

# Church of Saint Lawrence

345 Elmwood Lane  
Riegelsville, Pa 18077

Reverend Gavin W. Muir, Pastor  
Reverend Robert H. Breen, Pastor Emeritus

Rectory: 610-749-2684  
Rectory Fax: 610-749-2695  
Email: [saintlawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net)  
Website: [saint-Lawrence-church.org](http://saint-Lawrence-church.org)



## 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 3, 2016**

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

### **JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS**

What will help you to believe? Today's scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories "recorded to help you believe," as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John's mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I live" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

**Saturday - April 2nd**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM John Gibson (The Benner Family)**

**Sunday - April 3rd Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**8AM:**

**10AM: Josephine Busacco (Walter & Pat Chmiel)**

**Monday - April 4th The Annunciation of the Lord**

**Weekday:**

**9AM: Sylvester & Anna Ecker (Rex & Mariann Helfant)**

**Tuesday - April 5th Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest**

**Weekday:**

**9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Rex & Mariann Helfant)**

**Wednesday - April 6th Easter Wednesday**

**Weekday:**

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

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

**7:30PM: Intentions of Michael Higgins (McDonald family)**

**Thursday - April 7th St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM: Rocco & Julia DelaCroce (Rex & Mariann Helfant)**

**Friday - April 8th**

**Weekday:**

**6:30PM**

**Saturday - April 9th**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM Virginia Sudol (Lay Carmelite Community)**

### **COLLECTIONS:**

**March 27 Easter - \$7496, Latin America \$30, Easter Flowers \$25, Holy Land \$459**

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the "banns" are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the "banns" in the bulletin.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, "If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . ." This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.

### **TRUE TEACHERS**

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

### **HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR**

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

**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.

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** All are invited to pray the Saturday evening, April 2nd and Sunday morning, April 3rd. The Chaplet will begin after Father leaves the Altar and we sing the closing hymn. To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should: 1) Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter; 2) Sincerely repent of all our sins; 3) Place our complete trust in Jesus; 4) Go to confession, before that Sunday; 5) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast, or at the Vigil Mass; 6) Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy; 7) Be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. To venerate a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect towards it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

**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.

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

**Wedding Anniversary Mass:** The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7th at the cathedral Basilica of S. 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:

4/9 5 PM: Dolores Patton  
4/10 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

### Altar Servers for:

4/9 5 PM: Gregory Deer-Haverlach, Peter Shea  
4/10 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Amy Wydner  
10 AM: Joseph & Michael Zaleski

### Extraordinary Ministers:

4/9 5 PM: Kathy Weiss, Bernie Boylan  
4/10 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Bernie Boylan  
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!** 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 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.

INFORMATION SHEET

CHURCH NAME: St. Lawrence

BULLETIN NUMBER: 497325.1

Date of publication:  
(Sunday's date)

Number of pages transmitted: 4 including cover

Special instructions: Please call Tom @ 610-749-2684