

# 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 15, 2017**

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **THREE MISSIONS**

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outtranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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**Saturday - January 14th -  
5PM:**

**Sunday– Jan 15th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8AM:**

10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Monday - Jan 16th -  
Weekday:**

9AM:

**Tuesday - Jan 17th - St. Anthony, Abbot  
Weekday:**

9AM:

**Wednesday - Jan 18th - Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity Begins**

**Weekday:**

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

7:30PM:

**Thursday - Jan 19th -  
Weekday:**

9AM:

**Friday - Jan 20th - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St.  
Sebastian, Martyr**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM:

**Saturday - Jan 21st - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr  
Weekday:**

9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: January 8, will report next week with this Sunday Jan 15th

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today’s shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple “low” Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

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

### **VISION**

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

—Anonymous

### **GOD KNOWS BEST**

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

—Anonymous

**2017 Calendars** available to all Parishioners in vestibule of church.

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

**Men's Club Meeting:** Planning meeting for Night at the Races, Monday, January 16th in Parish @ 7PM

**Special Collection:** Catholic Relief Service, January 20 & 21

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center:**

Women's Retreat, February 17-19  
Celtic Spirituality Retreat, March 10-12  
3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia; info: 267-350-1830

**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.



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**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:>

**Notre Dame High School:**

January 23, Weyerbacher Brewery, Tours, Tasting & refreshments- \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door

**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:**

1/21 5 PM: Linda Krager  
1/22 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

**Altar Servers for:**

1/21 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea  
1/22 8 AM: Anna Holmgaard, Eric & Melissa Shunk  
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Mathew Gambino

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

1/21 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Kathy Weiss  
1/22 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, 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 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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