

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 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday—February 20th

Weekday:

9 AM:

5PM:

Sunday—February 21st Second Sunday of Lent

8AM: Joyce DiMaggio (Janet Davis)

10AM: John Gibson (Bob & Joann Seren)

Monday— February 22nd

Weekday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9AM:

Tuesday—February 23rd

Weekday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

9AM:

Wednesday —February 24th

Weekday:

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

7:30PM:

Thursday— February 25th

Weekday:

9AM:

Friday—February 26th

Weekday: Abstinence

6:00PM Stations of the Cross

6:30PM Mass

Saturday, February 27th

Weekday:

9AM:

5PM: Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

COLLECTIONS:

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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.

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today’s showing forth of God’s glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The treasures of our tradition can often be traced to one source, but like the waters of a river branching out on its way to the sea, are received differently as they filter through various cultures and customs. Long ago, mostly because of the preparation of candidates for baptism, the annual feast of the Lord’s death and resurrection was preceded by a period of preparation. In the West that comes to us as Lent, a word drawn from the Old English word for springtime, referring to the lengthening hours of sunlight in this hemisphere.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

2/27 5PM: Dolores Patton
2/28 8AM: Joseph Keeney
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

2/27 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Francis Reinhart
2/28 8AM: Amy Wydner
10AM: Conor, Daaefin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

2/27 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
2/28 8AM: Janet Davis, Jackie Crocetti
10AM: Joe Affuso, Alvin LaBar, OFS

In the East, the tradition of preparing for Easter is received as “Great Lent,” to distinguish it from a secondary “Lent” preceding Christmas, and a two-week period, a kind of “pre-Lent,” that gradually introduces the faithful to the austerities of Great Lent. One of the major differences between East and West is in the vigor of the Lenten fast. In Great Lent the customs of fast and abstinence are far more strict than we are accustomed to. For us, meat is off our Lenten tables on Friday, but in the East, meat disappears from the diet completely, along with dairy products.

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

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

Men’s Club Meeting—Schedule Changed, Again:>

Due to the upcoming Night at the Races and folks wishing to purchase additional horses the meeting date is now Monday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00 PM. It’s not too late to buy yourself a horse. Gate closes at 11:00AM Sun, 2/21

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.

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

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.

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

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in northeast Philadelphia is offering a Celtic Spirituality Retreat, March 4-6. Contact 267-350-1830

Malvern Retreat House : Crucifixion & death of Christ, Tuesday evening, Feb. 23rd. Contact 610-644-0400

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 Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, 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.

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