

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 19, 2016

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

The great fifty-day celebration of Easter has concluded, as have the feasts honoring the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ. Last week we began a long stretch of Ordinary Time that will bring us to late November. Saint Paul tells us today that those who are baptized “have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:27). This scripture is echoed in the Church’s baptism ritual when we sing, “You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.” This message is inspiring and sobering at the same time, for in today’s Gospel, we get to the heart of what it means to be clothed in Christ. The Lord tells us, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). For the next twenty-two weeks we are called to take up the cross and, with Saint Luke as our guide, follow in the footsteps of Christ.

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Saturday - June 18th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM:

Sunday - June 19th - FATHER’S DAY

8AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: John Gibson (Thomas & Janet Walker)

Monday - June 20th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - June 21st - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - June 22nd - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM

Thursday - June 23rd -

Weekday:

9AM Andrew Schlotter (Jones Family)

Friday - June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - June 25th -

Weekday:

9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: June 12th - Parish \$3609, Flowers \$160

Altar Flowers, June 18-19 in Memory of John & Virginia Martin (Affuso Family); **Blessed Mother** for Mary Affuso (Joe Affuso).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It’s almost midsummer day! One of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar occurs this week. There are only three “nativity” feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist on June 24. Friday’s date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child’s advent, but of Elizabeth’s child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, kindling “St. John’s Fires” in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist’s own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach this week and plunge in to recall your baptism? It’s a tradition!

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

PATIENCE

Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.

—Anonymous

FATHERHOOD

A father carries pictures where his money used to be.

—Anonymous

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.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus ARC Special Collection will be held June 18-19 to benefit those with special needs within our local community. Please be as generous as possible.

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.

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 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.

Peter's Pence special collection will be held on June 25-26. Donations being received and appreciated now. Deposit in normal Sunday collections and note the reason

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

6/25 5 PM: Frank Hyland
6/26 8 AM: Dolores Patton
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

6/25 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Peter Shea
6/26 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM: Aidan Rodrigues, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

6/25 5 PM: Russell Benner, Linda Krager
6/26 8 AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
10 AM: Joe Affuso, Alvin LaBar, OFS

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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