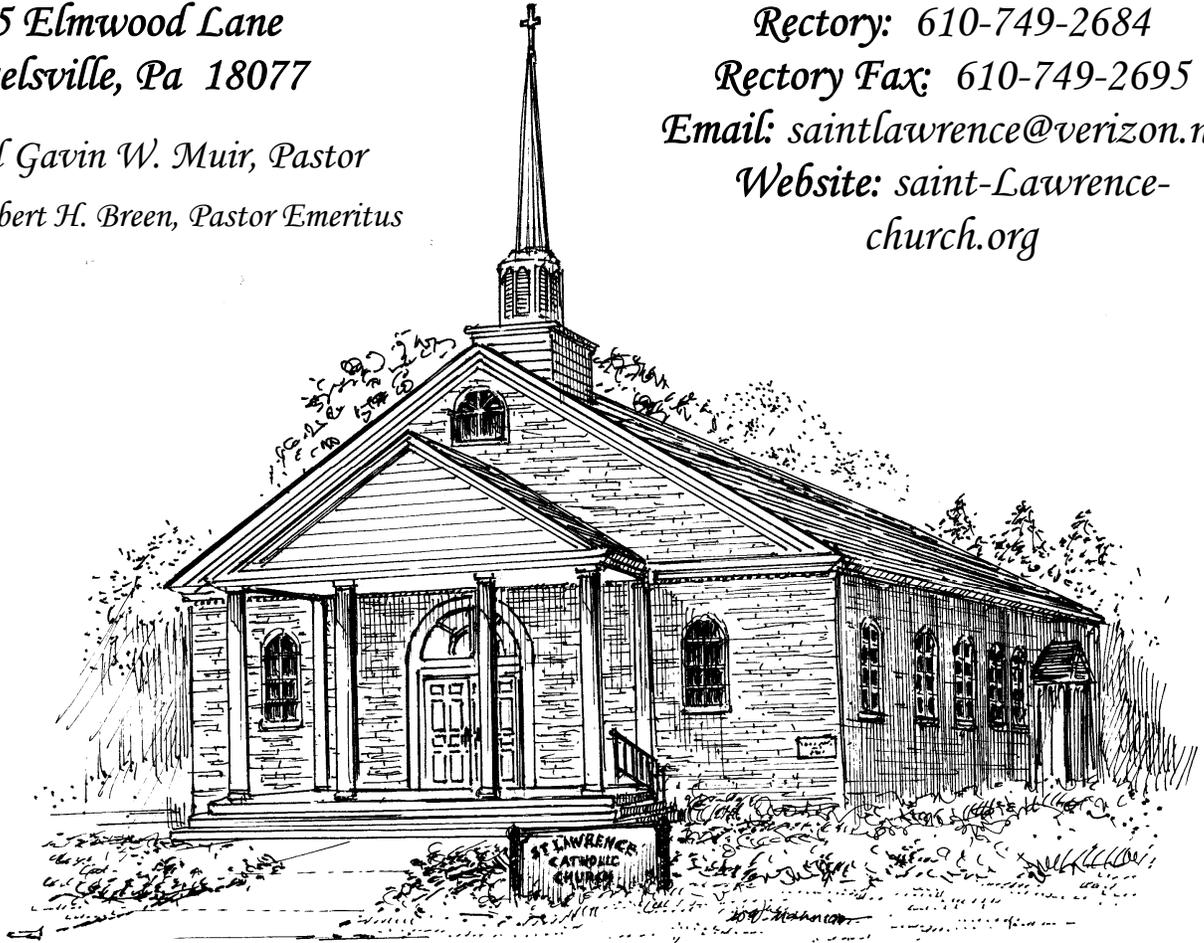


# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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 6-9 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

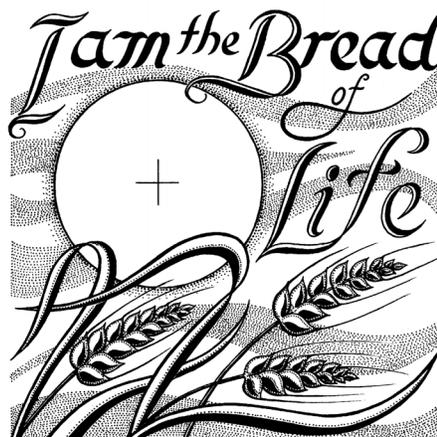
Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2015

**Do not work for food that perishes  
but for the food that endures for  
eternal life.**

**- John 6:27a**



**Saturday, August 1st**

**Sunday Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, August 2nd**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM: Gregory Chess by the Lodwig family

10AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Monday, August 3rd**

**Weekday**

9AM: Margaret Durns by Janet Davis

**Tuesday, August 4th**

**St. John Vianney, Priest**

9AM: Walter Wladyka by the Jones family

**Wednesday, August 5th**

**Weekday/ The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

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

7:30PM: Joseph Jones by the Jones family

**Thursday, August 6th**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9AM: Claire Ucci by the Jones family

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**First Friday, August 7th**

**Weekday/ /St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs/ St. Cajetan, Priest**

6:30PM: for the intentions of Rachel & Marvin Ellis by the Jones family

**Saturday, August 8th**

**St. Dominic, Priest**

9AM: for the intentions of Mark Stoltz by the Lay Carmelite Community

**Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM:

### GOVERNING OUR PASSIONS

Whoever governs their passions is master of the world. We must either command them, or be commanded by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.

—St. Dominic

### GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Customs surrounding wedding rites are often in tension with our liturgical tradition. Sometimes practices are almost forced on engaged couples. Anyone who has ever planned a wedding knows how quickly the invoices expand. A hundred dollars here, a hundred there, often for non-essentials, when more deeply traditional practices, like an expression of charity for the poor, fall by the wayside. One such practice often labeled as "deeply traditional" is the aisle runner for the bride. Actually, the American tradition is to clean our church buildings, in contrast to European village churches, which often had dirt or cobblestone floors. There, a band of linen (rented) or a carpet of flowers might be set in place for a bridal party. Here, plastic roll-ups are procured and positioned by the ushers for the bride's entrance. The problems are many, not the least of which is that there is no "bride's entrance" in our official liturgy. Another is that in a wedding Mass, the communicants have to navigate the treacherous aisle with the sometimes-slippery runner. The aisle runner is neither a treasure nor a tradition, and by omitting it, the couple who asks for canned goods for the poor to be brought to church at their wedding Mass will find an extra hundred dollars or so for the cause!

—Rev. James Field

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2015

As of July 24, 2015, our parish has reached 76% of our goal of \$9,222. That is \$7,040.00 has been donated by the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church. In these difficult financial times, this is very generous of you— thank you!

## ADULT CHOIR INFORMATION

We have a good group of singers, but there is always room for more adults in our newly forming choir. It would be so nice to have our choir loft filled with singers. **Rehearsal time has changed to 9am.** We will rehearse between the two Sunday Morning Masses, so you can come at 9am for practice, attend 10am Mass, and have the rest of the beautiful Summer days to do other things. Join us now!

## Oremus Communications

Take confidence in Our Lord's words: "Ask and You Shall Receive". Pray the Rosary each day with hope and trust that Our Lord and Blessed Mother will respond accordingly to all our petitions, regardless of their number. Please join the OC Family Rosary Program at: oremuscomms.com each day as we present live-stream recitations of the Holy Rosary (Mon-Sat at 12:15PM-EST and Sundays at 2PM), and together we can make a spiritual difference!

## CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

Thank you for all the donations you have sent. Praise God for the many calls they have been receiving due to people seeing their yard signs! They need our prayers especially dealing with computer problems; we all know how difficult that can be.

## PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Go to their website: [PriestsForLife.org](http://PriestsForLife.org) to read about the breaking story of criminal activity in the abortion industry. This information can do a great deal of damage to the abortion industry and its attempt to position itself as a credible aspect of American life.

## Registration Now Open!

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist has begun registration for Pre-K3 through 8th Grade for the 2015-16 school year. Stop by the Academy for a registration packet or call Geoff Meyer at 610-960-7062 to have a package emailed and to schedule a tour. There is a \$1,700 Transfer Grant available; speak to Mr. Meyer if you are interested in transferring a student to the Academy.

## Collections:

July 26th: \$1,906.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$15.00

## Flower Donations:

Main Altar: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

08/08 5PM: Linda Krager

08/09 8AM: Martin Piccinich

10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

08/08 5PM: Andrew Benner & Peter Shea

08/09 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

08/08 5PM: Russell Benner & Kathie Weiss

08/09 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Jackie Crocetti

10AM: Mary Gambino & Joe Affuso

## **Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!**

Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, 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), Jennie Aquilino, 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, Nick Sciss, Summer Heddleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Gimple.

**The Notre Dame Summer Theatre** is delighted to present "**Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical**" in our air-conditioned auditorium at Notre Dame High School on July 31 and August 1st at 7:30PM and July 26 & August 2 at 2PM. **Tickets are on sale now!** Adults \$18; students and seniors 65+ \$15. Purchases and information: email [Notredamesummer@gmail.com](mailto:Notredamesummer@gmail.com) or telephone 610-252-1067. Chills, thrills and an unforgettable love story, all set to an electrifying musical score. NDHS, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA (near junction of Route 33 & William Penn Highway).

**Urgent Need for Blood Donors—American Red Cross Blood Drive—Riegelsville Firehouse on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 2-7PM.** Appointments are preferred but not necessary. For an appointment, contact Lori Campbell: [merpat29@aol.com](mailto:merpat29@aol.com) or sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org); sponsor code: Riegelsville. As we enter the month of August, there is a critical need for blood donors—please consider donating on August 4th!

## **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Every Wednesday evening starting at 6PM; Mass at 7:30PM and First Friday Devotions starting at 6PM; Mass at 6:30PM.