



## *CELEBRATING 80 YEARS* **1943-2023**

### **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.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY CLOSED**

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY**

**10AM-3PM**

### **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.

# **Saint Lawrence**

## **Roman Catholic Church**

**109 Laurence Parkway**  
**Laurence Harbor, NJ 08879**  
**(732) 566-1093**



[www.saintlawrencechurch.com](http://www.saintlawrencechurch.com)

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

**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:**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Grades 1, 2</b>	<b>4 – 5:15 p.m.</b>
	<b>Grades 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>7 – 8:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Grades 3, 4, 5</b>	<b>4 – 5:15 p.m.</b>

**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.



		MASS INTENTIONS
	Monday	-DECEMBER-4 ST. JOHN DAMASCENE
8:00 AM-		FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	Tuesday	-DECEMBER-5+ +GERALDINE DI MAIO -Lucille Di Maio
8:00AM Req.	Wednesday	-DECEMBER-6-SAINT NICHOLAS +BOB ERIKSEN -Wife Anne
	7:00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS</b>
8:00 AM	Thursday	-DECEMBER-7-ST. AMBROSE +MARIE & SOLOMON GREENHAUS -Daughter Shelly
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7PM Req.		<b>VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> +WINIFRED (WINNIE) KLIMEK -Helen Derasmo
8:00 AM Req.	Friday	-DECEMBER-8-HOLY DAY <b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> -INTENTIONS OF MAUREEN MULCAHY -Dr. Kathleen Leo and Family
12 NOON Req.		-+NICHOLAS SALERNO -Family <b>THERE IS NO EVENING MASS</b>
8:00 AM Req.	Saturday	-DECEMBER-9-ST. JUAN DIEGO +ALBERTA MACHESE -Daughter and Family
		<b>CONFESSSIONS 3:30 UNTIL 4PM</b>
4:30 PM Req.		+PAUL AND MARY D'ANGELO -Daughter Joanna
8:00 AM Req.	Sunday	-DECEMBER-10- <b>-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> +MICHAEL HUOCK -Marlene and Paul Kienhofer
		<b>Following Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions until 9:30 AM</b>
10:00 AM Req.		+BOB ERIKSEN -Wife Anne
		<b>Following Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions until 11:30 AM</b>
12 Noon Req.		+JOSE N. MARTINEZ -Nivardo Martinez



The Blessed Mother Vigil Light will burn this week in memory of John & Bernadine Santos requested by Nicholas Santos

#### ST LAWRENCE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is opened on Saturdays between 8:30 am and 10 am. In the parish Center Thank You for your support

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Church says **PREPARE**

There are plenty of opportunities for confession before Christmas. Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. See the Mass list on the left.

#### A NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS.

The Church year revolves around the life of Christ. It begins with four weeks of Advent (coming) which represents the 4,000 years that the Jewish nation waited for the Messiah promised by God, to free them from slavery. Advent ends with Christmas, the celebration that the Messiah has come. There are many theories about December 25. We do know, Romans celebrated the return of their sun god around the winter Soltis which is December 21. For us that is the day when there is the least amount of daylight. Then daylight increases until summer. While Romans celebrated their sun god, Christians celebrated the Son of God. At least that is one of the reasons given.. Then, January takes us to Christ's early life until we reflect on the His death and resurrection at Easter which is usually close to Passover. On Holy Thursday, scripture says Jesus ate the Passover meal with His Apostles. The remainder of the year we reflect on His teachings. In November we hear about the ending of the world and Revelations tells us what is to come. The Church year ends with the Feast of Christ the King the eternal King. Then Advent begins again.

Although Christmas is always celebrated on December 25, the day itself changes from year to year. **This year Christmas falls on a Monday which means a change in the Sunday mass schedule for December 24. Please cut it out and keep it handy.**

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  
(a little DIFFERENT this year)



**Saturday December 23, the usual mass at 4:30 pm  
BUT  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 IS ALSO CHRISTMAS EVE**

**There are only 2 Sunday masses on Sunday Dec. 24. One at 8am and one at 11am.**

**At 12 noon, the Church will begin the celebration of Christmas**

**There are two Christmas Eve Masses for Christmas on Sunday, December 24  
A mass at 4:30 pm and a mass at 9:00 pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY DECEMBER 25  
Mass at 8am and 11 am**



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For more information, contact Grand Knight Nicholas Santos at 732-794-0889.

## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEMORIAL BRICKS

The St. Lawrence Altar Rosary Society is running a donor recognition fundraising project. The permanent donor recognition is an engraved brick. 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](http://www.saintlawrencechurch.com)) to see pricing and available graphics. **To order your brick please go online to [HTTPS://polarengraving.com/stlawrencealtar](https://polarengraving.com/stlawrencealtar)**  
Payment can be made by check or PayPal

## Coming NEXT WEEK December 10 Collection for Retired Religious

### SUPPORT A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Women and Men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need-usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the retirement fund for religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judith Mahoney, Nicholas Letteiri, Helen Morrell, Kristin and Jack Eimont, Sandy Trzaska, Ernestine McCormick, , Michael Babich, Robert Babich, Jean and Ciro Anscione, Anthony Pelle, Jim, Nancy Smith, Anuska Leyden, Eva Marie Ryan, Steven and Karen, Steven Rossi, Tara Burgstaller, Theresa Smith, Ines De Marco, Theresa Reck, Joseph Buckley, , Edward Sprague, Arlene Bonici, Fr. Paul. , Barbara Dowd-Day, Angelica Snyder, Eileen and John Spiak, Ron and Barbara Bamford, Alex Gomez, Angela Pagano, Rose Marie Scarnegi, Karen Plowcha, "A.J." Silvestri

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## AN ADVENT REFLECTION Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe (EWTN)

"At Mass, the Church has us begin the Season of Advent considering the Second Coming of the Lord. In His first coming, 2000 years ago, He came in humility and lowliness. He comes to us now in a hidden, yet profound, way in the holy Eucharist. At the end of time, He will come in glory and majesty in His Second Coming..

So, this is the first "gift" that we can give Jesus as we begin this Advent Season. We can give him our sins. That's what He came for - to take away the sins of the world - to take away my sins. Let's give them all to Him. This is a Season for making a good confession-of giving to Jesus all we are ashamed of, all that has not been worthy of Him, all that separates us from Him. That's what he came for.



## REMINDER

**A Christmas Musical presented by the Children of the parish on December 17 at 2pm in the Parish Center. Come and experience to true meaning of the Christmas season.**

## Marine Corps Reserve- TOYS FOR TOTS

There is a container in the back of the church to collect these toys. Toys for Boys and Girls of all ages will be appreciated. The last day to donate is December 17



**All toys must be new and unwrapped. Questions-732-715-0931**

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**ST. LAWRENCE ANNUAL  
CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY  
AND CRAFT FAIR  
DECEMBER 10,  
2PM TO 4:30PM-  
PARISH CENTER  
FOOD AND DELICIOUS DESSERTS  
AT OUR BAKE SALE  
BRING A CAMERA, SANTA WILL  
SHOW UP**



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