

# 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

**December 11, 2016**

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

### **A SEASON OF HOPE**

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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### **Saturday - December 10th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

5 PM: **Helen Kardos (Rosemarie Tange)**

### **Sunday - Dec 11th - Third Sunday of Advent**

8AM:

10AM: **Catherine Walsh (The Jones Family)**

### **Monday - Dec 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Weekday:**

9AM: **Frank Crocetti (Roszkowski Family)**

### **Tuesday - Dec 13th - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

**Weekday:**

9AM: **Joeseph & Irene Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)**

### **Wednesday - Dec 14th - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

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

***Confessions 7:10 PM***

7:30PM:

### **Thursday - Dec 15th -**

**Weekday:**

9AM: **Butch & Helen Kardos (Rosemarie Tange)**

### **Friday - Dec 16th -**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM: **Sarah Hicks (Jackie Crocetti)**

### **Saturday - Dec 17th -**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM:

COLLECTIONS: December 4, Parish \$2929, Altar Flowers @ \$60, Christmas Flowers @ \$199, Religious Retirement Fund @ \$420. Thank you

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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### **THE LOOK OF LOVE**

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

### **JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE**

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn

**Christmas SING-A-LONG, with coffee & donuts,** December 11th after 10AM Mass in Parish Hall. Sing your favorite Christmas Carols & Songs with sheet lyrics provided. Join us for some early Season Joy and warm up your pipes in preparation for Christmas. Fun for the entire family. Try it.....you'll like it:>

**Altar Rosary Christmas Dinner**, save the date, January 5th at the Villa Richard starting @ 6:00PM. All women of our Parish welcome. Sign sheet and entrée choice details in vestibule. Treat yourself to a pleasant evening with women of our Parish at this annual event.

**St. Lawrence Men's Club** meeting, Monday, December 12th in Parish Hall @ 7PM

**Parish Hall Phone** has been installed due to the lack of cell phone signals there. Parishioners will be able to make outbound local calls during Parish Hall activities. Incoming calls can be received from anywhere. No collect calls which are restricted and unavailable. Note: that calls to cell phone numbers may or may not be considered local depending on the parent account listing of the cell phone; nevertheless all in bound cell calls will be received. This will be a non-published number which you can share with loved ones on an as need basis in order for them to contact you when in the Hall. Phone is located near the bathroom facilities.

**CPR & AED** class being planned for an upcoming Sunday in December after the 10AM mass. Class is about 1.5 hours in the parish hall and will instruct the proper life saving procedures of CPR and Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) use. This could save someone's life, maybe yours or that of a loved one. Sign up sheets in vestibule of church. Please consider attending. The date will be announced when finalized; however we seek the level of interest now from parishioners. Thank you.

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**Be patient until the coming of the Lord**

**Catholic Happenings**

**St John The Baptist**, annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection, December 11th, 12 noon to 3 PM.

**Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, March 21-31, 2017 @ \$3749 per person including air fair from Phila. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Info @ 800-773-2660

**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:

12/17 5 PM: Jane Burger  
 12/18 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
 10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

12/17 5 PM: Francis Reinhart, Peter Shea  
 12/18 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
 10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, AidanRodrigues, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

12/17 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager  
 12/18 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant  
 10 AM: Joe Affuso, Bernie Boylan

**Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!** Joan McArdle, Tim McHenry, Molly Worner, Kelly Aubrey & Family, Lorraine Wallace, Liz Casterline, Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, 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, 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

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 THE ONE  
 WHO IS  
 TO COME?



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