

# 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

**August 14, 2016**

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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**Saturday - August 13th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM:**

**Sunday- August 14th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8AM:**

**10AM:**

**Monday - August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:** Special Intentions (Jones Family)

**Tuesday - August 16th - St. Stephen of Hungary**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:** Denise Scheffer (Jones Family)

**Wednesday - August 17th -**

**Weekday:**

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

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

**7:30PM**

**Thursday - August 18th -**

**Weekday:**

**9AM**

**Friday - August 19th - St. John Eudes, Priest**

**Weekday:**

**6:30PM**

**Saturday - August 20th - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM** Rosita Bean (Lay Carmelite Community)

COLLECTIONS: August 7th report next week. Thank you.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

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



The queen stands  
at your right hand

### **GIVING BACK**

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.

—Peter Chrysologus

### **LIVE TODAY WELL**

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

—Kalidasa

### **SEEK NEW TREASURE**

Not on one strand are all life's jewels strung.

—William Morris

**Coffee & Donuts**, Sunday, August 14th in the Parish Hall following the 10AM Mass. All are invited to attend. Stop by, come and go as you please. Coffee is good and donuts are great:>

**Knights of Columbus** will hold their regular meeting on Monday, August 15th @ 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All KOC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Jim Eckrich, Grand Knight, at 610-253-9712 or jeckrich@yahoo.com

**Catholic Pilgrimage** to Mexico's Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine over the Feast Day, December 8-13, \$2149 each including air from Philadelphia, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Holy Mass everyday and much more. Call Mike Milano 1-800-773-2660

**The Catholic Tour Pilgrimage to Rome**, November 4th to 10th, \$1999 each, depart JFK, details, toll free @ 1-877-627-4268



**Special 24 hour retreat at Malvern**

Men ages 40 and younger, Friday, 8/26 –27  
 Women all ages, Friday, September 30 to Oct 1  
 Info: 610-644-0400

**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 We are ready to welcome you.

**ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

8/20 5 PM: Jane Burger  
 8/21 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
 10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

8/20 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea  
 8/21 8 AM: Anna Holmgaard, Amy Wydner  
 10 AM: felicity Comiskey, Anthony DeArmas

Extraordinary Ministers:

8/20 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager  
 8/21 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Alvin LaBar, OFS  
 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!** Special intentions Molly Worner, Kelly Aubrey & Family, Lorraine Wallace, Liz Casterline, 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 Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eve Zelle, Roger & MaryAnn 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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