

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

COLLECTIONS: May 8 - Parish \$2552, Ascension Thursday \$284, Pro Life Mother's Day Flowers \$107, Catholic Home Missions \$35

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You'll find no race of people left out; you'll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the "birthday of the church." In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today's Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul assures us in today's second reading that "all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit." When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don't. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit?

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Saturday - May 14th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM:

Sunday - May 15th - Pentecost Sunday

8AM: Joseph Stark (Stark Family)

10AM: John Gibson (Bob & Carol Miranda)

Monday - May 16th -

Weekday:

9AM: Blessings on 2016 Graduates (Frances Nowicki)

Tuesday - May 17th

Weekday:

9AM: Special Intentions (Frances Nowicki)

Wednesday - May 18th - Saint John, Pope & Martyr

Weekday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:00 PM

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM: Irene & Joseph Moninghoff (Barbara Itterly)

Thursday - May 19th

Weekday:

9:00AM: Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Friday - May 20th - Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - May 21st - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr

Weekday:

9:00AM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Order" and "presbyter" are not everyday words in our vocabulary, since we think of order as a quality of life rather than a collective noun, and "priest" usually does just fine in everyday conversation. Yet each word has deep roots in our tradition. At an ordination we select men for service to the community. *Ordo* is a Latin word drawn not from pagan religious life but from Imperial Rome. It meant a distinct body standing apart from the people, such as a body of people responsible for civil governance, senators for example. Think of the selectmen or board of governors in your civic home, and you will get the idea. The church borrowed the term to describe the place of certain people within the people of God, thus the "order of deacons," "the order of presbyters," and even "the order of virgins, catechumens, widows, neophytes, penitents," and so on, as distinct groups within the church.

Just as ancient Rome had various uniforms for the ranks and stations in civil life, so too did certain garments give clues to membership in an "order" in the church. So, our tradition favors the idea of an ordination liturgy not as receiving something so much as being received. This is clearly expressed in the liturgy. The "kiss of peace" is given only by the ordaining bishop and priests to the newly "ordained," not by the faithful, the deacons, or the concelebrating bishops who are present.

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A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus,
poured out in flames of fire upon your disciples
on the day of Pentecost,

we pray to you:

Set afire the hearts of your faithful
so that they will announce

in all the languages of the world
the wonders of the salvation of God.

Flame of Love Diary: will be distributed free of charge on May 14th & 15th to those interested in spreading the word of the Immaculate Heart. An Introductory Conference will be held on Monday night, May 16th from 7 to 8 PM in the church. All are invited. Please consider hearing what has to be said. You are under no obligation. Just listen to inspiring words on the Blessed Mother.

Catholic Charities Appeal - Special Collection, in pew, May. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in pews. Direct mailings have also been made for parishioners who are registered with St. Lawrence. You may use either the direct mail piece or the in pew cards for donations. If you did not receive direct mail that would indicate you are not registered in our Parish. Please advise if you did not receive. This appeal is vital to the work being done to promote a culture of life and love for those most in need.

West Catholic High School Alumni Association will host “BURRS AT THE BEACH” Sunday, June 26th from 1 PM to 7 PM at Westy’s Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ. Transportation & info 484-431-0781

Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee welcomes the entire community to share in honoring our fallen heroes and all living veterans on Sunday, May 26, 6 PM at the Williams Township Municipal Campus, 655 Cider Press Rd., Williams Township. The Wilson area high school band will perform and various recognitions awards will be presented. Info 610-253-8951

Padre Pio Festival, June 25 & 26, St Bede the Venerable Church, 1071 Holland Rd., Holland, PA Festival includes food, crafts, children videos and entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

Charismatic Retreat Malvern Retreat House, June 10-12 focused on the Holy Spirit. International speakers and much more. Info 610-644-0400

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.

Community Blood Drive Friday, May 20th @ St John United Church of Christ, 651 Easton Road, 2—7 PM Info 1-800-733-2767

Capital Singers of Trenton concert, May 15th at 4 PM. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ. Guest soloist is Michael Niederer, star of the theater production “Samson” Info at 609-434-2781

Catholic Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12-22, 2016 via Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Info 1-800-773-2660. Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner.

Notre Dame HS All Class Reunion - Saturday, June 18th, 1 PM to 5 PM. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 / under 21. Info at 610-868-1431 X 123 or alumni@ndcrusaders.org

Retreat for Girls - 3rd through 8th grade, Malvern Retreat House, May 15th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Cost \$20. Info at 610-644-0400

St. Lawrence Choir - needs your help. Seeking willing parishioners to sing the praises of the Lord at Mass they usually attend. You are already here so why not let your voices ring from the church balcony with all the words here for you and nothing to remember. Please stop by and see Janet, our parish organist, after Mass to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

5/21 5 PM: Linda Krager
5/22 8 AM: Michele Piccinich
10 AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

5/21 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
5/22 8 AM: Amy Wydner, Felicity Comiskey
10 AM: Joesph & Michael Zaleski

Extraordinary Ministers:

5/21 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager
5/22 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Dolores Patton
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! Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, 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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