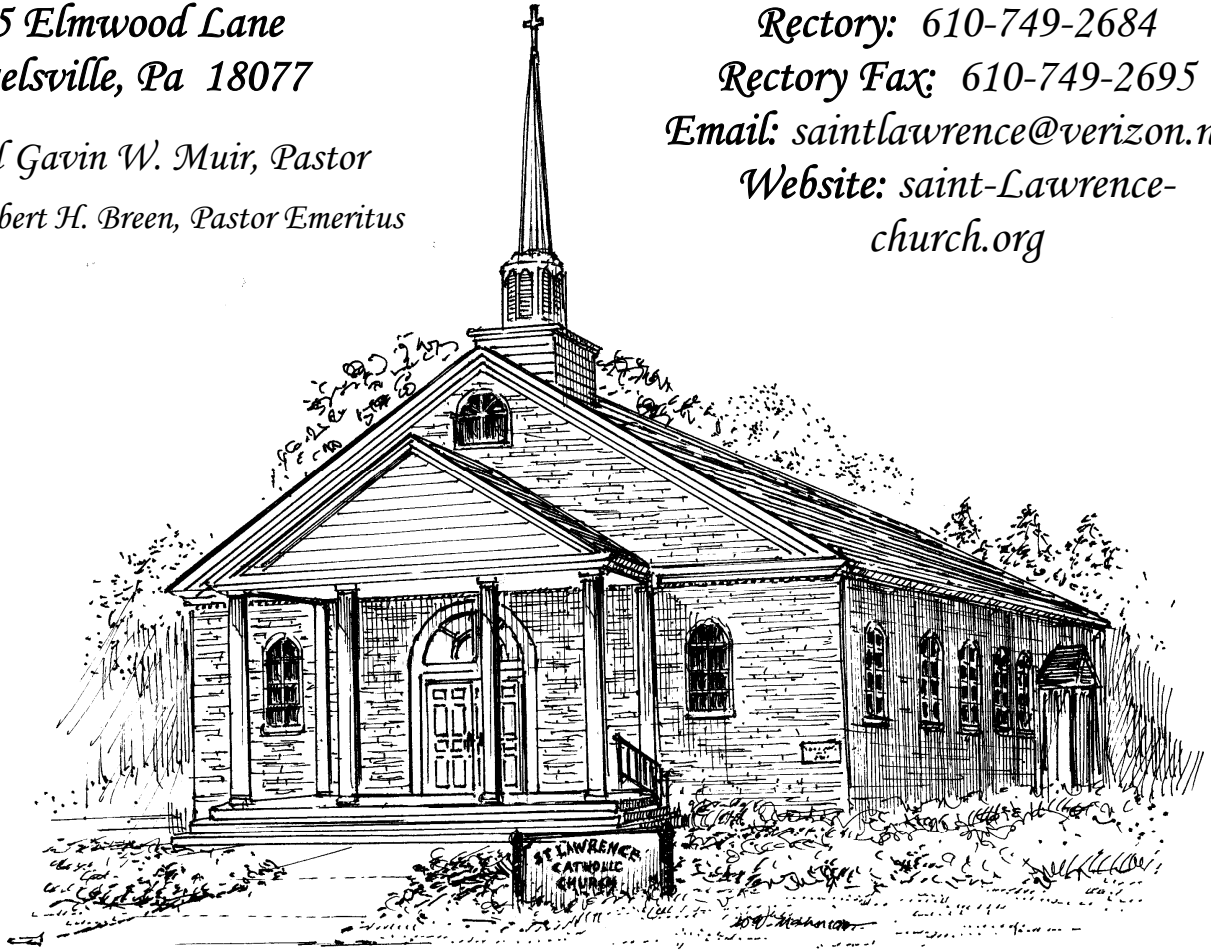


# Church of Saint Lawrence

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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.

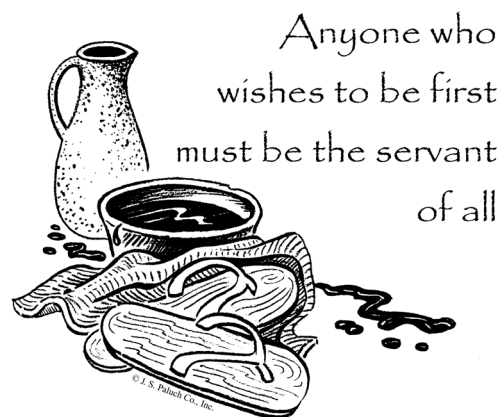
## Parish CCD Classes

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

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
September 20, 2015  
The fruit of righteousness is sown in  
peace for those who cultivate peace.  
- James 3:18**



Anyone who  
wishes to be first  
must be the servant  
of all

**Saturday, September 19th**

**Sunday Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM:

**Sunday, September 20th**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM:

10AM: Jennie Aquilino by Patricia Chmiel

**Monday, September 21st**

**St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

9AM: Fran Torgerson by the Patton family

**Tuesday, September 22nd**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

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

7:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Thursday, September 24th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Friday, September 25th**

**Weekday**

6:30PM: Gertrude Nicholas by her family

**Saturday, September 26th**

**St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs/Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM:

**Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

**Flower Donations**

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

**Collections:**

September 13th: \$2,283.00

Black & Indian Missions: \$233.00

**Domestic Church Media, Catholic Radio** has expanded to cover our listening area! Tune in to 1260AM and experience the “Joy of the Gospel!” Download the WFJS smart phone app, or listen live online @[www.DomestChurchMedia.org](http://www.DomestChurchMedia.org).

**OUR BEST**

The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.

—Anonymous

**'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE**

The Shaker hymn describes a circular journey from innocence to innocence with characteristic brevity:

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.*

*'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.*

This journey is easier sung about than done. It takes humility and time to recover a second innocence. Titles, positions of honor, money, and power are not requirements of the kingdom of God. Jesus says and demonstrates in today's Gospel that members of God's kingdom must hold in their embrace the most inconsequential of persons, for that person is identified with Jesus. This attitude ran counter to the intuition of the world of Jesus' time, as it does in ours.

The simplicity set forth by Jesus requires the shedding of unnecessary, unimportant, false, and burdensome attachments that earthly power demands. Membership in the Kingdom is light enough to put a song in our heart.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Toward the end of the second century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat's hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn't tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance-like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.

—Rev. James Field

## ENROLLMENT FOR CCD

Information and registration forms are in the vestibule. . Your payment must be received to be considered enrolled. A \$10 late fee will be added per child after 9/14/15 to cover shipping charges for a late order of materials. Parent and Child Opening Day Orientation will be on October 4, 2015 at 9am. We are still in need of an adult volunteer for the 3rd grade class .

**Men's Club:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the monthly meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 7PM in the parish hall. Note the normal meeting night is the second Monday of the month. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

## Urban Trinity: The Story of Catholic Philadelphia—a first of its kind urban history documentary

Learn about Catholic history in Philadelphia just in time for the World Meeting of Families! History Making Productions, the Philadelphia-based EMMY award winning documentary film company behind Philadelphia: *The Great Experiment*, has produced a new documentary film, *Urban Trinity*. *Urban Trinity* explores Philadelphia's history "through the lens of the many Catholic immigrants who shaped and changed the city." The film is presented in three 26-minute chapters. *Urban Trinity* will be broadcast on **6abc/WPVI-TV. Parts one and two will air back to back on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7PM. Part three will air on Sunday, September 27th at Midnight** after Pope Francis' departure from Philadelphia.

## 40 Days for Life—Warminster

From September 23rd through November 1st, Bucks and Montgomery County parishes will sign up parishioners for a peaceful prayer vigil each day from 7am until 7pm at the abortion facility of Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive, Warminster. Our parish day is October 26, 2015. To schedule an hour to pray, call Kevin Murphy @610-847-9942 or sign up on the list in the vestibule.

## Why become a Knight?

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal service organization for Catholic men since 1882 dedicated to "God, Family and Country". Our primary goals are to support the church, protect and enhance family life and to be involved in the community through the practice of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. If these are your goals and principles and you would like to find out more, please talk to one of the Knights after Mass in the vestibule or visit the Supreme website at [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org) or call Vince Morelli at 215-399-6025. -K of C Father Stommel Council 4545

## K of C Annual Penny Party: October 14th

The Knights are collecting new items, collectables, clothing, cheer, electronics, glassware, toys, etc. An opportunity to donate those items you can't or will never use. Collection box in vestibule or large item pickup call Joe Affuso 610-258-1621.

## Amazing Grace on Broadway in New York

September 23, 2015. Bus leaves Regina Academy SJB at 10:30am; show time 2PM; return 7:30PM. Bring lunch. Pizza for all on the ride home! Ticket price \$115/person. Commitment **deadline 9/20/15; payment due 9/21/15**. Make checks payable to RA@SJB. Questions call Geoffrey Meyer 610-960-7062 or see flyer in the vestibule.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

09/26 5PM: Jane Burger

09/27 8AM: Bernie Boylan

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

09/26 5PM: Andrew Benner & Francis Reinhart

09/27 8AM: Anna Holmgard

10AM: Conor, Darafin, & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

09/26 5PM: Linda Krager & Joe Affuso

09/27 8AM: Bernadette Maszczyk & Janet Davis

10AM: 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!

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 Trinchera, 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nick Sciss and Elsie McHale.

## 2015 Holy Father's Prayer Intention:

**September:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

## TODAY'S CATHOLIC SISTERS: Who They are, Why We Need Them

Join us Saturday, October 10th at Immaculata University, from 1-4PM, to learn about the newest generation of Catholic Sisters and why we need them now more than ever. Hear remarkable stories from these women who have answered The Call. This event will feature several young sisters, along with the authors of *New Generations of Catholic Sisters: The Challenge of Diversity*. Refreshments served; Mass will follow at 4:15PM. This event is sponsored by the National Religious Vocation Conference. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP at [www.immaculata.edu/todays-sister](http://www.immaculata.edu/todays-sister).

## St. Martin of Tours, New Hope, PA

Invites you to experience four unforgettable nights! Enjoy this faith-filled event of song and prayer with **Vincent Ambrosetti**. Ambrosetti composed, recorded and, by invitation of the Vatican, performed for John Paul II, the first English Mass Setting ever sung at St. Peter Basilica in Rome. His music has been placed in the Vatican archives alongside the works of Vivaldi, Puccini, Verdi and Corelli. Sunday, October 4, 2015 "Awaken Our Hearts" Parish Family Concert 7PM. October 5, 6, & 7 Parish Mission 7PM. For more information, call 215-862-5472 or [infor@stmartinoftours.org](mailto:infor@stmartinoftours.org).