

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 24, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith. Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars. Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

Saturday - July 23rd
Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Living & Deceased members of St. Lawrence

Sunday - July 24th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8AM:

10AM: Intention of Donna Schuly (Lay Carmelite Community)

Monday - July 25th - St. James, Apostle

Weekday:
9AM:

Tuesday - July 26th - St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekday:
9AM:

Wednesday - July 27th -

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM Special Intentions (Jones Family)

Thursday - July 28th -

Weekday:
9AM

Friday - July 29th - St. Martha

Weekday:
6:30PM

Saturday - July 30th - St. Peter Chysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Weekday:
9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: July 17th: Parish \$3085, Human Development \$40

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an “ordinary.” A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a “see,” a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of “titular sees” assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

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

LOOK AROUND YOU

To see the world in a grain of sand
and a heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour.

—William Blake

THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

—St. Anthony of Padua

It is because of **Faith** that we exchange the present for the future. (St. Fidelis)

Food for Thought:

Isn’t strange that princes and kings
And clowns who caper in sawdust rings
And simple folk, like you and me,
Are builders of eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,
A soul to save and a set of rules.
Each one will fashion ere life is flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

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.

Knights of Columbus Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 7th at the Springtown Rod & Gun Club. Festivities for the entire family start at 1 PM. This is a free event funded by KOC 4545 Council. Food, beverage, fun & games for the kids. Great opportunity to mingle with the men who provide great work for our community and those in need throughout the year. No need to bring anything; however cakes, cookies, whatever are welcome. Attire is picnic ready for fun:> Do your best to stop and show your appreciation. 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,. 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.

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.

The Lord's Pantry Manna Bag Collection is now completed and your support is greatly appreciated. You can donate anytime of the year as there are always folks in need. Bags are located in the vestibule of the church for this purpose or you can donate directly at St. John The Baptist. 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:

7/30	5 PM:	Bernie Boylan
7/31	8 AM:	Dolores Patton
	10 AM:	Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

7/30	5 PM:	Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
7/31	8 AM:	Brielle Comiskey, Eric & Melissa Shunk
	10 AM:	Aidan Rodrigues, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

7/30	5 PM:	Frank hyland, Kathy Weiss
7/31	8 AM:	Janet Davis, Bernadette Maszczak
	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 Hults, 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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