

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 31, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECTIONS: July24th: Parish \$2081

HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

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Saturday - July 30th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM:

Sunday - July 31st - Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Joseph Walsh (Culichia Family)

Monday - August 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - August 2nd - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St.

Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - August 3rd -

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM Special Intentions (Jones Family)

Thursday - August 4th - St. John Vianney, Priest

Weekday:

9AM Walter Wladzka (Jones Family)

Friday - August 5th - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - August 6th - The Transformation of the Lord

Weekday:

9:00AM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back-flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means "turban." Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a *camelaucum*. Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop's removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eucharistic Prayer.

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WORRY

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better. The things I worry about *never* happen.

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.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

8/6 5 PM: Dolores Patton
8/7 8 AM: Joseph Keeney
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

8/6 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
8/7 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Anthony DeArmas

Extraordinary Ministers:

8/6 5 PM: Ann Funkhouser, Linda Krager
8/7 8 AM: Bernadette Maszczak, Alvin LaBar, OFS
10 AM: Mark Culichia, Mary Gambino

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.

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.

Evangelization Training Camp August 8-12. Five days of spiritual growth. Info: www.evangelicalcatholic.org/ etc

Pray, Hope & Don't Worry retreat for men & women, August 5-7 Malvern retreat House. 610-644-0400

Special 24 hour retreat at Malvern

Men ages 40 and younger, Friday, 8/26 –27
Women all ages, Friday, September 30 to Oct 1
Info: 610-644-0400

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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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