

# 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 8, 2017**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

COLLECTIONS: December 25, Parish @ \$12,122;  
January 1, Parish \$3516 , candles @ \$124

### **THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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**Saturday - January 7th - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**  
**5PM:**

**Sunday- Jan 8th - The Epiphany of The Lord**  
8AM:  
10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Monday - Jan 9th - The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM:

**Tuesday - Jan 10th - First Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM:

**Wednesday - Jan 11th -**  
**Weekday:**  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:00 PM*  
*Confessions 7:10PM*  
7:30PM:

**Thursday - Jan 12th -**  
**Weekday:**  
9AM:

**Friday - Jan 13th - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
**Weekday:**  
6:30PM:

**Saturday - Jan 14th -**  
**Weekday:**  
**9:00AM**

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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

### **EPIPHANY**

Solemn things of mystic meaning;  
Incense doth the God disclose;  
Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century

### **TRUE HAPPINESS**

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

### **SELFLESSNESS REWARDED**

Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

—Old Hindu proverb

**Church Decorations** will be taken down and stored for next year after the 10AM mass. Please lend a hand to make this happen. Thank you.

**Altar Poinsettias** are free for the taking after the 10AM Mass.

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

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

**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.  
Planning meeting, for Night at the Races, January 16th @ 7PM

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

**St. John the Baptist, Ottsville**

**Basketball Free Throw Competition,** Friday, Jan 13th - registration @ 6PM, open to all boys & girls in the Community ages 10 to 14. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #4545. Winners from each age group will be eligible to advance to the District Competition, details TBA

**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:>



**Notre Dame High School:**

**January 10th,** Alumni Wrestling Night & Reception, 5:30 to 7PM in Gym.

**January 13,** Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, 6:30PM

**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](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) We are ready to welcome you.

**ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

**Lectors for:**

1/14 5 PM: Jane Burger  
1/15 8 AM: Martin Piccinich  
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

**Altar Servers for:**

1/14 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart  
1/15 8 AM: Amy Wydner, Anthony DeArmas  
10 AM: Conor, Dadafin, Shane Twomey

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

1/14 5 PM: Russell Benner, Ann Funkhouser  
1/15 8 AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi  
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!**

Betty Steinberg, Joan McArde, 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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