

# 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 3, 2016**

## **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

COLLECTIONS: June 26th - Parish \$3311, Peter Pence \$477, Catholic Charities \$70

### **PEACE**

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the "LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the "peace and mercy" on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

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#### **Saturday - July 2nd**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM:** Knights of Columbus

#### **Sunday - July 3rd - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM: Alice Soschetti (Steinberg Family)

10AM: John Gibson (Thomas & Janet Walker)

#### **Monday - July 4th - Independence Day**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Special Intentions

#### **Tuesday - July 5th - St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

#### **Wednesday - July 6th - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**

**Weekday:**

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

*Confessions 7:10 PM*

**7:30PM** Armand De Lorso ( Krager Family)

#### **Thursday - July 7th -**

**Weekday:**

9AM

#### **Friday - July 8th -**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM Denise Scheffer (Jones Family)

#### **Saturday - July 9th - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions Martyrs; BVM**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Some say tomato—and some say tomahto—you know the old song. What do you say when you arrive at church and see a font prepared, a baby in the wings, the paschal candle burning? Well, maybe you will say that "we're having a baptism today," or maybe you say "we are having a christening." The proper term is baptism, since that is the name of the sacrament. But the persistent use of "christening" in our culture, probably from due to the influence of the Episcopal Church, is interesting.

Baptism, an ancient word, is from the Greek meaning to dip or to dunk. Christening is an Old English word that describes perfectly well that more than getting splashed with water, the person being baptized is being "Christ-ed." No matter what you call it, there's always water involved, and then an anointing with chrism—fragrant olive oil consecrated as a sign of Christ's presence—poured upon the brow as we say, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."

So, in being Christ-ed, you are conformed to his image, your life is expected to be a retelling of his life in miniature and you—even though you may be squirming or sleeping—are commissioned to be a priest, a prophet, a king. This means that you are called to be one who worships, you are called to speak the truth, you are called to shape the world and exercise right judgment. That is the deepest treasure of our tradition, and every time you gather to celebrate a baptism, you renew your vows precisely so that you can be more "Christ-ed." No matter what vocabulary you assign to the liturgy, the key is transformation of the human person in the community of the Body of Christ.

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

### **FREEDOM**

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

—Abraham Lincoln

**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.

**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.

**Manna Collection Lord's Pantry** please consider donating non perishable food items to help restock the pantry this summer. Accepting now through July 10th. This is a joint effort between St. Lawrence and St. John the Baptist where the pantry and distribution of food items are provided to those in need.

**Sister Act: Broadway's Divine Musical Comedy**, July 13 @ 8PM, Walnut Theater. Tickets @ \$95 per person and a portion of all tickets sold will support the Catholic Charities Appeal. Call 215-587-5650 or [CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org](http://CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org)

**Campaign for Human Development:** a special collection will be taken July 9 & 10. Accepting donations now. Mark on envelope and deposit in normal Mass collection.

**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.

**St. Lawrence Choir** - needs your help. Seeking willing parishioners to sing the praises of the Lord at Mass they usually attend. You are already here so why not let your voices ring from the church balcony with all the words here for you and nothing to remember. Please stop by and see Janet, our parish organist, after Mass to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**WANTED PART TIME HELP** someone closely associated with St. Lawrence Parish who can help in increasing advertising revenue in the weekly bulletin. This is a paid position by J.S. Paluch company the publisher of our bulletin. Contact Kirk Durham at 848-459-4000 for additional details.

**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:

7/9 5 PM: Frank Hyland  
7/10 8 AM: Martin Piccinich  
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

### Altar Servers for:

7/9 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Peter Shea  
7/10 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
10 AM: Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

### Extraordinary Ministers:

7/9 5 PM: Russell Benner, Linda Krager  
7/10 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Bernadette Maszczak  
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS; Joe Affuso

**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 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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