

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 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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Saturday - Feb 18th -

5PM: Alice Jeronis (Catherine Jeronis)

Sunday - Feb 19th - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Living & deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Col. Mike Cerreta (Bill & Marianne Chabot)

Monday - Feb 20th -

Weekday:

9AM: Communion Service Only - No Mass

Tuesday - Feb 21st - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9AM: Joyce Dimaggio (Janet Achuff)

Wednesday - Feb 22nd - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Weekday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6-7:30 PM
Confessions 7:10PM

7:30PM:

Thursday - Feb 23rd - St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

Weekday:

9AM:

Friday - Feb 24th -

Weekday:

6:30PM:

Saturday - Feb 25th -

Weekday: 9AM - NO MASS

COLLECTIONS: February 12 Parish @ \$1988 Thank you.

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: began, 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 as generous as possible and help St Lawrence reach our Parish goal. You may make one lump sum payment or schedule payments throughout the year if donating directly to the Archdiocese. Additional info on: catholiccharitiesappeal.org Appeal beneficiaries are: Education, Social Services, Evangelization, Clergy and local Mission Activities.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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MARTYRDOM

Live as though today you may die a martyr's death.

—Charles de Foucauld

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

2017 Calendars available to all Parishioners in vestibule of church.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

2/25	5 PM:	Jane Burger
2/26	8 AM:	Joseph Keeney
	10 AM:	Bernie Boylan

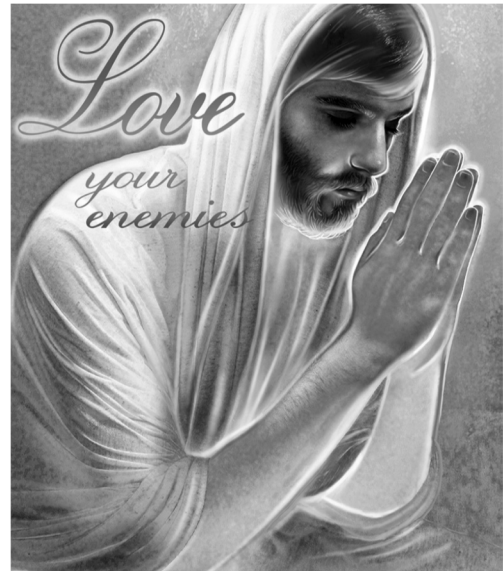
Altar Servers for:

2/25	5 PM:	Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
2/26	8 AM:	Amy Wydner, Anthony DeArmas
	10 AM:	Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

2/25	5 PM:	Russell Benner, Frank Hyland
2/26	8 AM:	Bernadette Maszczak, Dolores Patton
	10 AM:	Joe Affuso, Alvin LaBar, OFS

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 Woner, 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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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

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.

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: 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: **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 following normal CCD class. 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.

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