

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 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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Saturday - Mar 4th - 5PM:

Sunday- Mar 5th - First Sunday of Lent

8AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence
10AM: John Pavlica (Wife Irene)

Monday - Mar 6th -

Weekday:

9AM: Souls in Purgatory (Rex & Mariann Helfant)

Tuesday - Mar 7th - St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - Mar 8th - St. John of God, Religious

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10PM

7:30PM:

Thursday - Mar 9th - St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Weekday:

9AM:

Friday - Mar 10th -

Weekday:

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross throughout Lent

6:30PM:

Saturday - Mar 11th -

Weekday: 9AM - NO Weekday Mass

Stations of the Cross Friday @ 6PM throughout LENT

COLLECTIONS: February 26 , @ \$3991, Ageing Priest @ \$45, Military Service @ \$239. Parish Thank you.

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.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

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LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Avila

TIMING

What you give in health is gold.

What you give in sickness is silver.

What you give after death is lead.

—Jewish proverb

CCD Mass: Sunday, March 5th @ 10AM Mass following normal CCD class. All members and their families requested to attend. Thank you.

St. Lawrence Night at the Races: Thank you to all who helped make our annual event a success.

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

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

Tour of The Regina Academy @ St. John the Baptist March 16, one hour beginning @ 8:30AM, info 610-960-7062

Legion of Mary, "Marian Day" @ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Sunday, March 11 from 9AM to 4PM, box lunch @ \$10, Mass, presentations; info 610-785-6270

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:
Celtic Spirituality Retreat, March 10-12
3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia; info: 267-350-1830
Family Retreat; Fishing with Jesus: March 31 - April 1

Malvern Retreat House:
March 1, Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection
March 7, Shroud of Turin Evening
March 10 -12 annual retreat for women, all info @ 610-644-0400

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 and/or download 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 We are ready to welcome you.

Important: If you have not picked up your weekly **contribution envelopes** they are on the table inside the church near "crying room" Please make that happen. Tks.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

3/11	5 PM:	Jane Burger
3/12	8 AM:	Michele Piccinich
	10 AM:	Bernie Boylan

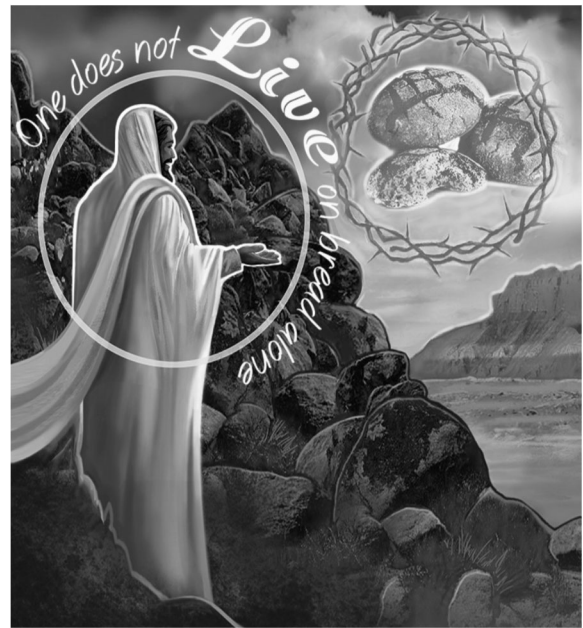
Altar Servers for:

3/11	5 PM:	Andrew Benner, Peter Shea
3/12	8 AM:	Anna Holmgaard, Anthony DeArmas
	10 AM:	Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

3/11	5 PM:	Russell Benner, Linda Krager
3/12	8 AM:	Robert & Margaret Somogyi
	10 AM:	Joe Affuso, Alvin LaBar, OFS

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,



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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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