

# 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 26, 2016**

## **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **FOCUS ON THE MISSION**

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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**Saturday - June 25th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

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

**Sunday - June 26th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8AM:**

**10AM:** Patrick Potter (Twomey Family)

**Monday - June 27th - St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:**

**Tuesday - June 28th - St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:**

**Wednesday - June 29th - Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

**Weekday:**

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

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

**7:30PM**

**Thursday - June 30th - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

**Weekday:**

**9AM**

**Friday - July 1st - Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest**

**Weekday:**

**6:30PM**

**Saturday - July 2nd -**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM** Knights of Columbus

COLLECTIONS: June 19th - Parish \$1962, Candles \$80

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

An old and still vital treasure in our tradition is a document called the “Apostolic Traditions,” giving us a snapshot of church life in third-century Rome. Its author, Hippolytus, describes the liturgical life of the church and records the actual texts of the prayers. The way he explained the various “orders” of the church was the basis for a major reform of the rites of ordination by Pope Pius XII in 1947, and later for the Second Vatican Council. Hippolytus tells us that a bishop had to be elected by the entire people, and that ordination had to take place on a Sunday in the presence of the people, the presbyters, and neighboring bishops. The bishop-candidate is ordained by the other bishops, who impose their hands on his head while everyone else keeps a profound silence, awaiting the outpouring of the Spirit. There is a prayer of blessing said by one of them, on behalf of all, asking for the Spirit and describing his ministry.

Later centuries layered new features on top of this liturgy, including the requirement for three bishop consecrators. Today, whenever a new bishop is announced (election by the people is no more), a kind of genealogy is provided, tracing his pedigree through the consecrating bishops down through the centuries to Peter and the first body of believers. Every bishop today can trace his office through his consecrators back to the beginning in a tradition called “apostolic succession.”

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### **AT A LOSS**

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.

—German proverb

**Peter’s Pence** special collection will be held on June 25-26. Donations being received and appreciated now for the support of the Pope in Rome.

**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.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

7/2 5 PM: Jane Burger  
7/3 8 AM: Joseph Keeney  
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

### Altar Servers for:

7/2 5 PM: Gregory Deer-Haverlach, Francis Reinhart  
7/3 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard  
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Anthony DeArmas

### Extraordinary Ministers:

7/2 5 PM: Ann Funkhouser, Frank Hyland  
7/3 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Janet Davis  
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 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.

**Rice Bowl** letter received from Archdiocese in grateful recognition to all Parishioners of St. Lawrence for their generous support of the effort. Thank you!

**Ukrainian Festival the first in 20 years** being held Sunday, June 26th @ Holy Ghost Church, 315 4th Street in West Easton with Ukrainian foods (pyrogy, halupky, haluski, kielbasa & more), homemade baked goods, music & dancing, 12 noon to 7PM with live music Polka Band & more.

**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.

**Malvern Retreat House** Family Festival, Sunday, June 26th 1PM to 6PM, Benedicta Women's Leadership Conference July 7-8, Mens & Women retreats throughout the year. For all info: 610-644-0400

**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 We are ready to welcome you.

INFORMATION SHEET

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