

# 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., & **first** Sat. of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
Wed., at 7:30 p.m. & Fri. at 6:30 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30

## 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 third Thursday of the month (Sept-May) 7:00p.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

**March 12, 2017**

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

### **THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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**Saturday - Mar 11th -  
5PM:**

**Sunday– Mar 12th - Second Sunday of Lent**

8AM: Intentions of Mike Glovas (Bernie Boylan)  
10AM: Frances Nowicki (Bernie Boylan)

**Monday - Mar 13th -**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Tuesday - Mar 14th -**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

**Wednesday - Mar 15th -**

**Weekday:**

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30 PM  
Confessions 7:10PM***

7:30PM:

**Thursday - Mar 16th -**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Julia Jones (Jones Family)

**Friday - Mar 17th - St. Patrick, Bishop**

**Weekday: *NO abstinence from meat today:>***

**6:00PM: *Stations of the Cross throughout Lent***

6:30PM: Frances Nowicki (Senior Family)

**Saturday - Mar 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop  
& Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday: 9AM - NO Weekday Mass**

**COLLECTIONS:** March 5th, Parish @ \$2499, Poor Box @ \$235, Military Service @ \$25, Rice Bowl @ \$191, Misc. @ \$107.62 Thank you.

**Special Collection:** Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America to be held on March 10 & 11

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed “house churches,” gathering on the Lord’s Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisius. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

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

**Catholic Charities Appeal:** began, Sunday, February 5th. This is the largest appeal of the calendar year with a Diocesan goal of \$12.5 M. There are several ways in which to donate. In pew envelopes, direct mailing, which you will receive from the Archdiocese at your home, or e-giving. Checks are payable to: Catholic Charities Appeal. Please be as generous as possible and help St Lawrence reach our Parish goal. You may make one lump sum payment or schedule payments throughout the year if donating directly to the Archdiocese. Additional info on: catholiccharitiesappeal.org Appeal beneficiaries are: Education, Social Services, Evangelization, Clergy and local Mission Activities.

### **SORE SHINS**

Don’t break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

—Irish proverb

### **TRUE FRIENDSHIP**

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

## **Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2017**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl", which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

**Men's Club Meeting:** Monday, March 13 @ 7PM in Parish Hall

**Coffee & Donuts:** Sunday, March 12 following the 10AM Mass in the Parish Hall. All are invited.

**Prayer Service for Immigrants & Refugees:** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap., Presider, Sunday, <arch 19 @ 4PM, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

**Archbishop Wood High School:** Alumni Events, Friday, April 21, 5:30PM and Alumni Mass April 23 @ 9AM, info @ 215-672-5050 x 227

**Golf Outing,** Friday, April 12, noon to 5PM @ Five Ponds Golf Course

**Notre Dame HS: March 25th:** All day Food trip to NYC; bus trip to various places in NYC; \$45pp, info @ 610-868-1431 X 123

**Open House at The Regina Academy @ St. John the Baptist** March 19, 12 noon to 2PM, meet Headmaster, teachers, students and more. Transfer Grants and Financial Aid available. Info 610-960-7062

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown:** will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy, September 11—20 @ \$3799 per person including air fair from Philadelphia. Info @ 800-773-2660

### **Mother Boniface Spirituality Center:**

**Family Retreat; Fishing with Jesus:** March 31 - April 1 3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia; info: 267-350-1830

**Prayers for Our Sick :** any updates needed?? Please inform Parish office via email preferred or phone. Thank you.

**?? Got Mass ??:** when/where; go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) and/or down load free app. to your device. Provides locations, times and service type for most Parishes in the USA. Parents will appreciate this; their kids.....not so much:> Excuse solved.

**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.

### **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

#### **Lectors for:**

3/18	5 PM:	Linda Krager
3/19	8 AM:	Joseph Keeney
	10 AM:	Ells Cheeseman

#### **Altar Servers for:**

3/18	5 PM:	Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Francis Reinhart
3/19	8 AM:	Eric & Melissa Shunk
	10 AM:	Felicity Comiskey, Mathew Gambino

#### **Extraordinary Ministers:**

3/18	5 PM:	Linda Krager, Kath Weiss
3/19	8 AM:	Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant
	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!** Joan McArdle, Tim McHenry, Molly Worner, Kelly Aubrey & Family, Lorraine Wallace, Liz Casterline, Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, 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, baby Ely, Max Ours, Father Breen, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnanno, 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

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