


# *St. Lawrence Parish*

505 Shelton Avenue - Huntington, Connecticut 06484

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***October 23, 2022 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***



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Tessa Lee Blaise Coffin  
Benjamin Luke Conelius  
Mason Michael Czaplinski  
Jason Patrick DeAndrade  
Isabella Therese DeJesus  
Emma Francis Fernandes  
Mathew Andrew Fortin  
Chase Sebastian Galke  
Owen Pio Gannon  
Lily Gianna Grabarz  
Juliana Mary Grich  
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Lucy Elizabeth Hare  
Chelsea Teresa Hartsburg  
Colin Anthony Hartsburg  
Daniel Peter Hilser  
Matthew Luke Hluska  
Katie Anne Hynes  
Alexander Sebastian Iadarola  
Madeline Dymphna Judge  
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Abby Dymphna Laucella  
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Mia Catherine Mladi  
Lia Elizabeth Monteiro  
Sadie Isabelle Morris  
Alfonso Giuseppe Palmieri  
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Michael Laurence Perrotta  
Mya Angela Plonski  
Michael Michael Prancuk  
Ava Grace Quigley  
Maya Matilda Rafalko  
Matthew Nicholas Reilly  
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Logan Sebastian Sepkaski  
Justin Sebastian Sevillano  
Allison Veronica Silvestro  
Ava Cecilia Tadduni  
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Gianna Brigid Testi  
Roger Anthony Thomas  
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Jeremy Francis Wojtowicz  
James Sebastian Zaccagnini  
Milana Eliguis Zukowski

## *Confirmation*

***Come Holy Spirit, fill the Hearts of Your Faithful;  
and kindle in them the Fire of Your Love.***

**Monday, October 24th****9:00AM Noel Zanchelli**

(Req. by Melanie and Nick Kalapos)

**Tuesday, October 25th****9:00AM Ana Pereira**

(Req. by her family)

**Wednesday, October 26th****9:00AM Mary Kelly**

(Req. by Kevin Kelly)

**Thursday, October 27th****9:00AM Sandra Lee Jammal**

(Req. by Freda Witalis)

**Friday, October 28th****9:00AM Richard Alagno**

(Req. by Deacon Frank and Sandra Masso)

**Saturday, October 29th****9:00AM Linda Wallace**

(Req. by her family)

**5:00PM Irene Vesely (living intention)**

(Req. by Joan Farley)

**Sunday, October 30th ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time****7:30AM Stella Ingram**

(Req. by the Kuna family)

**9:30AM Slawomira Mrozinska**

(Req. by the Turecek family)

**11:30AM Joe and Pauline Solusky**

(Req. by Rich and Myra Palmiero)

**5:00PM Saint Lawrence Parish Family**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Each First Friday following the 9:00 am Mass  
until 6:00 pm, with Benediction at 5:45 pm

*“Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing  
the love of Jesus Christ”*

## Candles



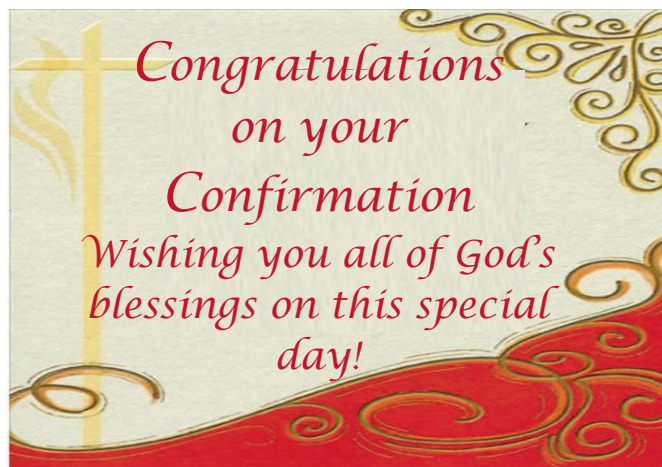
For the Week of  
October 22nd ~ October 27th

***A Lamp Burns for a Special Intention***

*The Sanctuary Lamp* burns in loving memory of  
**William Hannon**  
offered by Katharine

*The Mary Candles* burn in loving memory of  
**The Parishioners of Saint Lawrence Parish**

*The Saint Joseph Candle* burns for  
**Families at Saint Lawrence Parish** who are  
experiencing difficult times



**WE GIVE** *because*  
**GOD GAVE FIRST**

**Weekend of October 15th/16th**

Sunday Offertory: \$9,890.00

Online giving: \$3,984.00

Total: \$13,874.00

Hurricane Ian Relief: \$3,980.00

**If you would like to support Saint Lawrence Parish** through online giving, we invite you to visit our parish website at [www.stlawrenceshelton.org](http://www.stlawrenceshelton.org), and click on the online giving logo for more information and enrollment instructions.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**



## Contact Information:

**Rectory Office Phone:** 203-929-5355

**Fax:** 203-929-8939

**E-mail Address:** [stlawrpar1@aol.com](mailto:stlawrpar1@aol.com)

**Website:** [www.stlawrenceshelton.org](http://www.stlawrenceshelton.org)

### Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

**Pastor:** Fr. Ciprian Bejan

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Krzysztof Kuczynski

**Deacons:** Anthony Cassaneto, Frank Masso, Joseph Klimaszewski

**Assistant Deacon:** Jim Brown

**Office Administrator:** Maureen Cole

**Communications:** Kathy Kelly

**Religious Education:** 203-929-8421

Karen O'Keefe, Coordinator

**Cantor/Music Director:**

Jennifer Haddon, 203-640-7242

**Parish Council President:** Bill Farmer

**Parish Trustees:** Carol Calandra and James Woods

## Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday ~ Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

### Holy Days of Obligation:

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

### Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm

Sunday: 11:00-11:30 am

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Scheduled Sundays: 1:00 pm

(by appointment only)

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Please call the Rectory Office to schedule a wedding

## Holy Trinity Catholic Academy:

**Phone:** 203-929-4422

**Head of School/Principal:** Lisa Lanni

## Welcome

*New parishioners are invited to visit the Rectory Office to register at St. Lawrence Parish*

*You can download a registration form at [stlawrenceshelton.org](http://stlawrenceshelton.org)*

## From the Pastor's Desk



*Dear Parishioners,*

As the life of our family of faith at Saint Lawrence church continues to grow steadily through our participation in the spiritual, formational and social activities of the parish, there are also very special moments that mark some members in a very special way. This Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bishop Caggiano will confer the sacrament of Confirmation to sixty four young men and women of our parish. Anointed and marked with the Holy Spirit they are sent into this confused world to give witness of our Christian faith, of God's Love, of the divine Wisdom that guides our lives and actions. We pray for them and for their families that they will have the courage to proclaim their allegiance to God and be guided by the values taught by Christ in the Gospel. Once confirmed, they are equipped and ready to go out as disciples of our Lord Jesus. Sixty four new disciples is a good number to proclaim the Good News. Will all of them do it? Again, we pray that wisdom and courage will accompany them on their new journey of life.

We congratulate them and we ask for God's blessing on them and their families!

*Father Ciprian Bejan, Pastor*



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3<sup>rd</sup> Danielle Morrissey and Michael Manseau

### Pre-Baptismal Class

The next pre-baptismal class will be held on **Sunday, November 6th**, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. First-time parents are required to attend this class before having their baby baptized.

Please call the Rectory Office to register.



### In Memoriam

Please pray for the recently deceased.

Saint Lawrence Parish Family extends our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of the faithful departed, especially: Rose Catena

May she rest in Peace.



## Religious Education

### Next class:

Grades 1-4 - Tuesday, October 25th

Grades 5-8 - Monday/Tuesday October 24th/25th\*

\*Family Catechesis for Grades 5—8, a parent must attend class with their child(ren) on October 24th/25th. Fr. Ciprian will lead class for everyone in the gym. Attendance will be taken. Students should check-in with their teacher upon arrival to the gym.

### Grade 3 Penance Session #1

Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am—12 Noon

Don't forget your banner, snack, review sheet and name tag

Parent meeting in the Parish Center 9:00—9:30 am

**MASS PASSES have started.** All students in grades 1-8 are required to attend mass every weekend and get a Mass Pass from the Priest or Deacon at the end of mass. Students should hand in their Mass Passes to their religion teacher at class.



## CAUTION

### Parking Lot Safety Guidelines

Please read and follow

For the safety of everyone, please adhere to the following guidelines for Saint Lawrence Parking lots:

**Drive SLOWLY and SAFELY** through the parking lots, following arrows in applicable areas. Be especially aware and cautious of people (including students when school is in session) walking out from between parked cars.

**Park ONLY in designated/marked parking spaces.** The parking spaces are deliberately designed to allow safe traffic flow, adequate visibility of pedestrians and vehicles, and access for first-responder vehicles to get through and maneuver in the event of an emergency. There are more than sufficient spaces to accommodate parking at most times, so please be considerate and park in a marked space.

Please park between the painted lines to ensure there are enough spaces for everyone to park.

**When walking through the parking lot,** pay attention and look up. Drivers cannot always see you when you come out from between parked cars. Also, due to our location, many cars drive fast through the parking lot trying to beat the light at the intersection, which creates a potential danger to pedestrians.

When school is in session, please park in one of the two lower parking lots for daily mass, keeping the upper lot in front of the school empty for the safety of the students.

**We ask that everyone follow these guidelines** to improve the safety of our parking areas. There have been multiple instances reported of near misses due to vehicles parked outside of designated spaces or vehicles driving too quickly through the parking lot.



The month of October is dedicated to the Devotion of the Most Holy Rosary. Please join us to pray the Rosary this October in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in worshipping her Son, Jesus.

*"By its nature, the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way, the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are unfolded."* Pope Paul VI

We will continue praying the Scriptural Rosary on October 27th at 7:30 pm to pray Glorious Mysteries as we meditate on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. It is said to pray all the Mysteries of the Rosary is to pray the whole New Testament.

**\*In addition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary** are prayed weekdays at 3:00 pm by the outdoor Mary Statue weather permitting, otherwise in the Church. (There is no afternoon prayer on Thursday evenings during October.) All are welcome!

Contact Eva Marie Duffy at (203)305-3522 with questions. *"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."* St. Padre Pio



THE WOMEN  
OF SAINT  
LAWRENCE



### SAVE THE DATE

Our Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 6th, after the 9:30 am Mass. Brunch will

follow at Brownson Country Club. Tickets are \$20 (cash only) and we will be sold after all masses the weekends of October 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th.

### Who are the Women of St. Lawrence?

We are faith-oriented women who pray together, socialize together, and do community outreach together.

All women of St. Lawrence are members of WOSL (Women of St. Lawrence).

So come join us on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm for an hour of fellowship.

Please contact Pat Fedak at 203-929-4176 with any questions.



**WOSL COMMUNION BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, November 6th**  
**Following 9:30 am Mass**  
**Brunch at Brownson Country Club**

For tickets contact: Millie 203-929-0527  
Jo 203-261-8955  
Pat 203-929-4176



### "Healing Mass"

The Parish Nurse Ministry at St. Margaret Mary Church, 50 Donovan Lane, Shelton, will be sponsoring a Healing Mass on October 26, 2022 at 6:30pm.

This Healing Mass will be dedicated to the mending of the mind, body, and soul. Emotional trauma, health problems, or a stressful work life all too often take a toll on our minds and bodies. It's important to remember how the compassion of Christ and His saving love, in the form of Holy Oil and Holy Communion, can support our trials in life, especially when we seek Christ alongside our brothers and sisters of faith.

# Come as you are.

## YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

**Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God**

Join us for **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point** as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.



Saint Lawrence Parish Center  
Tuesdays, 9:45—11:15 am (17 weeks)  
[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

For Questions or to Register contact:  
Jill Stowe—[stowej7@gmail.com](mailto:stowej7@gmail.com) or 224-805-1262  
Sandy Matthew—[sandy.matthew@att.net](mailto:sandy.matthew@att.net) or 203-260-1226



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### Faith Builders

Scripture Reflection Group

Would you like to have a better understanding of the scriptures before going to Mass on the weekends?

Join Faith Builders as we review the upcoming weekend readings, their meanings, and how these reading fit into our lives today. To get a better understanding of these readings we enjoy watching Jeff Cavins offer his insight.



Wednesdays 9:30—11:00 am  
in the Parish Center

Join us as we study God's word, pray for one another, and grow together in Christ.

For more information, please contact  
Susan Rowan @ [msrow2729@yahoo.com](mailto:msrow2729@yahoo.com)



### Prayers and Petitions:

**Please hold especially in your prayers all the members of our Parish who are in the hospital, nursing homes, homebound, or in need of the comfort of prayer:**

Maria Albano, Lyndon Bauer, Roseann Blanco, Joseph Burger, Frank Busa, Betty Butts, Thomas Cain, Wayne Carlson, Elaine Carvalho, Louis Chkowski, Patricia Colbert, Robert Collett, Kyle Colucci, Jennifer Coppola, Robert F. Curley, Judy Curran, Gabrielle Dana, Elizabeth Davison, Joan Delaney, Peter DeSanto, Gina DiFederico, John DiPallo, Dick Egan, Patty Eng, Nick Esposito, Francis Xavier Falanga, Sandra Falanga, Irene Farmer, Michael Fazio, Richard Fazio, Gilda Festa, Andrea Franzago, Christine Gargano-Rosso, Anne Marie Gaynor, Mark Gaynor, Mike Gemma, Kristin Graf, Kevin Gydus, Jean Hadden, Walter J. Hannon, Ann Haste, Andrew D. Hernon, Deborah Horvath, Jennifer Jaworski, Robert Jevarjian, Amy Job, Bill Joyce, Audrey Kaszuba, Jim Kotschlidis, Christina Lake, Stephanie Leko, Connie Leniart, Kristin Lupulio, Christopher Madden, Dorothy Magyar, Joey Mandanici, Mary Jane Martucci, Betty Maulucci, Jean McCormick, Gene Memoli, Taylor Miller, Sr., Martina Mirci, Richard Monte, Kathryn Morales, Alice Moran, Joseph O'Neil, Richard Osso, Jill Paul, Ronald Pavlucik, Anne Perler, Cheryl Peterson, Rosita Petrocelli, Jennifer Phelps, Kelly Pineau, Julie Porzio, Helene Prokop, William Randall, Paul Rigoli, Diamond Rosa, Roger Roy, Michael Saul, Kristin Sciarappi, Jack Bradford Scofield, Joseph Sheridan, Antonio Silveira, Manuel Silveira, Maria Silveira, Mary Sorge, John Spodnick, Tom and Betsy Swank, Patricia Szube, Campbell Taft, Alejo Verdes, Dan Verrilli, Jeff Van Vooren, Pearl Walsh

### Bereavement Ministry



#### Six Steps to Help the Bereaved

- Listen without judgment, just be present and let the person talk.
- Comfort through touch, offer a hug or hold a hand.
- Share your memories of the loved one who died
- Call, visit, and send cards
- Help by grocery shopping, chores, driving them places
- pray for those who grieve, and with them if they want

**Next meeting: November 13th**

Please contact Mickie Hope at 203-929-8499 for further information on how we may help you.

As part of our Bereavement Ministry, we offer "Transitions": a support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. You may contact Jim Linden at 203-561-3410, or Mickie Hope at the number above.

### † Knight's Corner †



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Saint Lawrence  
Council #14014**

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference."

To join or for more information about the Knights, please call Carlos Perez at 203-395-8086.



### HOUSE BLESSING

Please consider having your house blessed, especially if it hasn't been blessed before or in recent years.

Contact the Rectory Office 203-929-5355 or speak to Fr. Krzysztof directly to schedule a blessing. This can also apply to businesses.

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There is no additional cost to you to participate in the AmazonSmile program and Amazon donates 100 percent of the proceeds to our parish when you choose St. Lawrence Parish as your designated charity.

You can directly access the St. Lawrence Church charity link at:

**<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0739644>**

There is also a direct link to the AmazonSmile Saint Lawrence Parish contribution page on our parish website at: **[Stlawrenceshelton.org](http://Stlawrenceshelton.org)**.

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## Respect Life Ministry

Proclaiming and supporting God's truth that life is a sacred gift from the moment of conception to natural death.

To protect Connecticut babies in the womb and help parents in need, now is the time to act--advocate for changes in state policy, become aware of what you can do to help, and pray.

A directory of services for our area, the "**Services and Resources for Pregnant Moms, Dads, and Families,**" is located in the entryway of the church. Please take a copy in case you know or meet someone who could use services.

### **Pray for Life with Others!**

**Thursday, October 27th - Come pray with us near Planned Parenthood for life-** Intentions include an end to abortion, for help and support to mothers and fathers in need, for healing for parents grieving their abortions, and conversion of those in the abortion industry. **Join our carpool leaving St. Lawrence Church parking lot at 9:45am and returning by 11:45am.**

**40 Days for Life Campaign** - This prayer campaign is now underway **through November 6<sup>th</sup>**. To sign up to pray go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/bridgeport> You are not required to sign up, but when you go to the site you will see when others are praying in case you want to pray with others, or choose times on days where prayers are still needed. Location: the sidewalk at the entrance of Commerce Park, 4697 Main St., Bridgeport.

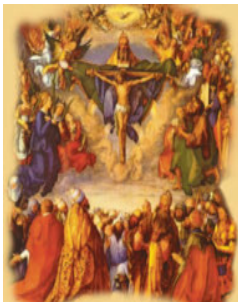
**Questions?** For more information on these activities, contact Linda Kosko at (203)913-4661 or [Lkosko@ymail.com](mailto:Lkosko@ymail.com).

**Let us pray:** May the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts, we pray to the Lord. For all those whose hearts ache from participation in abortion: May they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we pray to the Lord. Amen. (USCCB)



Join the Mystical Rose Community of Lay Carmelites and experience God through prayer, silence and reflection centered around devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

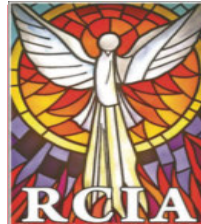
For more information, please contact Marie Zyskowski, Formation Director, at 203-924-1929.



**Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints' Day and a Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be at 7:00 and 9:00 am and 12:10 and 7:00 pm.

**On Wednesday, November 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls.** We will have a special Mass at 9:00 am to commemorate all the individuals in our parish who have died this past year.

***Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.***



## RCIA

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**Beginning Sunday, October 30th  
2:30 pm in the Parish Center**

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering or rediscovering our Catholic faith, our parish is offering the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. The first session will be on Sunday, October 30th, at 2:30 pm in the Parish Center. This program is directed towards non-Catholics who may have an interest in our religion, those who were baptized Catholic but did not finish the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation), and those who were fully initiated but have a desire to explore and have a better understanding of the catholic faith. If you are curious or interested in what becoming a fully initiated catholic is about, please feel free to join us on Sunday, October 30th.

Those who wish to enter the Catholic Church will be received at the Easter Vigil, and those who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed on Pentecost next year. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 24th	Adult Faith Formation with Deacon Anthony, 10:00—11:30 am
October 25th	Adult Faith Formation with Deacon Anthony, 7:00—8:30 pm
October 25th	Walking with Purpose meeting, 9:45—11:15, Parish Center
October 25th	Altar server training, 2:00—3:15 for HTCA students, 5:15—6:30 for other students
October 27th	Scriptural Rosary, 7:30 pm
November 1st	All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation
November 2nd	All Souls Day Mass, 9:00 am
November 6th	Women of Saint Lawrence Communion Breakfast, following 9:30 Mass at Brownson Country Club
Faith Builders	Wednesday mornings, 9:30—11:00 am, Parish Center
Choir Practice	Wednesday evenings, 6:30—8:00 pm, in the Music Room
Lay Carmelites	Meet the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the Parish Center
Knights of Columbus	Meet the 3rd Thursday of the Month
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	Each First Friday following the 9:00 am Mass

### **All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated at the following Diocese cemeteries on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 11:00 am**

St. Michael Cemetery in Stratford  
Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Trumbull  
St. Peter Cemetery in Danbury  
St. John Cemetery in Norwalk  
St. John Cemetery in Darien

St. Mary-Putnam Cemetery in Greenwich

Tents, seating, programs and portable facilities will be provided. Carnations and Lourdes holy water will be distributed at the conclusion of the masses.

More information is available on the Diocese Cemetery website.

### **Bulletin ad sales Announcement**

**Attention Business Owners, Professionals,  
Self Employed and Families!  
Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!**

Robin Ungaro from our bulletin publisher, LPi, is working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our Church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors!

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There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and

“yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

## Watch Sunday Mass

You can view our Parish Masses at Saint Lawrence live at 5:00 pm on Saturdays and 9:30 am on Sundays, or at any time after by visiting our Facebook page: [@StLawrenceShelton](#). A link to the Facebook page is available on our website: [stlawrenceshelton.org](http://stlawrenceshelton.org).

For a list of live-streamed masses throughout the diocese, visit: [www.bridgeportdiocese.org](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org)

## “Masked Only Pews”

We have designated “Masked Only” pews in our church to accommodate those parishioners who are more comfortable attending Mass while wearing a mask and prefer to be seated in an area with other masked parishioners. If you choose to sit in a “Masked only” pew, please be considerate of those parishioners seated in these pews and wear a mask throughout the Mass.

Please note that it is not necessary to sit in these pews if you are wearing a mask, however, these pews are reserved for only those parishioners who are wearing a mask. Parishioners who choose to attend Mass while unmasked should refrain from sitting in the “Masked Only” pews.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Parishioners who are homebound** and unable to attend mass in person due to serious or extended illness should contact the Rectory Office if they would like a Priest or Deacon to deliver communion to them at home, or for confession.

If a parishioner requires or desires the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the rectory office. “The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive the sacrament has certainly already arrived” (*Catechism*, 1514).

## Bulletin News

Please submit all entries for the parish bulletin by noon, on the **Monday** before the weekend. Information should be emailed to

[stlawrpar1@aol.com](mailto:stlawrpar1@aol.com), attn: bulletin,

or dropped off in the Rectory Office. Please include the dates that you wish your submission to run in the bulletin. Information will be included/edited as space allows.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prior to holidays, the deadline will be earlier. Please submit entries 10 days prior to the bulletin date.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest till it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. (Sir 35:21)

### PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

### SECOND READING:

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.  
(2 Tm 4:8)

### GOSPEL:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday;  
St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Friday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

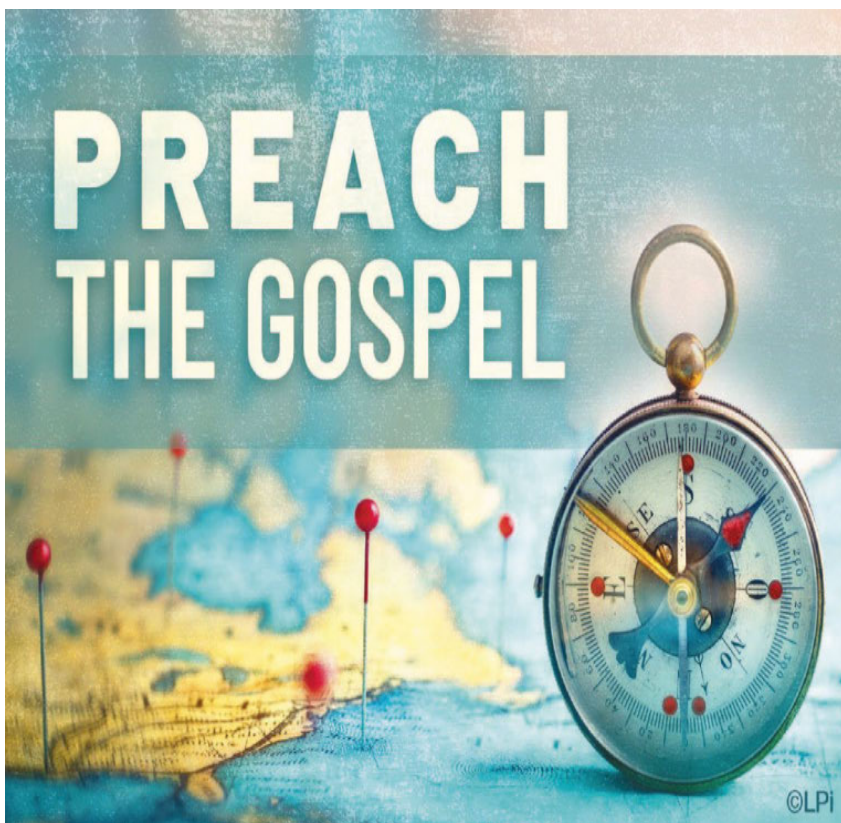
Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"But the tax collector stood off at a distance . . . and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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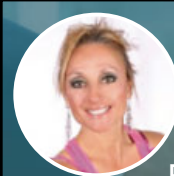
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