

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon Weekdays and Saturdays: 8 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m. On the Holy Day: 8:00 a.m., 12 Noon, 7:00 p.m.

Recitation of the Rosary: Daily after the 8 a.m. Mass (except Sunday)

Eucharistic Adoration: First Monday of the Month 7-8 p.m.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard each Saturday from 3:30 - 4 p.m., or any time by appointment.

BAPTISM: Baptisms take place on the third Sunday of each month, following the Noon Mass. Call the office to schedule a date. First-time parents are asked to attend a Baptismal preparation class.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples seeking to be married at St. Lawrence are asked to contact the parish office one year in advance, due to the meetings needed to prepare for this Sacrament. This should be done before any reception plans.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Call the parish office to make arrangements for a visit from Father (which can also include Anointing and Confession), a Deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister. In the case of hospital stays, patient privacy laws prevent hospitals from releasing names. Please call the office if you, or someone you know, has been admitted.

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<u>PASTORAL STAFF</u>

Rev. Mark F. Kehoe-Pastor Mr. Stephen Gajewski, Deacon Mr. Gregory Ris, Deacon Mr. Michael Abriola, Deacon Mrs. Judy Logan, Parish Catechetical Leader

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

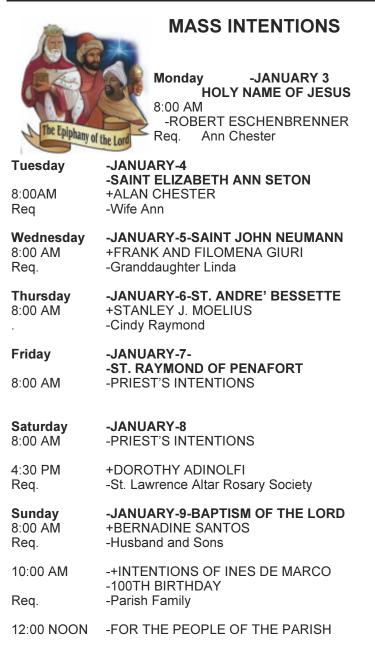
| Tuesday: | Grades 1, 2 | 4 – 5:15 p.m. |
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| | Grades 6, 7, 8 | 7 – 8 :15 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | Grades 3, 4, 5 | 4 – 5:15 p.m. |

Religious Education Office – (732) 566-0226

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a program for those who wish to become Roman Catholic, as well as those baptized Roman Catholics who would like to complete their Sacraments of initiation. Also, different opportunities take place during the year to help adult Catholics learn more about their Catholic faith. See the bulletin for details.

ST. LAWRENCE FOOD PANTRY: Open on Saturdays 8:30am to 10 a.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners should register by contacting the parish office. Registration is necessary, but not enough to be considered a practicing Catholic; regular Sunday worship is required. Certificates of Eligibility (to serve as a Godparent or Sponsor) can only be given to parishioners who regularly attend Mass, since they certify a practicing Catholic. Please let the office know of any change in contact information.



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ALTAR ROSARY MEETING THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 3. There will be a Holy Hour from 7pm to 8pm. The Rosary will be said at 7p. All are welcome. The meeting for members will follow at 8pm.

MEMORIAL CANDLE

You can have your loved ones remembered with a MEMORIAL CANDLE that will burn for one year in our church from November 1 until October 31 of 2022. The donation is \$75 per candle. These candles are located in the vestibule of our church where the statues are. If you are interested, please call the rectory during office hours.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frank Caravella, Joseph Lo Guidice, Helen Wagner, Jim, Nancy Smith, Anuska Leyden, Eva Marie Ryan, Steven and Karen, Steven Rossi, Tara Burgstaller, Fred and Theresa Smith, Ines De Marco, Theresa Reck, Joseph Buckley, Ken Asmann, Edward Sprague, Arlene Bonici, Fr. Paul., Barbara Dowd-Day, Angelica Snyder, Eileen and John Spiak, Mildred Johnston, Ron and Barbara Bamford, , Alex Gomez, Angela Pagano, Paul Meola, Rose Marie Scarnegi, Karen Plowcha, "A.J." Silvestri, Arthur Danitz



ST.LAWRENCE FOOD PANTRY



IT WILL BE OPEN ON <u>SATURDAYS</u> <u>ONLY</u> FROM 8:30AM TO 10AM. FACE MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED. WE WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.



SINGERS/MUSICIANS NEEDED!

The 10 AM Contemporary Choir is looking for more singers/ vocalists and instrumentalists. Practice time is conducted on your time in the comfort of your home. The group practices at 9:30 AM before Mass. If you are interested or have any questions \, please email Deacon Greg at skinnyg30@yahoo.com Thank you



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

"...they prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold--we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense-represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh --is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus

Knights are always welcoming new members. You can scan the code below and be welcomed to the Order.. So any

men out there who are over 18--think about it. For more information contact Grand Knight Carl Agneta at- 908 601 1693 or mattiule58@gmail.com





THE MARY GARDEN MEMORIAL BRICKS



The St. Lawrence Altar Rosary Society is running a donor recognition fundraising project. permanent The donor recognition is an engraved brick that will be laid around The Mary Garden behind the rectory. Memorial bricks can be used to remember those who have passed away and they can also commemorate events in a person's life like a wedding

or baptism. This is an ongoing project and you do not have to be a parish member to purchase. Please check the St. Lawrence website (www.saintlawrencechurch.com) to see pricing and available graphics. To have your bricks included in the first phase of installation in the spring/summer of 2022, please place your order by January 8th, 2022.

To order your brick please go online to HTTPS://polarengraving.com/stlawrencealtar Payment can be made by check or PayPal



EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

Based on your income you may be eligible for assistance with an eviction notice, late payment of rent or rent increase that accrued form march 1, 2020 -August 31, 2021. Here is the telephone number and website to check out:

www.gardenstatehome.org or call 732-532-6865

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 8/9 the Annual Together in Charity Collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities Parish Assistance Program which provides 24 hour / seven day a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2021, over 43% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.



The Marianist Family Retreat Center

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of <u>college-age (17-22)</u>. High School Seniors are welcomed So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

JANUARY 7-9, 2022 at Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212 Cost: \$140 per person some financial aid is available Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or Call 609-884-3829

DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

According to History .com, the Ancient Babylonians are thought to be the first people to do this, and that was over 4,000 years ago. They also appear to be the first to have a NEW YEAR Celebration. However, instead of their year beginning in January, theirs began in March when they planted the new crops. This celebration, which was religious in nature, lasted for 12 days and was a pretty spectacular event. It was called Akitu. During this celebration, they would crown a new king or reaffirm their loyalty to the reigning king. They made promises to the Gods to pay off their debts and return any objects they may have borrowed. This sounds very much like ancient New Years resolutions.

They believed if they kept their word, their Gods would show favor to them during the new year. If they failed to keep these promises, their Gods would be very unhappy. Something they did not want to even think about.



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