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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.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark F. Kehoe-Pastor

Mr. Stephen Gajewski, Deacon

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Mrs. Judy Logan, Parish Catechetical Leader

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

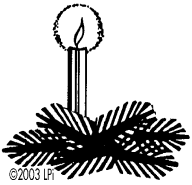
Tuesday:	Grades 1, 2	4 – 5:15 p.m.
	Grades 6, 7, 8	7 – 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday:	Grades 3, 4, 5	4 – 5:15 p.m.

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday**

-DECEMBER-4
ST. JOHN DAMASCENE
 FOR THE PEOPLE
 OF THE PARISH

8:00 AM-

Tuesday**-DECEMBER-5+**

8:00AM

+GERALDINE DI MAIO

Req

-Lucille Di Maio

Wednesday**-DECEMBER-6-SAINT NICHOLAS**

8:00 AM

+BOB ERIKSEN

Req.

-Wife Anne

7:00 PM**HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS****Thursday****-DECEMBER-7-ST. AMBROSE**

8:00 AM

+MARIE & SOLOMON GREENHAUS

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-Daughter Shelly

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7PM

+WINIFRED (WINNIE) KLIMEK

Req.

-Helen Derasmo

Friday**-DECEMBER-8-HOLY DAY****FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:00 AM

-INTENTIONS OF MAUREEN MULCAHY

Req.

-Dr. Kathleen Leo and Family

12 NOON

-+NICHOLAS SALERNO

Req.

-Family

THERE IS NO EVENING MASS**Saturday****-DECEMBER-9-ST. JUAN DIEGO**

8:00 AM

+ALBERTA MACHESE

Req.

-Daughter and Family

CONFESSIONS 3:30 UNTIL 4PM

4:30 PM

+PAUL AND MARY D'ANGELO

Req.

-Daughter Joanna

Sunday**-DECEMBER-10-****-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM

+MICHAEL HUDOCK

Req.

-Marlene and Paul Kienhofer

Following Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration
and Confessions until 9:30 AM

10:00 AM

+BOB ERIKSEN

Req.

-Wife Anne

Following Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration
and Confessions until 11:30 AM

12 Noon

+JOSE N. MARTINEZ

Req.

-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 Solstis 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.

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**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**

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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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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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