

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

THE PASTORAL STAFF

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Mrs. Maria Davidson,
Director of Faith Formation
Mr. Christopher Koch,
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Mrs. Lorraine Magyar,
Director of Parish Outreach
Mrs. Jean Rico,
Assistant Director of Faith Formation
Mrs. Gloria Ryan, Baptism Coordinator
Mrs. Jeanmarie Smith, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Marie Winn, Director of Music

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Arrangements for preparation and celebration of infant baptism may be made by calling (631) 589-8934, Monday through Thursday.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements should be made with the church at least six months prior to the wedding celebration. Either the bride or the groom, or one of their families, should be associated with the parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession)

Celebrated each Saturday in church from 3:45-4:45 P.M., or by appointment with one of the priests.

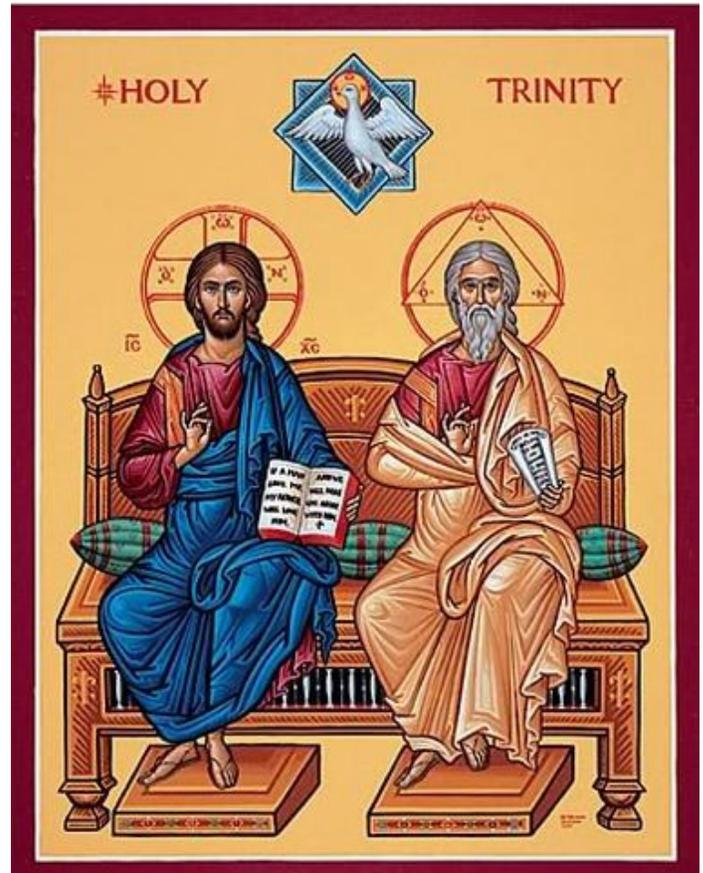
VISITATION TO THE SICK:

May be arranged through the rectory office for the purpose of Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. For emergency sick calls, phone the rectory at any time.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally immediately following the 9:00A.M. Mass on the first Saturdays of December, February, April and August.

The Most Holy Trinity
June 11, 2017



PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

RECTORY	(631) 589-0042
RECTORY FAX	(631) 589-5318
FAITH FORMATION OFFICE	(631) 589-3160
CEMETERY OFFICE	(631) 589-3887
OUTREACH OFFICE	(631) 589-6155

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Parish Website: www.stlawrencesayville.org (631) 589-0042 Email us at: office@stlawrencesayville.org

MASS SCHEDULE

The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered in a special way for each of the names or intentions listed below. The donation received for each of these Mass intentions helps support the work of the parish, and our priests who minister at the Lord's altar.

Saturday June 10, 2017
9:00 Robert Bijesse +
5:00 Mary Jane Kliewer + Marie O'Halloran +
 Eleanor Omans + Ken Grant +
 Fr. Lawrence O'Leary +

Sunday June 11, 2017
7:30 All Our Parishioners
9:00 Claire Jeanne Jackson +
11:00 Joan Marion Seitz (12th Anniversary) +
 Michael Seitz (2nd Anniversary) +

Monday June 12, 2017
9:00 The Cregg Family

Tuesday June 13, 2017
Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00 William Benson +

Wednesday June 14, 2017
9:00 Emelia Goncalves +

Thursday June 15, 2017
9:00 The Leoce Family

Friday June 16, 2017
9:00 Fr. Serafino Anthonio Corali +

Saturday June 17, 2017
9:00 James & Rose Ostrom +
5:00 All Our Fathers Living & Deceased

Sunday June 18, 2017
7:30 All Our Fathers Living & Deceased
9:00 All Our Fathers Living & Deceased
11:00 All Our Fathers Living & Deceased

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE PARISH OFFICE: Open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.; Saturdays by appointment.

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:
 Open Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and Friday by appointment.

PARISH OUTREACH (SOCIAL MINISTRY):
 Open Monday through Friday, from 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon; Closed on weekends and holidays.

THE PARISH CEMETERY OFFICE:
 Open by appointment weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon

SAINT LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
 Meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.
 Please call (631) 317-9027 for more information.

SAINT LAWRENCE COLUMBIETTES: Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. for information or email stlcol.pres@gmail.com

PARISH DEVOTIONAL LIFE

THE ROSARY:
 Prayed in common from Monday through Saturday immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the church.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:
 Meets in the school on Mondays at 7:30 P.M.

QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY AND MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:
 Mondays in church 6 to 7:15 P.M.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
 Come worship the Eucharistic Lord on the First Friday of the month, from 12noon to 3:30 P.M., with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 P.M.

There is also a holy hour every Wednesday, dedicated to prayer for priests and priestly vocations, from 6 to 7:00 P.M.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE:
 Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and parish. Designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP:
 An ancient form of prayer that sets aside words and images in favor of sitting silently and receptively in the presence of God. Please contact Mrs. Barbara Shea at (631) 589-5257.

Weekly Collections

"How shall I make a return to the Lord, for all the good he has done for me?"

Sunday, June 4, 2017
 \$13,352.00

Weekly amount budgeted for the current fiscal year:
 \$13,327.00

A Message from Father Brian ~

I began last weekend's column by remarking (with a smile) that I enjoy wearing red vestments. Little did I know that *I wouldn't be wearing vestments at all* on Pentecost Sunday, since the recuperation from my hernia surgery would make celebrating Mass pretty close to impossible! I had definitely underestimated the time it takes to begin to feel steady, and on the way back to one's usual routine after what many people would call even "minimally invasive" surgery. I've been fortunate in not having had surgery at all (apart from some small skin cancers) during my 53 years, apart from another hernia repair when I was just 7 (go figure). So most of this intricate process, from initial consult to pre-surgical testing, to prepping in the days beforehand, to the actual procedure, to recovery and then post-operative care was all largely unfamiliar territory to me. (Not anymore!)

I have a greater appreciation now for the many, many members of our parish family—even of my own family—who have undergone procedures far more complicated and debilitating than mine. Our health is a precious thing, and when it becomes compromised, the physical, psychological and emotional trauma can be severe. I hope that in the future I will have an even deeper sensitivity to the burdens and fears of those who are injured or ill, and remembering my own journey to and from Mercy Medical Center, will be better able to offer as much reassurance and prayer as I can.

This might be a good opportunity to remind you that twice a year, we celebrate the **Anointing of the Sick** in the context of a week-end Mass. The last one was in October, and the next will be **Sunday, June 25th at 11:00 A.M.** (See the ad on page 4). For anyone who is seriously sick, dealing with a chronic or progressive condition, preparing for surgery, or suffering with emotional or psychological illness, the sacrament is intended to be a gentle but powerful reminder of God's loving kindness and unwavering desire to bring us to wholeness.

The sacrament is not magic, and God brings healing to our lives in ways that are often hidden, or different from what we might be hoping. But for any who are burdened at this time by serious illness or injury, this is a most beautiful way of opening ourselves to the healing balm of God's Spirit. May our brother and patron, St. Lawrence, pray for us. God love you!

Please Pray for the Sick

Bill Beaudry; Kevin Ferrara; Andrew Wittman Jr.; Kathleen Yaccarino; Allison Ruddick; John Zambito; James & Lorraine Mattimore; Bob McGarry; Jean Fallon; Jane Vlokhos; Eric Softye; Judith Cleary; John Susco; Gloria Portman; Rick LaFrance; John Kupres; Catherine Birong; Thomas Macaluso; Michael Schindlar; Robert Southard; Jim Tisdell; Joan Kennedy; Peter Donato; Evelyn Chavez-Escoboer; Christopher Goetz; Raymond Meigel; Margaret Dempsey; Matthew DeGraw; Dan Lumley; Ruth Hill; Bruce Weiler; Hulda Maiforth; Donald Taylor; Jomarie Anderson; Joanna Holik; Peter Hlywa; Mary Jane Ingram; Joseph Pers; Mary Gehler; Howard Grandjean; Gina Blenk; Doreen DeRuiter; Charles Fritz; Margaret Anderson; Michael Joseph and Concetta Ditta

Please call the Parish Office (631) 589-0042 if you wish to place or remove someone on our list. The request to have a name placed on the list must be made by the sick person himself or herself, or by an immediate family member.

Gifts of Love

The **Altar Rose**, which stands to the left of the tabernacle as a reminder of our prayers for the unborn, is donated in memory of
Baby Rellion Michael Jadick

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

We lift up our hearts in prayer for our brothers and sisters who have died, in the sure hope that they will see the Lord face to face:

Emma Doxsee

Can You Predict the Trend?

Some people are very good at spotting *trends* . . . whether they be trends in the weather, or in the stock market, or in what's the latest "big thing" on a restaurant menu. When it comes to parish life, there are some fairly predictable trends one can see without looking too hard, especially once we cross into summertime:

- One trend is that we're likely to see fewer of our fellow parishioners in church, even though our obligation to Sunday worship is no different in mid-summer than it is any other time of year.
- Another is that our weekend collections will almost certainly take a dive. This second trend is obviously linked to the first: with fewer people in the pews, the collection basket becomes lighter.

The first trend leaves me feeling sad. I know, of course, that many folks will be away on vacation—I'll be taking some time myself. But some parishioners seem to look at summer as an opportunity to take a break from pretty much *everything*, including Sunday Mass. They haven't necessarily left for Europe—they just don't feel the same inclination to attend during July and August. I wish I could convince them how the Lord longs for our presence at his table, and how we starve ourselves—unknowingly—if we put lesser pursuits ahead of the Bread of Life.

The other trend—the financial one—makes me nervous. If you follow the collection figures in the bulletin each week, you know that we typically receive perhaps \$1000 to \$2000 less than our budget requires. Occasionally we exceed the budgeted amount, but those weeks are the exception, not the norm. And during the summer months, that disparity can become considerably worse.

Please help St. Lawrence remain as spiritually and fiscally sound as possible, by not forgetting the parish during the coming months. Join us for the weekend liturgy as faithfully and consistently as you can. Allow the Lord who gives us this delightful season to inspire you, and comfort you, and challenge you, and feed you. And please do continue to support the parish—*your* parish—even when you're away. If an envelope for July 9th comes in a few weeks late, we'll still be happy to accept it! And if you're poking around online, why not go to www.faithdirect.net and consider doing it all electronically—like we do so many other things! E-giving ensures that the parish receives your gift no matter what month it is, and regardless of vacations or bad weather.

As pastor, I'm so *very grateful* for all you do—spiritually, ministerially, and financially—throughout the year. Please be mindful that *we need you* just as much between now and Labor Day as at any other time.

Father Brian

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Typically, the beautiful Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (formerly known as "Extreme Unction," or the "Last Rites") is celebrated in the home or hospital room of a person who is seriously ill—whether in body, mind, or

spirit. Sometimes the only people present for the ritual are the sick person him/herself, and the priest. But celebrating this gentle, powerful sacrament can also be a moving experience when experienced communally as a parish family.

Our next large-scale communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick will take place on **Sunday, June 25th, during the 5:00 P.M. Mass**. Those who are struggling with any kind of significant illness or disability, whether physical or mental, can present themselves for anointing. Those struggling with a chronic or worsening illness, the debilitating effects of aging, a psychological or psychiatric difficulty, preparation for upcoming surgery, a terminal diagnosis, or any other genuinely significant sickness are apt candidates to receive the Lord's healing blessing, surrounded by family and fellow parishioners.

FAITH FORMATION

The Office of Faith Formation invites you to prayerfully consider sharing your faith with a group of children as their catechist. Come share your faith and gifts with us! We will guide you, equip you, support you and train you. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 589-3160 for more information.

THE QUESTION BOX

Just for fun—and some ongoing education—we offer a question on our Catholic spirituality and tradition. Enjoy!

Q: With the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ just a week away, it might be a good opportunity to clarify what our Church's guidelines are when it comes to intercommunion, that is, the appropriateness of receiving communion in a non-Catholic Church, or of non-Catholics receiving in ours.

A: First of all, it should be pointed out that a clear and rather detailed explanation of the Church's guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion can be found inside the front cover of our missalette. The guidelines are well written, and address people in a variety of situations—from Catholics to non-Christians. The basic premise on the part of the Catholic Church (which is not necessarily shared by other Christian denominations) is that the Eucharist is the great sign of our unity as members of the Body of Christ. It should be received only by those who believe what we believe, and have *committed themselves to that belief* by entering into the Catholic Church. There are certain exceptional circumstances which can allow a non-Catholic Christian to receive the Eucharist for a specific occasion (for example, the Lutheran widow of a Catholic man might ask to receive at her husband's funeral Mass), but such situations are exceptional.

Because of this posture—that only Catholics are invited to the altar to receive Communion at a Catholic liturgy—our Church is sometimes mistakenly labeled as unwelcoming, or lacking in hospitality. This is not the case. We respect the integrity and inherent goodness to be found to varying degrees in non-Catholic denominations, and in non-Christian religions. But to invite those who do not share our faith to receive the Lord's Body and Blood would be to pretend that we enjoy a unity of belief that we simply do not. We pray for the day when, in his mercy, God will reunite the fractured pieces of his Church. Until that day, we should not pretend that we are already in full communion with other Christian groups when, sadly, we are not.

When it comes to receiving communion at a non-Catholic liturgy (e.g., in a Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, church), Catholics are not permitted to do so, *even though the invitation may be extended*. What a Methodist believes about "communion" is not what a Catholic believes, and vice-versa. The Catholic may certainly *attend* a church service in a non-Catholic denomination, particularly if it is impossible to attend a Catholic Mass. But to receive communion there would be tantamount to saying there is no difference between what we receive at a Catholic Mass, and what a Methodist friend receives in his or her church. We hold that *there is a difference*, not only in what we believe about communion, *but in the sacrament itself*.

The only exception here is for the Orthodox Churches (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.) The Roman Catholic Church fully recognizes the validity of the Orthodox Church's sacraments, so to receive Holy Communion at an Orthodox liturgy is to receive the very same Body and Blood of Christ. If a Catholic has nowhere to worship on a Sunday but at an Orthodox church, he or she may not only attend, but may receive Communion with no qualms of conscience.

An Orthodox believer, on the other hand, will probably not wish to receive in a Catholic church, and will frown on our receiving the Eucharist with them. Here, the Catholic Church comes across as the more permissive!



*Congratulations to
Justine Covais & Tara Ripko
who received the Sacrament of
Confirmation last Sunday.
May the Spirit fill your lives
with his love*

St. Lawrence Food Pantry

The Parish Outreach food pantry appreciates any and all donations, but this week we are in special need of the following items: **Coffee/tea bags, Prune juice, Large apple juice, Jar spaghetti sauce, Snacks, Paper towels, Toilet paper, Boxed Milk**

Gift cards \$5, 10, 20, 25.

Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

June 26th – 30th

9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

This year's theme....Maker Fun Factory.....A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, children will build, explore, and discover that they were made by the ultimate Maker, God! They will learn that each child was intentionally created by God who has a purpose for their life. What a week of fun—and lasting Bible learning!

There are still a few openings.
Please visit the Faith Formation
Office to register.

Decorating volunteers needed!!!

A few creative people are needed to help with the decorating for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Work with very creative and talented people...Paula Mancuso, Denise Baio, & Pat Beach, the masterminds and builders behind our VBS scenes. The actual decorating will take place June 22-25 with preparation early in the week. If interested in offering your time and talents, please call the Faith Formation Office at 589-3160.



Eucharistic Procession
For the
Solemnity of the
Body & Blood of Christ
Sunday, June 18th
To conclude the 9:00AM
Mass

SUMMER "HOUSEKEEPING" TIPS

1. With our newly installed air conditioning system working rather well, please keep the church doors **closed** . . . both the outer doors, and the wooden inner doors. Kindly do not prop them open.
2. The door leading from the church to the Bethany Center is unlocked, so that parishioners can make use of the Bethany restrooms and not be limited to the one small bathroom in the rear of the building.
3. Please do not leave books, novenas, religious articles, or other materials on the tables by the doors, without the approval of the rectory. Items left on the tables or around the building will be discarded.
4. Kindly replace hymnals in their holders, remove any tissues or other litter from the pews as you leave, and return missalettes to the shelf in the back of the church.

THANK YOU for helping keep our church neat, clean, and cool!