

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 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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**Saturday - Feb 4th -
5PM:**

Sunday - Feb 5th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8AM:
10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Monday - Feb 6th - St. Paul Miki & Companions,
Martyrs**
Weekday:
9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

**Tuesday - Feb 7th -
Weekday:**
9AM:

**Wednesday - Feb 8th - St. Jeromer Emiliani; St.
Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**
Weekday:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6-7:30 PM
Confessions 7:10PM
7:30PM: Josephine Benko (Jones Family)

**Thursday - Feb 9th -
Weekday:**
9AM:

Friday - Feb 10th - St. Scholastica, Virgin
Weekday:
6:30PM: Buford Jones (Jones Family)

Saturday - Feb 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM
Weekday: NO MASS

COLLECTIONS: January 29 Parish @ \$3961, Catholic Relief Service @ \$160. Grand total for Catholic Relief Services on Jan 22 + 29 + misc. is \$486. Thank you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stationary liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stationary church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

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

GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

—Raymond Lull

POPULARITY

Avoid popularity if you would have peace.

—Abraham Lincoln

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.

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

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

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.

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 the Men's Club annual fund raiser.

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance: Saturday, Feb 11 @ St John the Baptist, Ottsville. Doors open @ 6PM hosted by The Knights of Columbus #4545. Live music, dinner, ste-ups, BYOB, sif drinks & bottled water. Tickets available Jan 21 & 28 @ \$35 each. Not available at the door. Contact Joe Affuso @ 610-258-1621

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

Our Lady of Czestochowa: Marriage Encounter Retreat, February 10-12, details call 610-449-1859



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

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

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

2/11	5 PM:	Frank Hyland
2/12	8 AM:	Joseph Keeney
	10 AM:	Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

2/11	5 PM:	Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
2/12	8 AM:	Amy Wydner, Anthony DeArmas
	10 AM:	Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

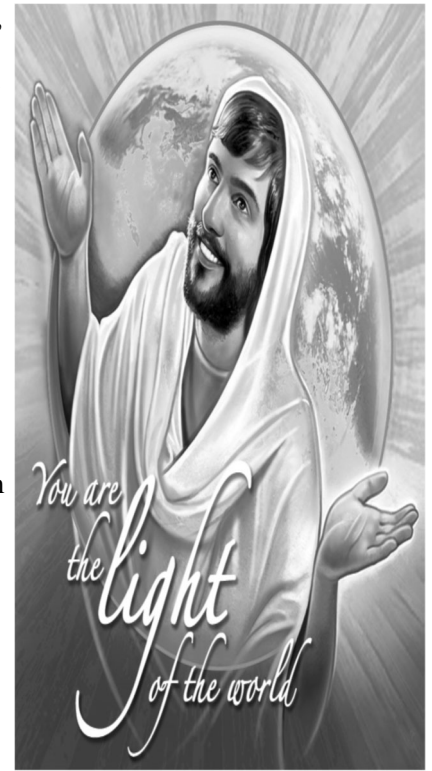
Extraordinary Ministers:

2/11	5 PM:	Russell Benner, Kathy Weiss
2/12	8 AM:	Bernadette Maszczak, Robert & Margaret Somogyi
	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 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, 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 Heddeleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner, Jeremy Hewens, MD



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