

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 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

REVISITING OUR BAPTISM

A mere seven weeks ago thousands of new Church members were baptized. Their new life in Christ has once again infused new life into the Church. Their new-found faith has inspired and bolstered the faith of those who have followed Christ for many years. As the Easter season nears its end, we revisit the scene of our baptisms. In the second reading we hear Christ calling us: "Come. . . Let . . . the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water" (Revelation 22:17).

But our baptism is not one of water only. John refers to washed robes, and we know that this washing is to be "in the blood of the Lamb." To make sure we get this message, we have today's first reading from Acts. It is the story of Stephen, the first Christian to be killed for his faith in Jesus. We remember the promise and also the cost of being a disciple of Christ

Saturday - May 7th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Virginia Sudol (Ruth Arck)

Sunday - May 8th - Mother's Day, May Procession

8AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Josephine Busacco (Mary Majenski)

Monday - May 9th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - May 10th - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - May 11th

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM:

**Thursday - May 12th Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr**

Weekday:

9:00AM:

Friday - May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - May 14th St. Matthias, Apostle

Weekday:

9:00AM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ's passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or "Way of Light," has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the apostles' wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

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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.

Men's Club Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. All members are asked to attend. All men of the Parish are invited. Annual election of officers will be held.

Catholic Charities Appeal - Special Collection, in pew, May 14th & 15th. 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.

Coffee and Donuts Sunday, May 8th following the 10 AM Mass. All are welcome and appreciated.

Catholic Home Mission - Special Collection held on April 30th and May 1st for needy missions throughout the U.S.A. continues to welcome donations May 7 -8.

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.

Roast Beef Dinner, May 7th 4—7 PM, Riegelsville Fire House, Adults \$11, Children (6-12) \$5.50, Under 5 years old- Free. Info 610-749-2737

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.

Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist - 1st Annual Fundraising Breakfast, Thursday, May 12th. RSVP 610-847-5523. Begins at 8:15 AM - ends 9:45 AM

Confirmation for Adults - Sunday, May 15th at 6:30 PM, in the Cathedral Basilica. The deadline for submitting is Friday, May 6th. On the Web at www.odwphiladelphia.org/confirmation-for-roman-catholic-adults/

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 there so why not let your voices ring from the church balcony with all the words there for you and nothing to remember. Please stop by and see Janet, our parish organist, after Mass to answer any questions or concern you may have.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

5/14 5 PM: Dolores Patton
5/15 8 AM: Martin Piccinich
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

5/14 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
5/15 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Anthony DeArmas

Extraordinary Ministers:

5/14 5 PM: Russell Benner, Ann Funkhouser
5/15 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! Julie Petry, Lucy Herman, John Gibson, Steve Ombalski, 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, 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

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