

# 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

**April 10, 2016**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

### **REDEMPTION**

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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### **Saturday - April 9th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM** Knights of Columbus

### **Sunday - April 10th - The Third of Easter**

8AM: James Hopkins & Joseph Stark (The Stark Family)

10AM: Josephine Busacco (Tony & Maryann Colasurdo)

**Baptism: 11AM:** Andrew Stark

### **Monday - April 11th Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Weekday:**

9AM: Living and deceased Members of St. Lawrence

### **Tuesday - April 12th**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

### **Wednesday - April 13th St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr Weekday:**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:00 PM**

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

7:30PM:

### **Thursday - April 14th**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM:

### **Friday - April 15th**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM Andrew & Helena Jonik (Frances Nowicki)

### **Saturday - April 16th**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM Safety for Teenagers (Frances Nowicki)

**COLLECTIONS:** April 3: Parish \$2079, Holy Land \$95

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

From the earliest centuries, we know that some Christian women desired to vow themselves to a celibate life to pray and serve. Some, but by no means everyone, wanted a kind of monastic life. Others wanted to stay in the family home. By the fourth century, the church was celebrating the "Consecration of Virgins," a rite performed by the bishop, and involving a "veiling" of the woman. It was looked upon as a form of marriage with Christ, partly because in the culture of the day a woman's status in society was linked to a man. The prayers and ritual for the consecration of virgins were exactly the same as the prayers and ritual for the consecration of a bride on her wedding day. The public character of the rite gave the bishop the opportunity to commend the virgin to the faithful, and to threaten with punishment anyone who tried to turn her from her commitment. Eventually, the rite fell into disuse for women living in the world, and was reserved for nuns. The Second Vatican Council directed that it be revived and restored, and in nearly every diocese, single women have embraced this form of consecrated life.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### **NECESSARY**

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it.

—St. Bernard

### **BETTER THAN MIRACLES**

Suffering out of love of God is better than working miracles.

—St. John of the Cross

### **JUST DO IT**

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

—Attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**Holy Redeemer:** Health Care, Home Care, Life Care . Is a non profit volunteer hospice provider offering support and companionship to those coping with a life-limiting illness. To learn more and become a hospice volunteer contact Portia Tatlonghari at 215-698-3737 or [ptatlonghari@holyredeemer.com](mailto:ptatlonghari@holyredeemer.com) Thank you.

**Pro-Life Conference** at Villanova University on April 22-24. For info & tickets: [www.lifepeacejustice.com](http://www.lifepeacejustice.com)

**The Death & Resurrection of Christ:** The Malvern Retreat House will hold a day retreat on Thursday, April 14th. Details at 610-644-0400.

**Coffee and Donuts** next Sunday April 10th after the 10:00 AM Mass in the church hall.

**Men's Club Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence Men's Club will be held on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM in the parish hall. All members are asked to attend. All men of the parish are invited and need not be a member.

**Rummage, Soup and Cookie Sale:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Riegelsville, Thursday, April 28, 9 AM to 6 PM, Friday, April 29, 9 AM to 5 PM, Saturday, April 30, 9 AM to 1 PM. If you have items for the sale contact 610-749-0830. A good way to clean out some of your unwanted household items that may be desirable to others. No trash items, only items for sale.

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave.,** northeast Philadelphia **"Unlock the Mystery of the Bible,** Friday April 15th at 7:00 PM and concludes Saturday April 16th at 5:00 PM. Call 267-350-1830 or web site at [msbt.org/mbsc.htm](http://msbt.org/mbsc.htm)

**Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage:** The next program begins April 15th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA Call 1-800-470-2230. All inquires are held in strict confidence.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass:** The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7th at the cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul, 5 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. Reservation Required: [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call 215-587-0500

**Notre Dame HS Theater Company** performs "She Loves Me" on April 21st & 22nd @ 7:30 PM & April 23rd @ 2 PM & 7:30 PM. Seats are reserved. Box office opened 4/10,14,17 & 19. Info call 610-252-1067

**One Day Retreat:** April 23rd, 10AM to 3PM, Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Northeast Philadelphia 267-350-1830

**St Martin of Tours,** of Oxford Circle, Philadelphia 90th Anniversary Gala, April 16th, Williamon's/Horsham, PA for 6PM Cocktails, 7PM Dinner, \$75 per person, call Brenda Greene 267-992-4823

**New Parishioners –WELCOME!!** No need to feel shy. We are happy you are here. To register see an usher, or just fill out form in vestibule of church, or call 610-749-2684 or email: [saintlawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) We are ready to welcome you.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

4/16 5 PM: Dolores Patton  
4/17 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
10 AM: Jane Burger

### Altar Servers for:

4/16 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart  
4/17 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
10 AM: Aidan Rodrigues, Eric Senior

### Extraordinary Ministers:

4/16 5 PM: Russell Benner, Kathy Weiss  
4/17 8 AM: Janet Davis, Jackie Crocetti  
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS; Linda Krager

**Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!** John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hults, 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, Eve 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**

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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