

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., & **first** Sat. of each month at 9:00 a.m.
Wed., at 7:30 p.m. & Fri. at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30

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 third Thursday of the month (Sept-May) 7:00p.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

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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Saturday - Feb 11th -

5PM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Sunday– Feb 12th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Alice Jeronis (Cathy & George Donovan)

10AM: Robert Hegney (Peggy Hegney)

Monday - Feb 13th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - Feb 14th - St. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - Feb 15th -

Weekday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30 PM

Confessions 7:10PM

7:30PM:

Thursday - Feb 16th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Friday - Feb 17th - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Weekday:

6:30PM:

Saturday - Feb 18th -

Weekday: 9AM - NO MASS

COLLECTIONS: January 29 Parish @ \$2971 Thank you.

2017 Calendars available to all Parishioners in vestibule of church.

Important: If you have not picked up your weekly contribution envelopes they are on the table inside the church near “crying room” Please make that happen. Tks.

Catholic Charities Appeal: begins, Sunday, February 5th. This is the largest appeal of the calendar year with a Diocesan goal of \$12.5 M. There are several ways in which to donate. In pew envelopes, direct mailing, which you will receive from the Archdiocese at your home, or e-giving. Checks are payable to: Catholic Charities Appeal. Please be a generous as possible and help St Lawrence reach our Parish goal. You may make one lump sum payment or schedule payments throughout the year. Additional info on: catholiccharitiesappeal.org Appeal beneficiaries are: Education, Social Services, Evangelization, Clergy and local Mission Activities.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o’clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ’s victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ’s victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day “good”? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name “God’s Friday.” The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as “The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation.” Other languages make do with “Holy Friday.” In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it “Long Friday,” a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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

THE CURE

The only known cure for fear is faith.

—Lena K. Sadler

WEIGHTY

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.

—John Ray

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, Feb 12th in Parish hall after 10 AM Mass. All are invited.

Men's Club Meeting Monday, Feb 13 in Parish hall starting at 7PM.

Altar Rosary Society: next meeting is Thursday, February 23rd @ 7 PM in Parish hall.

?? Got Mass ??: when/where; go to www.masstimes.org and/or down load free app. to your device. Provides locations, times and service type for most Parishes in the USA. Parents will appreciate this; their kids.....not so much:> Excuse solved.

St. Lawrence Night at the Races: will be held on Saturday, February 25th. Doors open at 6:00PM with races starting at 7:00PM. Forms will be available in vestibule to purchase a horse. This event is open to everyone and is a family activity. Donations of door prizes and baked goods are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this Men's Club annual fund raiser.

CPR/AED Training Success: Thanks to those who participated last Sunday. Parishioners should know that this life saving service and AED device is available and will soon be visibly placed in church. This device has automated prompts providing instructions for all if/when needed. Training not required but helpful.

Man Up Philadelphia: Saturday, March 4 @ St. Joseph University, 5600 City Ave., Phila. The largest men's spirituality conference in our Archdiocese. Info @ 610-667-5778 or our Archdiocese web site.

Community Blood Drive: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Friday, February 24th, 2:00 PM - 7:00PM, call 1-800-red cross or email: Lori Campbell @ merpat29@aol.com

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center:

Women's Retreat, February 17-19
Celtic Spirituality Retreat, March 10-12
3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia; info: 267-350-1830

Prayers for Our Sick : any updates needed?? Please inform Parish office via email preferred or phone. Thank you.

Regina Academy at St. John The Baptist: Open House, Sunday, Feb. 12th, @ 12 noon to 2PM. Open to all. Come and experience the new environment. Info: 610-847-5521 or www.sjbottsville.org

Shadow Day: Monday, Feb 20th @ 8:15AM; Your child is invited to spend a day at the Academy. Info: 610-847-5523

Notre Dame High School: Feb 22, wine tasting hosted by Santisi Imports, \$5 advance, \$10 @ door. Info: 610-868-1431 x 123

CCD Mass: Sunday, March 5th @ 10AM Mass. All members and their families requested to attend. Thank you.

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:

2/18	5 PM:	Dolores Patton
2/19	8 AM:	Michele Piccinich
	10 AM:	Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

2/18	5 PM:	Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
2/19	8 AM:	Anna Holmgaard, Eric & Melissa Shunk
	10 AM:	Felicity Comiskey, Mathew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

2/18	5 PM:	Frank Hyland, Linda Krager
2/19	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! 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,



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INFORMATION SHEET

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