

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 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

“Holy, holy, holy!” Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was “holiest,” so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these “three little words” that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God’s call has to be grounded in awareness of God’s holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God’s power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah’s “Here I am, send me!” and the disciples’ leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own “Holy, Holy, Holy!” lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalms — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

Saturday—February 6th

9 AM: Holy Souls in Purgatory (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

5PM: Knights of Columbus

Sunday—February 7th

8AM: Catherine Jonik (Frances Nowicki)

10AM: Zachary Steinberg (Bob & Betty Steinberg)

Monday—February 8th

9AM: Andrew & Helena Jonik (Frances Nowicki)

Tuesday—February 9th

9AM: Beauford Jones, Sr. (Jones Family)

Wednesday—February 10th

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

7:30PM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Thursday—February 11th

9AM: Linda Achuff (Janet Davis)

Friday—February 12th

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

Saturday, February 13th

9AM:

5PM: Intentions of Kevin Burke (Janet Davis)

COLLECTIONS:

January 24th & 31st: \$4049, includes \$810 Catholic Relief

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scout Sunday

Monday: 8th St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
Chinese New Year 4714

Wednesday: 9th Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving

Thursday: 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick;
National Shut-in Visitation Day

Friday: 12th Lincoln’s Birthday; Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Roman Empire shattered and collapsed, the bishops were the people best equipped to catch the falling stones. In the West (that’s us), they sought to stabilize society by weaving a structure of laws and courts to uphold the rights and dignity of married couples in a chaotic world. The bishops in the East had a different approach, even allowing the dissolution of marriages in certain cases. To an extent, the bishops took a measure of control away from the fathers of families in order to provide pastoral care for those who suffered most in the social collapse: women and children.

In the West, much of the marriage law was contained in the “penitential books” the bishops devised to regulate the lives of public sinners. In the seventh century, Theodore of Canterbury’s penitential book said that he had the power to give consent to remarriage in the case of a poor fellow whose wife had been carried off by the Vikings. If the Vikings subsequently brought her back, she could remarry, too! No bishop ever made peace with divorce, but there was never a time when the pastoral concern of the church was not struggling with how to care for people in unhappy situations.

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

WHERE GOD IS

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.

—Anonymous

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

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.

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

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12, 2016 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Catholic Charities Appeal: A special collection will be taken on February 6th & 7th. Please do your best to support this most worthy effort. Thank you.

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.

CCD Food Drive: Sundays 1/31 and 2/7. Make a difference and donate a can of soup for our local food pantry. Every can helps, bring two if you can:>

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance: Saturday, February 13 at St John's Parish Hall. Doors open at 6PM. Entertainment, live band, Master Chef, B.Y.O.B. Tickets \$70 per couple, \$75 at the door. Contact Jim McHugh 610-847-5456 or Joe Affuso 610-258-1621

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

Catholic Relief Service: Special collection was snowed out for January 21 & 22. Your donations are welcomed, needed and appreciated. Any envelope noted as above.

Discernment Retreat: February 6-7 & 13-14. Women age 18-35 with focus on God's calling. 610-889-1553 for additional details.

MOM Heart of the Home: February 13, 9AM –3:30PM, Sts. Simon & Jude @ Meehan Center, West Chester. For details: Deb MacKenzie at dmackenzi@schubertb2b.com

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

2/13 5PM: Jane Burger
2/14 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

2/13 5PM: Francis Reinhart, Peter Shea
2/14 8AM: Amy Wyner
10AM: Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

2/13 5PM: Dolores Patton
2/14 8AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS
10AM: 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! 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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