

# 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 24, 2016**

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today's scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. "Behold, I make all things new," we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5).

Is this world of John's vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior's dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?

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**Saturday - April 23rd**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence**

**Sunday - April 24th - First Holy Communion**

8AM: Aloysius Breiner (Irene Breiner & Children)

10AM: Josephine Busaco (Gloria Tafaro)

**Baptism: Martin Penna**

**Monday - April 25th Saint Mark, Evangelist**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Sam Litzenberger (Susan Johnson)

**Tuesday - April 26th**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

**Wednesday - April 27th**

**Weekday:**

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

***Confessions 7:10 PM***

7:30PM: Steve Kuzowski (Ted Achuff)

**Thursday - April 28th Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr,  
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM: Anne Schlotter (Jones Family)

**Friday - April 29th Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM

**Saturday - April 30th Saint Pius V, Pope**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: April 17th, Parish \$2081

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshipers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

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

### **CHURCH**

"Church" in Greek means convocation, or assembly in Latin, because all are called to be members of it.

—St. Isidore

### **SPIRITUAL READING**

You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

—St. Athanasius

**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

**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.

**Catholic Pilgrimage** to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12-22, 2016 via Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Info 1-800-773-2660. Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner

**St. Lawrence Choir** - needs your help. Seeking willing parishioners to sing the praises of the Lord at Mass they usually attend. You are already there so why not let your voices ring from the church balcony with all the words there for you and nothing to remember. Please stop by and see Janet, our parish organist, after Mass to answer any questions or concern you may have.

**Catholic Home Mission** - Special Collection April 30th and May 1st for needy missions throughout the U.S.A.

**Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist** - 1st Annual Fundraising Breakfast, Thursday, May 12th. RSVP by May 2nd, 610-847-5523. Begins at 8:15 AM - ends 9:45 AM

**Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities** - Saturda, April 30th, at St. Charles Seminary. Info at 215-587-3530 or mcullian@archphila.org

**Retreat for Mothers of Children with Disabilities** - Tuesday, May 3rd at Malvern Retreat House. Info 610-644-0400

**Confirmation for Adults** - Sunday, May 15th at 6:30 PM, in the Cathedral Basilica. The deadline for submitting is Friday, May 6th. On the Web at [www.odwphiladelphia.org/confirmation-for-roman-catholic-adults/](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/confirmation-for-roman-catholic-adults/)

**Notre Dame HS All Class Reunion** - Saturday, June 18th, 1 PM to 5 PM. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 / under 21. Info at 610-868-1431 X 123 or alumni@ndcrusaders.org

**Prayer Retreat** - Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave., Northeast Phila., Begins Sunday with supper at 5:30 PM and concludes Thursday at 11:30 AM Info at 267-350-1830

**Retreat for Girls** - 3rd through 8th grade, Malvern Retreat House, May 15th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Cost \$20. Info at 610-644-0400

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

4/30 5 PM: Frank Hyland  
5/1 8 AM: Joseph Keeney  
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

### Altar Servers for:

4/30 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart  
5/1 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna holmggaard  
10 AM: Eric Senior, Joseph & Michael Zaleski  
First Holy Communion Mass

### Extraordinary Ministers:

4/30 5 PM: Russell Benner, Frank Hyland  
5/1 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Bernadette Maszczak  
10 AM: Joe Affuso, Mary Gambino

**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 Hults, 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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