

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 28, 2016

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECTIONS: August 21 Parish \$3136, Catholic University \$154, Candles \$119, Lord's Pantry \$110

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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Saturday - August 27th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday- August 28th—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Monday - August 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - August 30th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - August 31st -

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM

Thursday - September 1st -

Weekday:

9AM Intentions of Ann Lewis (Lay Carmelite Community)

Friday - September 2nd -

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - September 3rd - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9:00AM Irene & Joseph Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

Main Altar Flowers by R. Jan and Sharon Powell in memory of John Scobo

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Perhaps the most familiar traditional symbol that identifies bishops is the crosier that they carry. We see the shepherd's staff and immediately rich images from scripture come to mind, as well as the recollection that the first to respond to Christ's presence in our world were the shepherds. The staff is more than a walking stick; its crooked top is useful in snaring errant sheep but also in keeping the flock united. Bishops carry the curve outward, indicating their ministry to the wider flock, while abbots (and some abbesses, too) carry the crosier with the curve pointing in, indicating that their ministry is to the monastery alone.

The crosier was once also carried by the pope, but was phased out centuries ago. You may recall that in pre-"popemobile" days, the pope was often carried around on a portable throne called a *sedia gestatoria*. Since he didn't do much walking, the need for a crosier was minimal. Pope Paul VI introduced the innovation of a walking staff in the 1960s, and everyone remembers Pope John Paul II's walking staff, not a crook, but a delicately sculptured crucifix. Thus, the pope carries a "pastoral staff" rather than a crosier. Precisely because the pope's ministry is universal, to the whole world, popes will likely leave crosiers in the hands of the bishops they commission for care of specific flocks.

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

JUST PUNISHMENT

The punishment of the wise who refuse to take part in government is to live under the rule of the foolish.

—Plato

BURNED

Who sacrifices the conscience burns the picture to obtain the ashes.

—Chinese proverb

NO SURPRISES

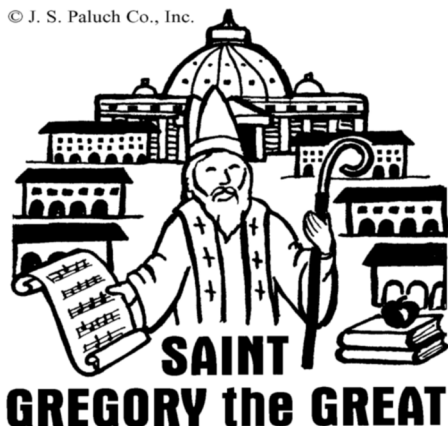
We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

—François Fénelon, archbishop of Cambrai

Altar Rosary will hold their meeting in the Parish hall, Thursday, September 8th @ 7PM. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend. You need not be a member and are not obligated to join. Thank you.

Lord's Pantry thank you acknowledgement received for recent donations of 63.5 pounds of food received in July and 17.1 pounds from April through June. Your generosity helps serve over 500 low-income families each month from the Palisades and Plumsteadville area.

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ALL PARISHONERS Action item: Are you a registered member of St. Lawrence? How do you know? If you have weekly contribution envelopes then you are captured in the Parish data base (whether you use them or not) and there is nothing for you to do. The 2017 envelopes will contain the same info unless you update.

If you don't have envelopes it is likely you are not in our data base; therefore, not a registered member of our Parish. In this case your action is needed. Fill out new parishioner forms in vestibule of church and put in collection or best method is email to saintlawrence@verizon.net and inform us. This is important for various reasons especially if you need verification of what parish you belong to, Baptisms, Confirmation, etc. Thank you.

Subject change: Please review the "Pray for Our Sick, etc." listing in bulletin and inform of any changes, additions, deletions, etc. Thank you

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

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

9/3 5 PM: Jane Burger
9/4 8 AM: Martin Piccinich
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

9/3 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
9/4 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Amy Wydner
10 AM: Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

9/3 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager
9/4 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant
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, 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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