

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Nicholas J. Figliola, Pastor
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Mrs. Jean Rico
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Mrs. Mary Connors, Parish Outreach
Mrs. Patricia Spiegel, Business Manager
Mrs. Jeannine Rose, Pastoral Coordinator
Mrs. Marie Winn, Music Director

THE SCHEDULE OF MASSES

For weekdays, weekends, and holydays is found
within the bulletin.

INFANT BAPTISM

Arrangements by parents for
preparation and celebration of infant baptism
may be made by calling 589-8934.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Requires arrangements to be made with the church at least
six months in advance of the celebration. In order to correctly
select St. Lawrence as the site of the wedding, it is necessary
for either the bride or groom to have a home in this parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Is celebrated each **Saturday in Church**
from **3:45—4:45 pm** or by appointment with one of the
priests.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Is celebrated communally on the first Saturday of each
month, immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass

December 25, 2011

Nativity of the Lord

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish
who rejoice because the Word became flesh and dwells
among us! O come let us adore Him!



PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

RECTORY	589-0042
RECTORY FAX	589-5318
FAITH FORMATION OFFICE	589-3160
PARISH CEMETERY OFFICE	589-3887
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY	589-6155
LITURGY OFFICE	589-8934

240 West Main Street, Sayville, New York 11782


Parish Website: www.stlawrencesayville.org

Email Us At: office@stlawrencesayville.org

Weekly Mass Schedule

Offerings have been received for the support of the Ministries and works of the church requesting the priest's remembrance at Mass for the following:

Saturday	December 24, 2011
5:00	Joseph Alberto; Lee Goncalves; Domenica Morelli; Dot McGarvey; Donald Knappe James Folks Sr.; Steven Fritz
8:00	Maria A. Fallon
11:00	Dorothy Blewitt
Sunday	December 25, 2011
7:30	Steven Fritz
9:00	Jean Figliola
11:00	Joseph Grundner
Monday	December 26, 2011
9:00	John Deluca
Tuesday	December 27, 2011
9:00	Claire Jackson; Linda Greenwald;
Wednesday	December 28, 2011
9:00	Dorothy Morris
Thursday	December 29, 2011
9:00	Adrienne Wolf
Friday	December 30, 2011
9:00	Buster Ambrosio (11th Anniversary)
Saturday	December 31, 2011
5:00	For the Intentions of King Kullen Officers; Robert Morelli
Sunday	January 1, 2012
7:30	All Parishioners
9:00	Jean Senese
11:00	Pasquale Russo

Pro-Life  **Altar Roses; Jean & Ray Fliieger; Joseph Russell; Thomas F. Mongan; Bill Zoller and for the Unborn.**

Prayers for the Deceased:
Lord for your faithful people life is changed not ended:

 **Stewardship** We thank our parishioners who return gifts with loving and generous increase to God:
A Way of Life

12/11/11.....\$ 12,950.00
 Poor Boxes.....\$ 1,224.00
 12/12/10.....\$ 14,269.00
 Poor Boxes.....\$ 610.00
 Catholic Ministries Appeal.....291 donors
 \$ 71,535.00 Pledged...only \$ 11,748.00 left to reach our goal!
Faith Direct for December: \$6651.00

Prepare yourself to hear His Word by reflecting on the readings for next week:
 Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Please continue to pray for those who are sick in our parish, for their caregivers and for all the intentions we hold in our hearts.

THE ROSARY: is prayed in common from Monday through Saturday following the 9:00 am Mass in the Church.

CHARASMATIC PRAYER GROUP:
Meets in the school on Mondays at 7:30pm

QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY AND MIRACULOUS-MEDAL NOVENA: Mondays in church 6 to 7:15pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Come worship the Eucharist Lord on the First Friday of the month, from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m., with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00.
There is also a holy hour every Wednesday, dedicated to prayer for Priests, from 6 to 7:00p.m.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE:
Prays at home for the intentions of the Church and Parish. Designed for the Home Bound, Senior Citizens, etc

TAIZÉ PRAYER:
Wednesday evenings 7:00pm.
Ursuline Center, Blue Point, New York

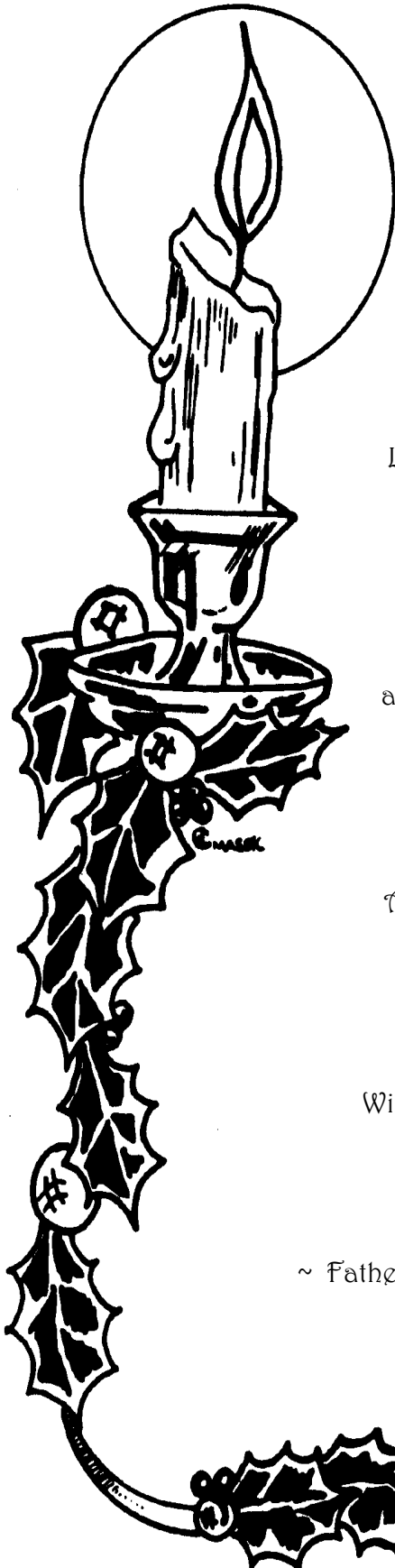
THE CHURCH OFFICE:
Open weekdays 9:00 am-12:00 Noon and 1:00pm-4:30pm;
Saturday's by appointment

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Thursday - 9:30am to 12 Noon; 1:00pm -3:00pm and by appointment.

THE PARISH CEMETERY OFFICE:
Open by appointment weekdays 9:00am to 4:00pm.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY:
Monday- Wednesday- Friday 9:30-12:00
Closed Tuesday and Thursday

ST. LAWRENCE is a sponsoring parish of
PRINCE OF PEACE REGIONAL SCHOOL
School Phone: 589-3426. **Jane F. Harrigan, Principal.**



Dear Members of the
St. Lawrence the Martyr
Parish Family ~

Let us believe, as did Isaiah,
and call him "Wonderful!"
Let us sing, as did the angels,
and fill the skies with "Alleluias!"
Let us hasten, as did the shepherds,
and announce that our Messiah is born.
Let us adore, as did the Magi, and know that
our God is indeed with us.

Gracious God,
give a silent night to loud places,
and a holy night to evil places,
and a calm night to troubled places,
and a radiant night to darkened places.

Light up your world!
Love your people!
Raise our hearts and minds to you!

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
descend upon us today,
and remain with us forever.
Amen.

Wishing you and those you love every joy
this Christmas, and blessings to last
throughout the New Year!

~ Father Nick and the Parish Staff of St. Lawrence ~



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The students, staff and families of Prince of Peace Regional Catholic School thank you for your prayers of support and ask that the Prince of Peace and His Holy Mother keep you in their care this Christmas and throughout the Year!

Congratulations



Join us in *Congratulating* the following young parishioners who have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter of the 2011-2012 school year at St. John the Baptist High School:

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| Matthew Bode | Michelle Byrnes |
| Adam Blandeburgo | Meghan Westman |
| Thomas Routh | Brian Bott |
| Shannon Brophy | |

Keep up the great work!!

Catholics Returning Home

An Invitation for YOU!
 WELCOME!

St. Lawrence the Martyr
 Catholic Church welcomes you home.

IF YOU ARE A CATHOLIC WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A WHILE, THIS INVITATION IS FOR YOU! Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. *Catholics Returning Home* is a six-week series, beginning Monday, January 9th. Topics to include:

- Welcome, Overview of Series, Faith Sharing
- Presentation on Inactive Catholics
- Explanation of the Nicene Creed: What Catholics Believe
- Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The Church Today: Changes Since Vatican II
- Explanation of the Mass

For details call Maria Davidson at (631) 589-3160

Please pass this on to anyone who would be interested.

Parable of the Lost Sheep

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices! And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

-Gospel of Saint Luke 15: 3-7

IRA Charitable Rollover: Now is Your Opportunity You can make a gift from your Individual Retirement Account to our Parish before December 31st. You must be over 70 and use a traditional IRA. You will not have to report your gift as income—it will be income tax-free, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form. Your gift must go directly from your IRA to our parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.



Pro Life March on Washington, DC

Monday, January 23, 2012

Join with the Knights of Columbus, your fellow parishioners and other supporters of the Pro Life Movement in the March on the Capitol. Let your voice be heard by Congress and in the public media as we march in support of the Right to Life and for the reversal of the Roe v Wade Supreme decision.

Transportation to and from the March via coach bus is available for \$30 per person based on 56 participants.

Departure will be from St. John Nepomucene 6am, January 23 and return will be (approx.) 9:30pm.

For information and reservations please call Patrick Scalza (631-312-2464) or John Finn (516-848-4331). Will you help defend the defenseless by marching?

The Twelve Days of Christmas ***(A Bethlehem Version)***

- On the first day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
an infant asleep in the hay.
- On the second day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
two parents bles't, and . . .
- On the third day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
three wise kings . . .
- On the fourth day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
four chewing cows, . . .
- On the fifth day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
five full hotels, . . .
- On the sixth day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
six donkeys braying, . . .
- On the seventh day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
seven camels strutting, . . .
- On the eighth day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
eight shepherds kneeling, . . .
- On the ninth day of Christmas my True Love gave to me:
nine angels singing, . . .
- On the tenth day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
ten neighbors whisp'ring, . . .
- On the eleventh day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
eleven sheep a-grazing, . . .
- On the twelfth day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me:
twelve stars a-twinkling, . . .

Rev. Brian J. Ingram

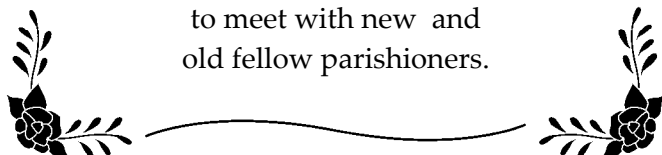




HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
January 8th, 2012

Please join us in the Bethany Center after the 9am and 11am Masses, as the St. Lawrence Youth Choir hosts the parish for this month's warm hospitality.

The Hospitality Committee is always interested in having new members join. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Liz Watters at (631) 567-3190. It only involves volunteering for a couple of hours a month to set up, serve, or clean up after hosting coffee and cake, and is a really nice way to meet with new and old fellow parishioners.



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TIP FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas, Altar Servers! Whether you've been serving for years now, or have yet to experience your very first Mass, I want to wish you all a wonderful, bright, and happy celebration of Jesus' birth, and thank you for all that you've done for our parish over the past year. On behalf of Father Nick, the parish staff, and our whole community here at St. Lawrence, I hope this Christmas will be filled to overflowing with God's love for you, and the promise of exciting and marvelous things in the New Year. We love you, and we're so very grateful for all you do!

THE QUESTION BOX

Just for fun — and some ongoing education — each week's bulletin offers a question on our Catholic spirituality and tradition. Enjoy!

Q: Which of the Gospels relate the story of Jesus' birth?

- (a) all of them do
- (b) Matthew and Luke
- (c) all but the Gospel of John
- (d) Matthew and Thomas

A: Of the four canonical Gospels with which the New Testament begins, *only two* relate the story of Jesus' birth—Matthew and Luke. Mark's Gospel begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert, announcing the coming of the Lord's anointed. And John—the most densely theological of the evangelists, begins his Gospel with a profound meditation on the eternal Word of God becoming flesh, and coming forth from the Father. But John says nothing of the details of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, etc.

Interestingly, too, Matthew and Luke tell the nativity story in *remarkably different ways*. We tend to take the two and simply stitch the pieces together. But take a few minutes to compare the two versions, and notice how distinctly different each is from the other. Merry Christmas!

Catholic Ministries Appeal
One Faith, One Hope, Many
Gifts

Thank you for your generous support of the 2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31st, 2011 and all your current pledges must be paid by January 31st 2012 for the 2011 Appeal.

Paying your pledges ensures that the Parish can benefit from its full 2011 rebate.