

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

July 17, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WATCH YOUR POSTURE

Our posture is often a tip-off to our hospitality and reverence for the Lord. Note the actions of Abraham as he greeted the Lord in the presence of three men who appeared near his tent. He ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them. He bowed to the ground as he met them. He and Sarah, his wife, hastened to prepare a meal and bring food and water to their guests.

In the Gospel story, Jesus' friend Mary sat at his feet in order to listen to him speak.

How do we welcome and reverence the Lord? What do our actions show? Do we remember the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament? How do we welcome the Lord in the scripture readings? How do we acknowledge his presence in our brothers and sisters, both at Mass and afterwards?

Whether we kneel, stand, or sit in the Lord's presence, may our hearts and minds always be attuned to him.

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Saturday - July 16th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM:

Sunday - July 17th - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Living & Deceased members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Kathryn Oswald (Matt & Janice Sebastiano)

Monday - July 18th - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Weekday:

9AM: Increase in Prayers for Safety

Tuesday - July 19th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - July 20th - St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM Members of St. Lawrence Parish (anonymous)

Thursday - July 21st - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9AM

Friday - July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - July 23rd - St. Bridget, Religious BVM

Weekday:

9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: July 10th: Parish \$2754, Collection for Human Development - \$175, Food Pantry \$85 (included in mention below)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The French Revolution is hardly a "treasure" in our story, yet in 1789 it began to dismantle the way the world was organized: feudalism. The collapsed society had three basic divisions: those who work, those who fight, and those who pray. There wasn't a great deal of movement among the ranks, yet one way to move out of the workers and the fighters was in the direction of the folks who prayed. These were the First Estate, the clergy.

One of the key persons in any manor or village was the priest. He could read, at least a bit, and so was the source for pronouncements and news from government and Church. He was assigned to celebrate the sacraments frequently and in conformance with certain rules.

Seminaries did not exist before the Reformation. Astute Protestant reformers then forced the Catholic world toward a more educated and able clergy. Before that, young men apprenticed with a priest to learn the essentials, and would be presented to the bishop for ordination. Other priests emerged from the university system, where students were required to be invested as clerics. Still others were monks, ordained not so much for ministry outside the monastic walls, but to offer Mass only for the intentions of the community's benefactors.

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

PRAY DAILY

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

MERCY

Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance than justice.

—Miguel de Cervantes

The Lord's Pantry Thank you has been expresses by St. John the Baptist for our recent financial contribution of \$275 to our joint effort in supporting the pantry helping those in need throughout our community. **Manna Bag Collection** continues and your support is greatly appreciated. Bags are located in the vestibule of the church for this purpose. 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.

Knights of Columbus will hold their regular meeting on Monday, July 18 @ 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All KOC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Stop by and be part of the great efforts these men of St. Lawrence & St. John the Baptist Parish are doing for our community and beyond. Thank you.

Pontifical Mission Society will hold an appeal on July 30th & 31st at all Masses. We will have a Mission priest as our Parish guest arriving July 29th and departing August 5th. He will be our guest speaker on the weekend and celebrating Mass throughout the week in conjunction with our normal Mass schedule. Please do your best to welcome our visitor. Consider investing some time with him in both a spiritual and social environment and contributing financially to this most important appeal benefiting the less fortunate throughout the far reaches of the world. Thank you.

Catholic Happenings throughout our area:
Catholic Family Fun Club for the whole family. Network with other Catholics in our area at www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club or join in the Holy Hours of Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy on August 4th @ 7PM @ Our Lady of Ransom parish in Northeast Phila and/or on August 8th 7-9PM @ Annunciation BVM, Phila.

Into the Wild Retreat for Men a retreat focused primarily on outdoor skill-oriented activities combining fellowship and prayer for men as leaders, protectors and providers.

Catholic Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12-22, 2016 via Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Info 1-800-773-2660. Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner.

Canonization of Mother Teresa ten day Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy September 1 - 10. Round trip airfare, hotel, ground transportation, private tours & more. Pilgrimage Spiritual Director is Fr. Dennis Gill. Info: <http://archphila.org/#events> Registration request by May 27th.

Newman Connection keeping recent high school graduates connected with Mass & Church. 80% of students stop practicing their faith at some point during college. The Newman Connection can help with their outreach program. Simply fill out the Student Contact Information card available in back of church, deposit in collection or hand to an usher, and the Connection will take it from there. They provide information, Church/Parish locations, Mass schedules, etc. to any vicinity in the country based on your college location. There is no fee or obligation. This is a means to offer easy access and Church locations to the new college student at their respective school location. Make it happen. Fill out a card today. God Bless.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

7/23	5 PM:	Dolores Patton
7/24	8 AM:	Alvin LaBar, OFS
	10 AM:	Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

7/23	5 PM:	Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
7/24	8 AM:	Anna Holmgaard, Amy Wydner
	10 AM:	Felicity Comiskey, Anthony DeArmas

Extraordinary Ministers:

7/23	5 PM:	Russell Benner, Linda Krager
7/24	8 AM:	Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant
	10 AM:	Joe Affuso, Bernie Boylan

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life! Special intentions of Kelly Aubrey & Family, Lorraine Wallace, Liz Casterline, Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, 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, Rose Romeo, 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

Official Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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