

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 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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Saturday - April 16h

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - April 17th Forth Sunday of Easter

8AM: Barbara Itterly (Lay Carmelite Community)

10AM: Josephine Busacco (Don & Etta Marrolli)

Monday - April 18th

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - April 19th

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - April 20th

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM:

Thursday - April 21st St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9:00AM:

Friday - April 22nd

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - April 23rd St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Weekday:

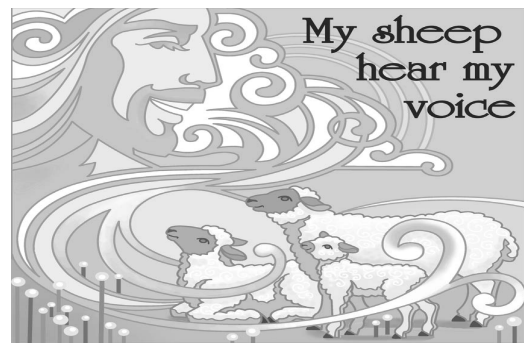
9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: April 10th , Parish \$2518, Candles \$81

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

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



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JOB DESCRIPTION

Do not feel totally, personally, irrevocably responsible for everything . . . That's my job.

—God

DWELLING PLACE

God dwells wherever we let God in.

—Ancient Jewish saying

THE GIFT

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.

Pro-Life Conference at Villanova University on April 22-24. For info & tickets: www.lifepeacejustice.com

Altar and Rosary Society will hold their meeting in the parish hall, Thursday, April 21st 7 PM. All women of the parish are invited and welcome to attend.

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.

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 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

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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 Thank you.

Speedy Morris Miraculous Medal Art Museum, Thursday, April 21 @ 7 PM. Coach Morris, is a renowned basketball coach and stand-up comic. He will share stories of how the Blessed Mother impacted his life on and off the court. Located at 475 e Cheltenham Ave. Phila across the street from the Shrine. Info 800-523-3674 or www.MiraculousMedal.org/speakerseries

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

4/23 5 PM: Linda Krager
4/24 8 AM: Martin Piccinich
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

4/23 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
4/24 8 AM: Anna Holmgaard, Amy Wydner
10 AM: Joseph & Michael Zaleski

Extraordinary Ministers:

4/23 5 PM: Dolores Patton, Bernie Boylan
4/24 8 AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
10 AM: Mary Gambino, Mark Culichia

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life! Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trinchera, 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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