

ST LAWRENCE

MARCH 18, 2018

Lent 2018
come.pray.belong.

Sunday Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent

**“I will be their God and
they shall be my people”**

-JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

WHAT ARE BENEFITS OF GOING TO CONFESSION?

1. Confession helps us to better “know thyself.”

St Augustine and countless other saints and doctors of the Church talk about the importance of knowing ourselves well. Through coming to know ourselves better, we realized how fallen we are, and how badly we need God’s help and grace to get through life. Frequent Confession helps remind us to rely on God to help rid us of our sins.

2. Confession helps us overcome vice.

The grace we receive from the Sacrament of Confession helps us combat our faults and failings and break our habits of vice much more easily and expediently than we could otherwise do without the sacramental grace.

3. Confession brings us peace.

Guilt from the sins we commit can make us feel all mixed up inside and cause us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God’s forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders and we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.

4. Confession helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus.

Jesus was perfectly humble, perfectly generous, perfectly patient, perfectly loving—perfectly everything! Don’t you wish you could be as humble, generous, patient, and loving as Jesus? Saints throughout history have felt that way too, and they have frequented the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help transform them into people who are more like Christ. Little images of Christ—that’s what saints are!

5. Confession makes our will stronger.

Every time we experience the Sacrament of Confession, God strengthens our will and our self-control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God’s will and not our own whims.

Of course, the list of benefits of the Sacrament of Confession goes on and on! But you have to go to reap the benefits! Going to Confession regularly will truly change your life. What’s keeping you from Reconciliation? The words of absolution in the Confessional are truly beautiful: “I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus is waiting to forgive you—all you have to do is ask! Don’t miss out any longer on the healing power of Confession.



Holy Thursday Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of a few more volunteers to participate in the Washing of the Feet

on Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00pm Mass.

Please contact officemanager@stlweehawken.com if interested.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

THE WATERFRONT PROJECT, INC. is presenting a workshop on Tenants Rights. **SPREAD THE WORD** - We will be hosting a Tenants Know Your Rights Workshop. We hope to reach many Hudson County tenants and provide an overview of tenants’ rights including fair housing laws, rent control and rent increases allowed by law, notice requirements, eviction process, security deposits, and more.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Wednesday March 28, 2018 @ 9:00am

St Matthew Trinity Lunchtime Ministry
57 8th Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

www.thewaterfront.org

<http://lunchtimeministry.webs.com>

For more information please call 551-256-7578



Fast.Pray. Give up your Envelopes!

We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St Lawrence Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes.

Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ670**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN PRESENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday

March 30 at 10:00 am

St Lawrence Church
22 Hackensack Ave
Weehawken, NJ



FOLLOWING THE DRAMATIZATION,
A SIMPLE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.



Those interested in participating should contact Nick Leeper:
officemanager@stlweehawken.com

THE RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD FROM THE CUP We all are aware of the News reports of the prevalence of the Flu and Colds affecting many people, some ending in tragedy. We include all those affected in our prayers. We ask that those who may be ill, or feel either the ill-effects or early onset of any illness to be responsible and refrain from the optional receiving of the Precious Blood from the Chalice Ministers. Whereas, the Archdiocese has not issued any blanket prohibitions, we rely upon your adult prudence and responsibility. Thank You.

Visit us online at stlweehawken.com

St Lawrence RC Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$5,367	BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE 3/4/18	\$193,207
COLLECTED AMOUNT 3/4/18	\$4,036	COLLECTED YEAR TO DATE 3/4/18	\$148,901

*INCLUDES E-GIVING

DEFICIT (\$44,306)

Parish info

CONTACT DETAILS

22 Hackensack Ave Weehawken NJ 07086
☎ 201-863-6464

ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Eric Fuchs
administrator@stlweehawken.com

OFFICE MANAGER/ DIRECTOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Nick Leeper, MS
officemanager@stlweehawken.com

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Elizabeth Ertel, BS
coordinator@stlweehawken.com

PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8 AM (no music) • 10:30 AM • 12 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	3 PM - 8 PM
Tuesday • Wednesday	9 AM - 3 PM
Thursday	9 AM - 10:30 AM
Friday • Saturday • Sunday	Closed

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Tuesday • Wednesday	9 AM - 3 PM
Thursday	9 AM - 10:30 AM
Sunday	8 AM - 1 PM
Monday • Friday • Saturday	Closed

The Weekday Mass also serves as Funeral Mass as needed. No Daily Mass on Mondays, Fridays or Saturdays unless a funeral is requested.

DAILY MASS

Tuesday ▶ Thursday **Mass 9:30 AM**

Other Daily Masses available in the Deanery:

St Ann	Monday ▶ Friday	7 AM
St Francis	Monday ▶ Friday	8 AM
St Peter & Paul	Tuesday ▶ Friday	12:10 PM
OLG	Monday ▶ Friday	12:30 PM
OLG	Monday ▶ Thursday	7PM

ST JUDE PRAYER After the Sunday noon Mass

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am † Anne Fredericks
10:30 am † Katherine Poggi
12:00 pm † Intention of Priest

Tuesday, March 20

9:30 am † Sister Julia Maureen, SC

Wednesday, March 21

9:30 am † Alastair Ross

Thursday, March 22

9:30 am † Katherine Poggi

Sunday, March 25 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am † Anna & Joseph Rana
10:30 am † Elizabeth Ungaro
12:00 pm † Susan & Daniel Ramos