

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

May 22, 2016

The Most Holy Trinity

JOURNEY OF FAITH

We are on a long and eventful journey. Today's readings for Trinity Sunday succinctly cover the depth and breadth of our human travels.

The very beginnings of our journey are revealed in the reading from Proverbs. God's plan filled with divine wisdom was born before the earth was made. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of his own personal journey. He has come from the Father and will return to the Father. Only then will the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth—take us onward.

This does not diminish the fact that the journey will be hard. The very setting of the Gospel is the night before Jesus died. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, "[W]e even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).

Ultimately, our human journey is modeled by the Holy Trinity—a family of love among Father, Son, and Spirit that we are all called to emulate.

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Saturday - May 21st

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM:

Sunday - May 22nd - The Most Holy Trinity

8AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: John Senior (Frances Nowicki)

Monday - May 23rd -

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - May 24th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - May 25th - St Bede, Priest, St. Gregory VII,

Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Weekday:

9AM

Thursday - May 26th - St. Phillip Neri, Priest

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM:

Friday - May 27th - St. Augustine of Canterbury

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - May 28th -

Weekday:

9:00AM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people, "While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian." He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God's kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek *episkopos*, would become simply "overseer;" priest, from the Greek *presbyter*, would become "elder;" and deacon, from the Greek *diakonos*, would be "servant." Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves, to hunger and thirst for the coming of God's kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

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

WISDOM'S ROOT

Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not goodness its roots in wisdom.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry.

—Anonymous

PATIENCE

Patience and the passage of time do more than strength and fury.

—Jean de la Fontaine

Altar & Rosary Society will hold their meeting in the parish hall, Thursday, May 26th 7 PM. All women of the parish are invited and welcome to attend. You need not be a member and you are not obligated to join. Thank you.

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.

Phillies Fans Fellowship Night Monday, June 6th @ 7:05 PM hosting the Chicago Cubs. Inviting church congregations of all faiths. Tickets regular price at \$47 and under receive an \$8 discount. Info 215-463-5000 X 5111 or www.phillies.com/themenights

Canonization of Mother Teresa ten day Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy September 1 - 10. Round trip airfare, hotel, ground transportation, private tours & more. Pilgrimage Spiritual Director is Fr. Dennis Gill. Info: <http://archphila.org/#events> Registration request by May 27th.

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.

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:

5/28 5 PM: Dolores Patton
5/29 8 AM: Joseph Keeney
10 AM: Jane Burger

Altar Servers for:

5/28 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
5/29 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard
10 AM: Aidan Rodrigues, Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

5/28 5 PM: Russell Benner, Kathy Weiss
5/29 8 AM: Janet Davis, Mariann Helfant
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! Liz Casterline, 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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