

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

March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday—March 12th

5PM:

Sunday—March 13th Fifth Sunday of Lent

8AM:

10AM: John Gibson (Senior Family)

Monday— March 14th

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday—March 15th

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday —March 16th

Weekday:

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

7:30PM: ????? Jones (Jones Family)

Thursday— March 17th

Weekday: Saint Patrick, Bishop

9AM:

Friday—March 18th

Weekday: Saint Cyril, Abstinence

6:00PM Stations of the Cross

6:30PM Mass

Saturday, March 19th

Weekday:

9AM:

5PM: Mary Weiss (Kathie Weiss)

COLLECTIONS:

March 6will report March 20th

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2016

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 Rive Bowl”, which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

STRAIGHT LINES

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from “Benedict” to “Francis,” we named a “treasure” in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, “overseers,” good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament.

Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone's name.

In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, "elders," or presbyters. That isn't a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men "stood in" for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop's Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church's unity around its bishop.

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

Men's Club Meeting: The monthly meeting of the Saint Lawrence Men's Club will be held on Monday, March 14th at 7PM in the parish hall. All members are asked to attend. All men of the parish are invited.

Fish Fry for Lent: Riegelsville Fire Company every Friday night starting February 12th to March 25th

Catholic Cruises and Tours: cruise to the Western Caribbean on a 7-night sail September 10th to 17th on Carnival Freedom out of Galveston, Texas. Ports of call; Montego Bay (Jamaica), Grand Cayman and Cozumel. Contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785

Girl Scout Cookies: Sunday March 13th after the 10AM Mass. Celebrating 103 years of service making our world a better place and the cookies are great:>

Lenten Retreat for Women: Saturday, March 19th, 8:30AM—1:15PM @ St. Magdalen de Pazzi church, Flemington, NJ. Info: www.ComeIntotheWord.com

Special Collection: For Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe. Any Sunday during Lent.

Coffee and Donuts: March 13th after the 10AM mass in Parish Hall.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

3/19 5PM: Linda Krager
3/20 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

3/19 5PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
3/20 8AM: Anna Holmgaard
10AM: Anthony DeArmas, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

3/19 5PM: Russell Benner
3/20 8AM: Jackie Crocetti, Bernadette Maszczak
10AM: Joe Affuso, Mary Gambino

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!

John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, Jean Krenitsky, Raymond Meehan, Mary Grube Fritchman, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, 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, Eva 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 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

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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