

# 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 22, 2017**

## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **LIBERATION AND REFORM**

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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**Saturday - January 21st -  
5PM:**

**Sunday - Jan 22nd - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8AM:  
10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Monday - Jan 23rd - St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**  
**Weekday:**

9AM:  
**Tuesday - Jan 24th - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM:

**Wednesday - Jan 25th - The Conversation of St. Paul  
the Apostle**  
**Weekday:**  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6-7:00 PM*  
*Confessions 7:10PM*  
7:30PM:

**Thursday - Jan 26th - St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM: Special Intentions of Linda Achuff (Ted & Janet Achuff)

**Friday - Jan 27th - St. Angela Merici, Virgin**  
**Weekday:**  
6:30PM:  
**Saturday - Jan 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest &  
Doctor of the Church**  
**Weekday:**  
9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: January 15 Parish @ \$2098, Candles @ \$33. Thank you.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

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

### **EFFORTLESS**

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

—Anonymous

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

**HELP- HELP:** does anyone have any voice recordings of our former organist Mary Ann Segletes ?? She passed away a few years ago and the family is making this request. Inform the Parish office if you can provide. Tks.



**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.

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

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

**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. Contcat Joe Affuso @ 610-258-1621

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center:**

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

**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:**

1/28 5 PM: Jane Burger  
1/29 8 AM: Joseph Keeney  
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

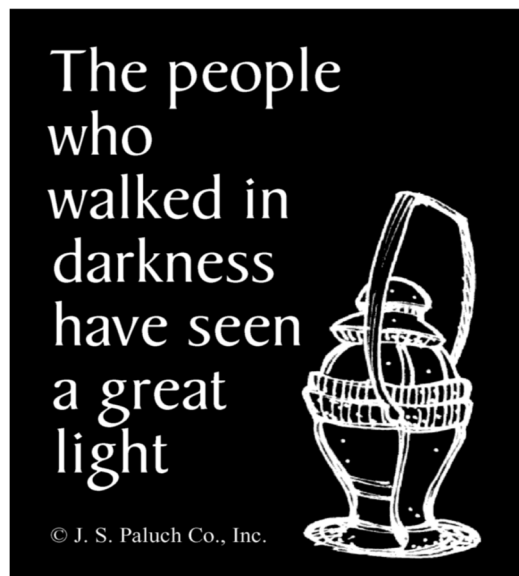
**Altar Servers for:**

1/28 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart  
1/29 8 AM: Amy Wydner, Anthony DeArmas  
10 AM: Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

1/28 5 PM: Russel Benner, Ann Funkhouser  
1/29 8 AM: Bernadette Maszczak, Bernie Boylan  
10 AM: 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!** 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 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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