

# 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 27, 2016**

## **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



**Saturday March 26th - Holy Saturday**

**Confessions: 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**7PM: Easter Vigil Mass**

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

**Sunday—March 27th - Easter Sunday**

8AM: Cheeseman Family, Living & Deceased (Cheeseman Family)

10AM: John Senior (Gambino Family)

**Monday— March 28th - Easter Monday**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Helena Kardos (Rosemarie Tange)

**Tuesday—March 29th**

**Weekday:**

9AM: Helena Kardos (rose Pavlica Myers)

**Wednesday —March 30th**

**Weekday:**

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

7:30PM: Christina Fetzter (Janet Davis)

**Thursday— March 31st**

**Weekday:**

9:00 AM: Margaret Durns (Rose Pavlica Myers)

**Friday—April 1st**

**Weekday:**

6:30 PM Intentions of Michael Higgins (Susan Johnson)

**Saturday - April 2nd**

**Weekday:**

9:00 AM Virginia Sudol (Lay Carmelite Community)

### COLLECTIONS:

March 13th, includes special collections \$3658.00

**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.

### **DRAWN INTO THE STORY**

“We are witnesses!” The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John’s Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus’ body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: “It is wonderful in our eyes!”

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a “Little Easter.” Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a “Big Sunday.” On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, *anamnesis*, as the antidote to “amnesia,” the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God’s most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God’s eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a “Big Sunday,” today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord’s Day. We wear “Sunday best” today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a “Big Sunday,” and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.

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### **BEGINNING AND END**

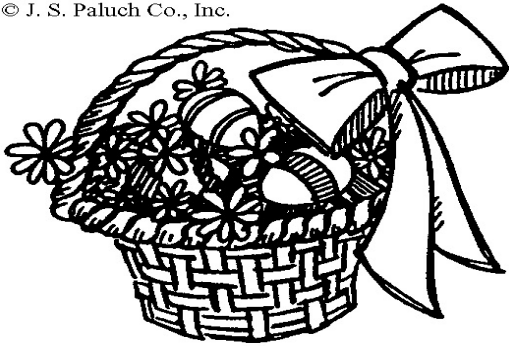
Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

—St. Ambrose

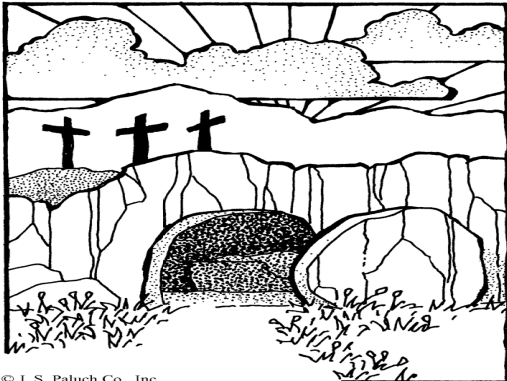
### **WE REMEMBER YOU, O RISEN LORD**

We remember you, O risen Lord,  
New Covenant at the feast of the cross.  
Your resurrection dresses the table  
for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

Blessed are you!



**Easter Egg Hunt:** The annual Parish egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday after the 10 AM Mass. This event, sponsored by the St. Lawrence Men's Club, is open to all parish children. Please remember to bring a basket and your camera.



**Divine Mercy Sunday:** All are invited to pray the Saturday evening, April 2nd and Sunday morning, April 3rd. The Chaplet will begin after Father leaves the Altar and we sing the closing hymn. To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should: 1) Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter; 2) Sincerely repent of all our sins; 3) Place our complete trust in Jesus; 4) Go to confession, before that Sunday; 5) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast, or at the Vigil Mass; 6) Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy; 7) Be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. To venerate a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect towards it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

**Malvern Retreat House:** Friday, April 1 to Sunday, April 3 to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Info call 610-644-0400.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

### Lectors for:

4/2 5PM: Linda Krager  
 4/3 8 AM: Martin Piccinich  
 10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

### Altar Servers for:

4/2 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart  
 4/3 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
 10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Aidan Rodrigues

### Extraordinary Ministers:

4/2 5 PM: Russell Benner, Frank Hyland  
 4/3 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Dolores Patton  
 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!** 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.

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