

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

February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday—February 13th

Weekday:

9 AM: Virginia Sudol (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

5PM: Intentions of Kevin Burke (Janet Davis)

Sunday—February 14th - First Sunday of Lent

Valentine's Day - World Marriage Day

8AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Cheeseman Family (Ells & Barbara Cheeseman)

Monday—February 15th

Weekday: Presidents Day

9AM: Jess Yoo (Patton Family)

Tuesday—February 16th

Weekday: Special Intentions (Jones Family)

9AM:

Wednesday—February 17th

Weekday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

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

7:30PM: Patricia Friel (Jones Family)

Thursday—February 18th

Weekday:

9AM:

Friday—February 19th

Weekday: Abstinence

6:00PM Stations of the Cross; Mass 6:30PM

Saturday, February 20th

Weekday:

9AM:

5PM:

COLLECTIONS:

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JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today Lent begins. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2016

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rive Bowl", which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

2/20 5PM: Frank Hyland
2/21 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

2/20 5PM: Andrew Benner, Peter Shea
2/21 8AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard
10AM: Anthony DeArmas, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

2/20 5PM: Russell Benner
2/21 8AM: Janet Davis, Mariann Helfant
10AM: Mary Gambino, Linda Krager

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life! John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Jean Krenitsky, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hults, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trinchera, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hesselthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eva Zelle, Roger 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.

Coffee & Donuts: February 14th after 10AM mass in Parish hall.

Fish Fry for Lent: Riegelsville Fire Company every Friday night starting February 12th to March 25th

Altar & Rosary Society: February 18th @ 7:00 PM. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

Saint Lawrence Night at the Races: The Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 27th. Doors open at 6:00PM and the event starts at 7:00PM. 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.

Shadow Day at The Regina Academy Monday, February 15th. Let your children explore the school. 610-847-5523

Women's Retreat Weekend: Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave. February 19-21. Contact 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1835 for details

Catholic Cruises and Tours: cruise to the Western Caribbean on a 7-night sail September 10th to 17th on Carnival Freedom out of Galveston, Texas. Ports of call; Montego Bay (Jamaica), Grand Cayman and Cozumel. Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785

Men's Club Meeting-- Schedule Change: was planned for February 8th now February 16th @ 7:30PM. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

February 20th & 21st. A special collection will be taken for the Care and Infirm Priest of the Archdiocese. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Women's Discernment Retreat: for young women (18-35) which focuses on IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God. Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA. 610-889-1553. February 19-21.

American Cross Blood Drive: Friday, February 26, 2PM to 7PM St Peter's Lutheran Church. Contact: Lori Campbell at merpat29@aol.com

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