

# 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 4, 2016**

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

COLLECTIONS: November 20th, Parish @ \$2491, St. Charles Seminary @ \$97; November 27th, Parish @ \$3433, Candles @ \$99

### **PREPARE THE WAY**

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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### **Saturday - December 3rd**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

5 PM: **Knights of Columbus 4545**

### **Sunday - Dec 4th - Second Sunday of Advent**

8AM: Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Josephine Busacco & Rose Romeo (Silvio & Liz Noto)

### **Monday - Dec 5th -**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

### **Tuesday - Dec 6th - St. Nicholas, Bishop**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Chris Patton (Patton Family)

### **Wednesday - Dec 7th - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

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

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

7:30PM:

### **Thursday - Dec 8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Intentions of Bob Gillespie (Lay Carmelite Community)

### **Friday - Dec 9th - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM: Kenny Kirkwood (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

### **Saturday - Dec 10th -**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM: Helen Kardos (Rosemarie Tange)

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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### **WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO**

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”

**Knights of Columbus #4545** will hold their Charter Dinner in our Parish Hall Saturday, December 3rd after the 5PM mass.

**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:>

**The Angle Tree, beginning Nov 27th, benefitting less fortunate children & their families at Christmas providing gifts under the Tree. Please take a gift tag or two and return wrapped item with original tag by December 7th. Spread the Joy of Christmas through your charitable generosity. Thank you.**

**Altar Rosary Christmas Dinner**, save the date, January 5th. All women of our Parish welcome. Details to follow.

**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.

### Catholic Happenings

**Rosary in Public Square** in honor of The Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8 after the 9AM Mass at intersection of Rts. 611 & 212

**St John The Baptist**, annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection, December 11th, noon—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](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) We are ready to welcome you.

### ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

#### Lectors for:

12/10	5 PM:	Linda Krager
12/11	8 AM:	Martin Piccinich
	10 AM:	Alvin LaBar, OFS

#### Altar Servers for:

12/10	5 PM:	Andrew Benner, Gregory Derr-Haverlach
12/11	8 AM:	Anna Holmgaard, Amy Wydner
	10 AM:	Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

12/10	5 PM:	Russell Benner, Kathy Weiss
12/11	8 AM:	Mariann Helfant, Bernadette
	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!** 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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