

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

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECTIONS: January 22 Parish @ \$2140; Catholic Relief Services @ \$241. Thank you.

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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Saturday - January 28th -

5PM: James Weiss (Kathie Weiss)

Sunday - Jan 29th - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Bob & Betty Steinberg (Patton Family)

10AM: Souls In Purgatory (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

Monday - Jan 30th -

Weekday:

9AM: Joseph Balkus (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

Tuesday - Jan 31st - St. John Bosco, Priest

Weekday:

9AM: Joseph McKeon (Mary Ann McKeon)

Wednesday - Feb 1st -

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10PM

7:30PM:

Thursday - Feb 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord

Weekday:

9AM: Rudy, Veteran US Armed Services; Killed in Action (Ted Achuff)

Friday - Feb 3rd - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Weekday:

6:30PM: Joseph & Irene Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

Saturday - Feb 4th -

Weekday:

9:00AM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton

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.

2017 Calendars available to all Parishioners in vestibule of church.

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



The Lord's Pantry: acknowledgement received for our contribution of 31.3 pounds of food in December 2016 helping over 500 families from the Palisades community to Plumsteadville. Thank you.

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

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:>

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.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

2/4 5 PM: Jane Burger
2/5 8 AM: Martin Piccinich
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

2/4 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
2/5 8 AM: Anna Holmgaard, Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Mathew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

2/4 5 PM: Linda Krager, Kathy Weiss
2/5 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant
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

INFORMATION SHEET

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