

ST LAWRENCE

OCTOBER 21, 2018

OCTOBER IS
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
& DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY



*May we build a culture of life by embracing
our mission as messengers of God's love;
We pray to the Lord.*

Parish Info

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 2 PM

RECURRING EVENTS

Prayer Group - Mondays at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Center.

AA Meeting - Mondays at 7 pm
in the Parish Center.

Coffee Socials - after 10:30am and
12 noon Masses every Sunday.

Currently a portion of our collection is electronic: a simpler, safer and more predictable way for our parish to collect your contribution:

- **It's safer than checks or cash.** It's more secure than giving by cash or check, both of which can get lost, stolen or mis-tracked. Online gifts through FaithDirect are secure and sent directly to the parish's bank account.
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ENROLLMENT

Creating an account is simple. You can enroll online or by mail, so you can give to your church in a way that works best for you.

GIVING OPTIONS

Give to any collection offered by your church; choose your credit/debit card or a bank account for payment. Schedule monthly recurring gifts or make a one-time gift anytime.

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Parish Code: NJ670



The Catholic Community of
St Lawrence

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank each and everyone of you for making my Mass of Installation as Pastor last week possible! Once again, you all outdid yourselves as far as showing your support and affection for me - I am truly blessed to be in such a wonderful parish family as St. Lawrence and it is absolutely my conviction that St. Lawrence is the greatest parish around! Your generosity of spirit and your willingness to serve is simply second to none - you should ALL be proud of yourselves, as I am of all of you! Your tremendous spirit of dedication humbles me and inspires me to be the best Priest possible! Moreover, your volunteerism is out of this world and I'm not even sure if I consider myself a part of a parish, as much as I consider myself a part of your beautiful FAMILY! That is because St. Lawrence Church is indeed a family and your outpouring of support and contribution is breathtaking - I'm so, so proud to be a member of this "family" and it is my prayer that this lovely little church in God's garden of Weehawken will continue to flourish and grow!

*Please know how proud I am to be your (unworthy)
Pastor and how happy I am to walk with all of you on
this amazing pilgrimage of faith here on earth! May
God's choicest blessings be yours forever and ever!*

Love,

Fr. Eric



Thanksgiving 50/50 Raffle

Thanksgiving 50/50 Raffle tickets can be purchased after all Masses starting this weekend. The tickets are \$10 per ticket. They will also be sold in the Parish Center. The Winner will be selected on Thanksgiving Day after the morning Mass. Winner need not be present to win. Good luck!

Religious Education NEWS!

The 8th Grade will host **OUR FIRST FAMILY MASS**
this **Sunday, October 21st at 10:30 am**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOBOKEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY Hoboken Catholic Academy, a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host Open Houses on Friday, October 26th and Saturday October 27th from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM on both days. Applications for class placement for the 2019-2020 school year will be available and parents can tour the school and speak with parents, students and school staff. **HCA is located at 7Th and Madison Streets and serves students from PK-3 through grade 8.**

OCTOBER

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Tradition holds that October has been celebrated as the month of the rosary since 1571, and the victory of the Catholic League (an alliance of Spain, Venice, the Papal States, Genoa, Savoy, and Malta) over the forces of the Ottoman Empire who were seeking to take over Italy in an effort to move into the heart of Europe. It was October 7, 1571 when the battle was fought and the Catholic League was able to overcome the Ottoman forces.

Prior to the ships sailing off towards battle, Pope Pius V prayed the rosary, asking for Our Lady's intercession in victory, and every man on board carried a rosary. For this reason, as soon as the men returned from the battle, the good pope declared a feast day for Our Lady of Victory. A rosary procession was offered in St. Peter's square after the victory and in time the whole month became associated with the rosary, rather than just one day. Pope Leo XIII officially established October as the Month of the Rosary in the 1884. That year, he published *Superiore Anno*, an encyclical which was focused on recitation of the holy rosary. In it, he called for the entire Church to dedicate the whole of the month to the rosary and pray it daily:

"Last year, as each of you is aware, We decreed by an Encyclical Letter that, to win the help of Heaven for the Church in her trials, the great Mother of God should be honored by the means of the most holy Rosary during the whole of the month of October. In this We followed both Our own impulse and the example of Our predecessors, who in times of difficulty were wont to have recourse with increased fervor to the Blessed Virgin, and to seek her aid with special prayers...

... We therefore decree and make order that from the 1st of October to the 2nd of November following in all the parish churches, in all public churches dedicated to the Mother of God, or in such as are appointed by the Ordinary, five decades at least of the Rosary be recited, together with the Litany. If in the morning, the Holy Sacrifice will take place during these prayers; if in the evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the adoration of the faithful; after which those present will receive the customary Benediction. We desire that, wherever it be lawful, the local confraternity of the Rosary should make a solemn procession through the streets as a public manifestation of religious devotion."

The encyclical referenced churches named for the Blessed Virgin, especially, and was written in response to an illness that was spreading in Europe, emphasizing that Europe's need for intercession was particularly great. Still, the decree was meant for all of the Catholic Church and the practice continued for most of the next century.

However, in more recent years devotion to the rosary overall has not been what it once was, and so interest in celebrating October as Month of the Rosary has waned as well. Many churches, whether named for Mary or not, do not have a public rosary throughout the month and there has not been much publicized about reviving this.

In part, this seems to have come about due to some misconceptions after the Second Vatican Council concluded. One aim of the council was to ensure that Marian devotion remained balanced. Church documents reiterated the value of Marian devotion, but also re-emphasized the truth of her role as an obedient servant to God:

"Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator. For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer." (Lumen Gentium - Pope Paul VI, 1964)

Abolition of the rosary, Mariology, or devotion to Mary was never the intent of the Second Vatican Council. The council in fact recommended fervent devotion to Mary and never said anything against the rosary. However an evening Mass replaced some evening services that had previously included Marian devotions, and the faithful were expected to no longer pray the rosary during Mass (which was not uncommon to see in a Latin Mass in the early 60s and before) but to participate in the Mass by attending to what was taking place at the altar. Many assumed that these things together were implications that Marian devotion should be repressed. This was not true, but there was some decline in devotion to the rosary during those next few decades.

Interest in the rosary began to be revived when in 2002, Pope John Paul II gave the world 5 new mysteries on which to meditate, and reiterated the value of the rosary as Christological prayer at its core. The world was in need of someone to speak out and encourage the rosary as a form of devotion again, and Pope John Paul II did this. It seems that devotion to the Blessed Mother through the rosary is increasing again. However, October as Month of the Rosary still does not enjoy the full participation by the faithful it once did.

This October would be a great time to work on changing that.

Source: www.aquinasandmore.com/catholic-articles//october-and-the-rosary/article/145/s/1703//

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 9:30 AM ● 6 PM
 Sunday 8 AM (no music) ● 10:30 AM ● 12 PM

At the conclusion of each Saturday morning Mass, there will be Eucharistic Adoration for one hour, followed by Benediction.

ST JUDE PRAYER After the Sunday noon Mass

DAILY MASS

Tuesday ▶ Thursday Mass 9:30 AM

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

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

Mass Intentions

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 20

9:30 am † Intention of Priest
 6:00 pm † For the Health of Debbie Miotto

Sunday, October 21

8:00 am † Anne Fredericks
 10:30 am † Aurelio Paulucci
 12:00 pm † Francesco Del Vescovo

Tuesday, October 23

9:30 am † Robert McLaughlin

Wednesday, October 24

9:30 am † John Poggi, Jr.

Thursday, October 25

9:30 am † Eileen Harvey

Saturday, October 27

9:30 am † Intention of Priest
 6:00 pm † Intention of Priest

Sunday, October 28

8:00 am † John & Elizabeth Ungaro
 10:30 am † Intention of Priest
 12:00 pm † Elpidio Gregorio

Mass intentions are available for future Masses. Parishioners can check the **2018 Parish Calendar** for the availability of a Mass Intention before calling the office.

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You can check the availability of Mass Intentions on our website. Simply go to the **2018 Parish Calendar** and click on a particular Mass time. It will display if there is an Intention set or not.