

# 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

**June 12, 2016**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**HOPE AND FORGIVENESS**

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today's first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, "The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin" (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God's mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today's Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love. There is hope, then, for the rest of us sinners, if only we love enough!

**Saturday - June 11th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM:** Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Sunday - June 12th - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8AM:** Barbara Itterly (MaryEllen Itterly)

**10AM:** Jean Krenitsky (Gloria Tafaro)

**Monday - June 13th - St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:**

**Tuesday - June 14th -**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:**

**Wednesday - June 15th -**

**Weekday:**

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

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

**7:30PM William Kerstner (Kragger Family)**

**Thursday - June 16th -**

**Weekday:**

**9AM**

**Friday - June 17th -**

**Weekday:**

**6:30PM**

**Saturday - June 18th -**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM**

COLLECTIONS: June 5th - Parish \$1852, Memory of John Joseph Gibson \$100

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Last week's "Treasure" no doubt raised an eyebrow or two with the image of the deacons scurrying through the streets of Rome, or perhaps galloping on horseback, with fragments of eucharistic bread from the bishop's liturgy. These would be dropped into the chalice at outlying celebrations, presided over by presbyters, to express unity with the bishop, and perhaps also to remind the presbyters that they were not free agents. The Council of Laodicea forbade the custom of the *fermentum* in the year 348. Generally, one of the rules of interpreting law is that people don't make laws about things that aren't happening. So, by mid-fourth century, we have an important clue that what had once been a Roman custom had become widespread.

Interestingly, when the Church of England (and its related bodies) went through a liturgical renewal in the mid-nineteenth century, they reclaimed this custom from the mists of history. Today, it is the custom in some Anglican dioceses for a fragment of the host from the bishop's Holy Week liturgy (what we call the Chrism Mass) to be carried to every parish. On "Maundy Thursday" (our Holy Thursday), the fragment is dropped into the chalice to signify the parish's communion with the bishop. This modern revival of the *fermentum* is different from the "co-mingling" action we are used to, in which a fragment of the consecrated bread is dropped into the chalice just before Communion.

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

**HEAVEN-MADE**

I have been made for heaven and heaven for me.

—St. Joseph Cafasso

**FORGIVENESS**

To forgive is to set a prisoner free  
and to discover that the prisoner is me.

—Anonymous

**PROFLIGATE?**

I'd rather be a beggar and spend my last dollar like a king, than be a king and spend my money like a beggar.

**Celebrate Life 2016 5K Run/2K Fun Walk** Saturday

June 25th, Peace Valley Park. 7:30AM Registration, 9AM race. Pledge sheet and Registration form on line: buckscountyprolife.com Benefits women and their children facing crisis.

**Notre Dame HS All Class Reunion** - Saturday, June 18th, 1 PM to 5 PM. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 / under 21. Info at 610-868-1431 X 123 or alumni@ndcrusaders.org

**Coffee and Donuts, Sunday, June 12th** in Parish hall following the 10AM Mass. All invited.

**Parish Dinner:** All adults of the Parish are invited to the Parish Dinner on **Thursday, June 23rd** with a cash bar at 6:30PM and dinner at 7PM at the **Frenchtown Inn**. The cost is **\$15 per person**. This annual event is sponsored and subsidized by the Saint Lawrence Men's Club. Come enjoy an evening of fun and good food with your fellow parishioners. RSVP information with ushers in vestibule after all Masses.

**Riegelsville Borough Celebrating 100 Years** on Friday, June 24th, 7-11PM Historic presentations, **Movie** under the Stars, **Free** popcorn at Borough Hall. On Saturday, June 25th, 12-noon - 7PM **Parade**, local food vendors, games, **Live Music** and more. Bring family and friends and enjoy these weekend long activities.

**Flame of Love** quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th at St. Philomena Church, Lansdowne, PA. Info @ 610-622-4257 or hartown@verizon.net

**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.

**West Catholic High School** Alumni Association will host "BURRS AT THE BEACH" Sunday, June 26th from 1 PM to 7 PM at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ. Transportation & info 484-431-0781

**Padre Pio Festival**, June 25 & 26, St Bede the Venerable Church, 1071 Holland Rd., Holland, PA Festival includes food, crafts, children videos and entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

6/18 5 PM: Jane Burger  
6/19 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

### Altar Servers for:

6/18 5 PM: Francis Reinhart, Peter Shea  
6/19 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard  
10 AM: Josepg & Michael Zaleski

### Extraordinary Ministers:

6/18 5 PM: Ann Funkhouser, Frank Hyland  
6/19 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Dolores Patton  
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!** 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 Trinchera, 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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