

# Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

*May 3rd, 2020 : 4th Sunday of Easter*



## St. Lawrence Directory

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## Parish Staff

Pastor - - - - - Rev. Janusz Kowalski  
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## Church Open Times

\*St. Lawrence Church will be open\*  
Everyday 8am - 3 pm

\*St. Philip Church will be open\*  
Everyday 8 am - 4 pm

## Confession Times

St. Lawrence Church  
Tuesday 8am - 9am  
And 5pm - 6pm

**Please remember there can  
be no more than  
10 people in the Church at a time.**

## Mass Times and Intentions for Saint Lawrence and Saint Philips

Tuesday 6:00 pm at St Lawrence - Jane Schiferl  
Wednesday 8:45 am at St Philips - Betty Brandl  
Thursday 7:00 am at St Lawrence - Bill & Ann Stout  
Friday 7:00 am at St Lawrence - Health of Courtney  
Friday 8:45 am at St Philips - Dave Szemborski  
Saturday - Lillian Pechinski  
Sunday 8:30 am at St Philip - For the Parishes  
Sunday 10:30 am at St Lawrence - Otto, Verena & Ron Lueschow

For health and healing for  
Theresa Zanetti,  
Mel Sullivan, Marie Kaszuba  
and all whose names appear on  
the prayer list, we pray to the  
Lord.



## SUNDAY READINGS

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2: 20b-25

John 10: 1-10 (49)

**Anyone who has Gun Raffle tickets, sold or unsold, please return them to the parish office as soon as possible.**

**Thanks!**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, year A 2020

### Shepherd and his voice!

Who is the shepherd? According to today's gospel, it is Jesus. We have His firm statement about being a shepherd; although there have been imitations throughout history of the shepherd. The Lord Jesus gives us a very short but also very clear definition of a shepherd. Who is he? He is the one who knows the sheep by name, who leads through the gate and introduces the inside. He takes the lead, becomes the guide and is responsible for the life of these sheep. This shepherd comes to defend, to give peace, and to build togetherness; building a relationship between a shepherd and a sheep. What is my Shepherd's voice? I think he has a kind voice, confident, strong, caring, full of love and good. It is a voice that teaches and a voice that speaks of forgiveness and joy. The Shepherd is curious! Have I heard of such a shepherd, or maybe I have already met such a shepherd and I follow him? This is great news. Although it can happen that there are a few shepherds around me, maybe a dozen or so, and each of them wills me to do or be something else. Maybe I follow them too often, choosing and relying on others. Am I searching for the promised world here and now. A world with only my happiness. A world where I'll be fine. What world am I looking for, because I am looking for a world, I am looking for a guide - a shepherd. The Lord Jesus clearly defines who is not a shepherd, he is a thief who wants to hurt, rob, kill, and destroy. An interesting concept of the world today. The truth about guides and shepherds. The good shepherd is the one who knows the way, who has experienced everything along the way, who knows his profession, who has scars on his body and wisdom in his heart. It's the one who does it for everyone, every day, for years throughout world history. He knows the trail and everything that can be found and experienced on it. He has promised to defend, to carry out, even to give me life, to keep mine. Strange but also beautiful is this Shepherd, who differs very much from the other guides. Community life cannot take place without a guide. There remains only one question, who is my guide and where does he lead me, choosing me. Jesus sees not only His disciples but He sees people who are lost. When He sees us lost, He is touched internally, moved by mercy, he embeds the loneliness and uncertainty we feel and understands it even more deeply. He takes action; He wants to be a shepherd to you.

What is the most important for you? Is what you do what you intend to do? Here is a story; a long time ago and faraway there lived a man. He had three students. For twenty years he taught them his wisdom and taught them of the world. He would say, "I will give them immense knowledge and experience". After teaching one evening he gathered the pupils and said, "Go now into the world and make use of what you have learned". He continued, "Will you come back to me after ten years and tell me what you did, what you came to, and what has happened in the world?" They responded and they all parted in their own way. After a period passed, they returned to their master and began to tell him what they had done. The master said to the first, "I wrote five books, I included your experiences in them and my experiences. I published these books and made millions of copies. I think I reached everyone". The master said, "You filled the world with millions of writings". The second came to the master and said, "I have the gift of speech, so I was everywhere all over the world. I gave speeches and I believe I reached everyone". The master said, "Well, I see that you have filled the world with words".

The third student approached the master with a bag, pulled out a pillow and said, "Master, I have brought a pillow for you under your tired feet so that they can rest". The master looked at him and said, "You were the only one who found the truth". Everything that is important in the world, science and discoveries, really does not matter if they are not tied to a pillow that gives rest under the tired feet of another man. Love is the only truth we need most.

- Fr. Janusz -



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O Mary,  
 You shine continuously on our journey  
 as a sign of salvation and hope.  
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
 who, at the foot of the cross,  
 were united with Jesus' suffering,  
 and persevered in your faith.  
 "Protectress of the Roman people",  
 you know our needs,  
 and we know that you will provide,  
 so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
 joy and celebration may return  
 after this time of trial.  
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
 to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
 and to do what Jesus tells us.  
 For he took upon himself our suffering,  
 and burdened himself with our sorrows  
 to bring us, through the cross,  
 to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
 O Holy Mother of God;  
 Do not despise our petitions  
 in our necessities,  
 but deliver us always  
 from every danger,  
 O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*



Saint Joseph the Worker - Feast Day May 1st  
 Pray for Us.

### MAKE ME LAUGH

A cop pulls over a car full of nuns. The cop says, "Sister, the speed limit on this highway is 55 mph. Why are you going so slow?"

Sister replies, "I saw a lot of signs that said 41, not 55."

The cop says, "Sister, that's the name of the highway, not the speed limit."

"Silly me," the embarrassed nun says, "Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful."

But then the cop glances in the back seat where the other nuns are quaking with fear.

He asks, "Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends?"

Sister says, "Oh, we just got off Highway 101."

**Rice bowls can be dropped off at the parish office or church.**



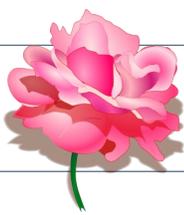
Hello from your parish office,  
 if anyone has questions about the live stream or needs help creating a Facebook Profile in order to stay connected to Saint Lawrence or others feel free to call the office or send an email. I would be happy to walk you through the process. And please call or email the office with updated emails.

Thank You!!!

- Kim -

- + **Confirmation** will be rescheduled. The Bishop will not be celebrating but Father Janusz or Father Valentine will administer the sacrament.
- + **First Holy Communion** has been cancelled but will be rescheduled at a later time.
- + **Kids of St Larry** group is available on Facebook. It provides faith formation for students during this time. Please take the time to visit the page.
- + **FORMED.org** has wonderful movies for all ages and is available free of cost to ALL parishioners. If you need any help getting that set up contact the office. It is available online and on most major streaming devices.

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