

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

January 1, 2017

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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**Saturday - December 31st - New Years Eve Night
5PM: Beatrice Griffaton (Kathie Weiss)**

**Sunday- Jan 1st - News Year Day - Solemnity of
Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

8AM:

10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Monday - Jan 2nd - St. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

Weekday:

9AM:

**Tuesday - Jan 3rd - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Weekday:**

9AM: Special Intentions

**Wednesday - Jan 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious**

Weekday:

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6-7:00 PM
Confessions 7:10PM*

7:30PM:

**Thursday - Jan 5th - St. John Neumann, Bishop
Weekday:**

9AM:

**Friday - Jan 6th - St. Andre' Bessette, Religious
Weekday:**

6:30PM:

**Saturday - Jan 7th - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Weekday:**

9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: December 25, will report next week do to bulletin production schedule date for Christmas Week.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin



PASSIONS

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

—Richard Steele

2017 Calendars available to all Parishioners in vestibule of church.

Flame of Love books in pews and vestibule are free for the taking.

Altar Rosary Christmas Dinner save the date, January 5th at the Villa Richard starting @ 6:00PM. All women of our Parish welcome. Sign sheet and entrée choice details in vestibule. Treat yourself to a pleasant evening with women of our Parish at this annual event.

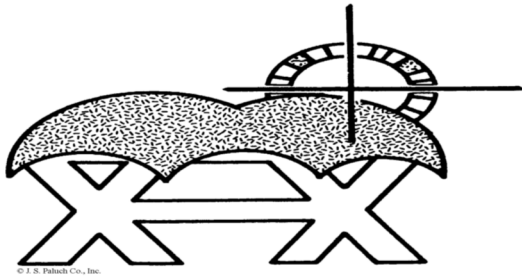
Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, January 8th after the 10AM Mass in Parish hall.

Men's Club Meeting: Monday, January 9th in Parish hall beginning at 7PM.

Special Collection: January 20 & 21, Catholic Relief Service

St. John the Baptist, January 19, Knowing, Loving, Serving Tour of their facility informing attendees of the services and educational opportunities for people of all faiths at the Regina Academy.

CPR/AED Training Class is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th following the 10AM Mass. This service is provided free of charge and an opportunity for anyone to learn these most valuable life saving procedures. This is a convenient opportunity to participate in something that you may have interest in but have been putting off for years. Now is the time to act. You will be glad you did:>



Nativity Stable: The St. Lawrence Men's Club has approved funds for the construction of a new Nativity Stable to be utilized for Christmas 2017. We seek someone who has the ability and is willing to donate their time & talent to fabricate same. All materials for this initiative will be funded by the Men's Club with no expense to you. Interested?? Contact Joe Affuso @ 610-258-1621

Notre Dame High School: Alumni Wrestling Night & Reception, January 10th, 5:30 to 7PM in Gymnasium

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.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

1/7 5 PM: Frank Hyland
1/8 8 AM: Joseph Keeney
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

1/7 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
1/8 8 AM: Anna Holmgaard, Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Mathew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

1/7 5 PM: Linda Krager, Kathy Weiss
1/8 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Bernadette Maszczak
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, Lori Liskowacki, 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



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