

Church of Saint Lawrence

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 9:00 a.m.
Wed., at 7:30 p.m. & Fri. at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening at 7:10 p.m.

St. Lawrence Men's Club

Meets on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Altar & Rosary Society

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Lay Carmelite Community

of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes

Meets First Saturday of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Parish Registration

We welcome all new members to our Parish family. Please register when you move into the parish. Please notify us if you are moving.

Weddings

Couples are asked to contact the Rectory and make arrangements at least six months prior to their intended wedding date. They are required to attend Pre-Cana sessions.

Catholic Elementary School

Children may attend Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School, Ottsville; for further information call: 610-847-5523.

Parish CCD Classes

Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall from October to May. Registration is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

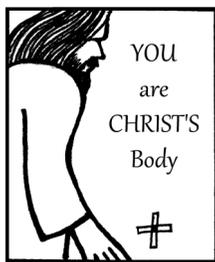
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.



Saturday, January 23rd

Saturday: Saint Vincent

5PM: James Weiss by Kathie Weiss

Sunday, January 24th

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Catherine Jonik by Frances Nowicki

10AM: Cheeseman Family by Ells & Barbara Cheeseman

Monday, January 25th

Weekday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9AM: Beauford Jones Sr. by Jones Family

Tuesday, January 26th

Weekday: Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

9AM: Linda Achuff by Janet Davis

Wednesday, January 27th

Weekday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM

7:30PM: Ann Kaspun by Jane & Larry Burger

Thursday, January 28th

Weekday: St. Thomas Aquinas

9AM:

Friday, January 29th

Weekday:

6:30PM: Living & Deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Saturday, January 30th

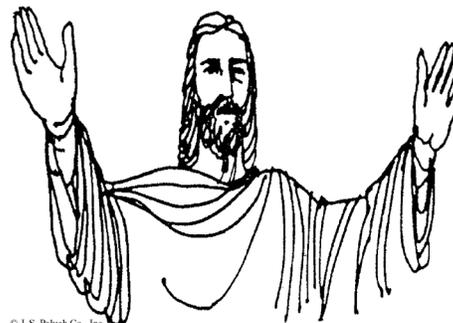
Weekday:

9AM: Joseph Balkues by Mariann & Rex Helfant

5PM:

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Roman Catholics, our marriage practices have their pedigree in ancient Rome. One of the major players in shaping our practices was the warfare involved in building an empire. Soldiers vanished and sometimes never returned. Women began to manage their lives and to make decisions. The old family values were replaced by patriotic ones, and religion was more attuned to the gore and glory of battle, a religion of the state, not of the family. Weddings were still family celebrations, but had a public face. The bride wore a white toga and a red veil and walked to her new home. There, she and her husband joined their right hands and gave consent to each other, not relying on her father to give consent for her. Religion was optional: a pagan priest might be invited or not, and even without the ceremony, society agreed by common law that a year of living together equaled marriage consent. By the same token, marriage by consent also meant divorce was on the same legal footing, and did not require the courts or civil declarations. This is the worldview the first Christians inherited, and it was up to them to determine what was good and to hold marriage up to the light of the gospel.



SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory. Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

January 31st Emergency Response

IMPORTANT open to all adults 18+ years old who are St Lawrence parishioners. Classes will be held in our church hall 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM instructing the proper use and procedures for our new Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) machine and CPR.

Catholic Relief Services: A special annual collection being held on January 23rd & 24th funding six different Catholic agencies providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families and advocating human rights.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12, 2016 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Catholic Charities Appeal: A special collection will be taken on February 6th & 7th. Please do your best to support this most worthy effort. Thank you.

Saint Lawrence Night at the Races: The Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 27th. Doors open at 6:00PM and the vent starts at 7:00PM. This event is open to everyone and is a family activity. Donations of door prizes and baked goods are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

The Flame of Love is having a Celebration and Mass on February 2nd starting at 6:00Pm at St. Charles Seminary, Wynnewood, PA. They offer uplifting music, the Rosary, and testimonies followed by guest speakers. Contact Ann Myers 610-322-1940 for details.

PARDON QUICKLY

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.

ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

WINTER WARMTH

One kind word can warm three winter months.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

1/30 5PM: Dolores Patton
1/31 8AM: Bernie Boyland
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

1/30 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
1/31 8AM: Brielle Comiskey, Amy Wydner
10AM: Anthony DeArmas, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

1/30 5PM: Linda Krager
1/31 8AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
10AM: Mark Culichia, Mary Gambino

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!

Steve Ombalski, Jean Krenitsky, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hults, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eva Zelle, Roger Brahler, Gavin (age 3), Bill Miller, Caitlin, Steven Fusco, Charles More, Jeff & Bonnie, Baby Matthew Royer, Rose Romeo, baby Ely, Max Ours, Father Breen, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnano, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Summer Heddleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner, Jeremy Hewens, MD

Official Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy (12/8/2015)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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