

# 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 20, 2016**

## **Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary**

5PM: Mary Weiss (Kathie Weiss)

**Sunday—March 20th—The Passion of the Lord**

8AM:

10AM: Juanita, Stephen & Helen Ombalski (Ombalski Family)

**Monday— March 21st - Holy Week**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

**Tuesday—March 22nd - Holy Week**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

**Wednesday —March 23rd - Holy Week**

**Weekday:**

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

7:30PM:

**Thursday— March 24th - Holy Thursday**

**Weekday:**

7:00PM: Sandy Green (The Cheeseman Family)

**Friday—March 25th– Good Friday**

**Weekday: Passion of the Lord, Abstinence**

2:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 26th - Holy Saturday**

7:00PM: Easter Vigil Mass

### COLLECTIONS:

March 6th, includes special collections \$2543.00

**Archdiocese Appointment:** Fr. Muir has been granted permission to remain as Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish as part of the annual assignment process. CONGRADULATIONS. Fr. Muir

### **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.

### **PASSION**

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, "Holy Week," was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!

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## 2016 – Holy Week – Services

### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday: Confessions 4:00PM to 4:45PM

Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM

Palm will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

Monday and Tuesday – Mass 9:00AM

Wednesday – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Confessions: 7:00PM

Mass: 7:30PM

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Last Supper – 7:00PM

Adoration at the Repository until 9:00PM

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 2:00PM

Holy Communion at this service only

Church will be open from 1:00PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:00PM

Holy Saturday

Confessions: 4:00PM to 4:30PM

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:00PM

Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water,

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday

Masses: 8:00AM & 10:00AM

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**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

**Lenten Retreat for Women:** Saturday, March 19th, 8:30AM—1:15PM @ St. Magdalen de Pazzi church, Flemington, NJ. Info: [www.ComeIntoTheWord.com](http://www.ComeIntoTheWord.com)

**Special Collection:** Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

3/26 7PM: Bernie Boylan

3/27 8AM: Michele Piccinich

10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

### Altar Servers for:

3/26 7PM: Gregory Deer-Haverlach, John McDonald

3/27 8AM: Brielle Comiskey, Amy Wydner

10AM: Conor, Dadafin, Shane Twomey

### Extraordinary Ministers:

3/26 7PM: Dolores Patton

3/27 8AM: Janet Davis, Mariann Helfant

10AM: 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!**

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 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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