

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 5, 2016

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECTIONS: May 29 - Parish \$3473, Catholic Charities \$300

HOPE AND LIFE

Today's readings tell the story of two widows. The first reading relates the plight of the widow with whom the prophet Elijah stayed; the Gospel tells about the widow of Nain. In each story, the widow's only son had died. For people who lived in those cultures, the son was the only support of a widow, and the carrying on of the family name by the son was equal to immortality. A widow whose only son has died could lose all hope.

Elijah and Jesus are the restorers of hope; they bring the sons back to life. Saint Paul was metaphorically raised from the dead when he experienced the conversion and call from God that he describes in today's second reading.

What are Christians called to do today? We may not be able to raise the dead, but perhaps we can rekindle hope for a single parent. We may not be able to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently with our lives, we might touch a life with the Good News.

Saturday - June 4th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Knights of Columbus

Sunday - June 5th - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Zachary Charles Steinberg, on his Birthday, (Steinberg Family)

10AM: Jean Krenitsky (Anna Fusco)

Monday - June 6th - Saint Norbert, Bishop

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - June 7th -

Weekday:

9AM: Joe Affuso (Lay Carmelite Community)

Wednesday - June 8th -

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM

Thursday - June 9th - Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9AM

Friday - June 10th -

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - June 11th - Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Weekday:

9:00AM Sharon Affuso (Lay Carmelite Community)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Unless Professor Einstein's theory of relativity can be translated into any useful kind of time-travel, most of our clues about life in the early church will have to come from ancient letters and ancient prayer texts. A prayer text from a dusty library may yield, for example, an understanding of what "presbyters" actually did. We have such a prayer from the early third century from the hand of Hippolytus of Rome. While our modern prayers derive a great deal from his, some of the practices of the ancient church have fallen away. In his day, bishops were chosen by the people, and the other bishops merely consented. Presbyters, by contrast, seem to have been chosen by the bishops. This makes sense, since it allowed the bishops to hand-pick their most trusted advisers.

It seems that bishops were at first reluctant to share their presiding at the Eucharist with presbyters. In fact, by the time of the fourth-century church's growth spurt in Rome, the bishop sent deacons out with fragments of the host from his Eucharist to drop into the chalices of the presbyters at the outlying Eucharistic celebrations. We still have a vestige of this *fermentum* in the Mass today, a reminder of the early bishops' desire to give a powerful sign of the unity of all celebrations of the Eucharist with their ministry, and a clue to their reluctance to delegate a sacramental ministry to the presbyters.

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

GOD'S PRESENCE

Realize above all that you are in God's presence . . . empty yourself completely and sit waiting, content with the grace of God, like a chick who tastes nothing and eats nothing but what its mother gives it.

—St. Romuald

SMALL PLEASURES

Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.

—Georges Bernanos

Charismatic Retreat Malvern Retreat House, June 10-12 focused on the Holy Spirit. International speakers and much more. Info 610-644-0400

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

St. John the Baptist Carnival, June 8th to 11th. Wed/Thurs/ 6/8 - 9 from 6PM to 10PM; Friday/Saturday 6/10 - 11 from 5PM to 11PM. Live music Friday & Saturday. Beer, wine, food available for purchase. Activities include Rockwall, bungee trampoline, raffle baskets, bingo tickets, FIREWORKS Saturday night and much more. Stop by for some fun, excitement and camaraderie with neighbors, family and friends. More info: 534-1970

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.

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 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:

6/11 5 PM: Frank Hyland
6/12 8 AM: Joseph Keeney
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

6/11 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
6/12 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM: Conor, Dadafin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

6/11 5 PM: Russell Benner, Linda Krager
6/12 8 AM: Bernadette Maszczak, Alvin LaBar, OFS
10 AM: Joe Affuso, Bernie Boylan

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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