

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

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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Saturday - November 26th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM:

Sunday - Nov 27th - First Sunday of Advent

8AM:

10AM: Josephine Busacco & Rose Romeo (Silvio & Liz Noto)

Monday - Nov 28th -

Weekday:

9AM: Intentions of Joanne Adams (Lay Carmelite Community)

Tuesday - Nov 29th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - Nov 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM: Intentions of Barbara Sudol (Lay Carmelite Community)

Thursday - Dec 1st -

Weekday:

9AM: Irene Pavlica 90th Birthday (Ted & Janet Achuff)

Friday - Dec 2nd -

Weekday:

6:30PM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Saturday - Dec 3rd - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Weekday:

9:00AM:

COLLECTIONS: November 20th, will post next week due to Thanksgiving Holiday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous

Christmas SING-A-LONG, with coffee & donuts, December 11th after 10AM Mass in Parish Hall. Sing your favorite Christmas Carols & Songs with sheet lyrics provided. Join us for some early Season Joy and warm up your pipes in preparation for Christmas. Fun for the entire family. Try it.....you'll like it:>

The Angle Tree, beginning Nov 27th, benefitting less fortunate children & their families at Christmas providing gifts under the Tree. Please take a gift tag or two and return wrapped item with original tag by December 7th. Spread the Joy of Christmas through your charitable generosity. Thank you.

Special Collection & Guest Speakers, Clergy
Retirement Fund, Sunday, November 27th. Collection at all Masses. Speakers at the 8AM & 10AM.

Parish Hall Phone has been installed due to the lack of cell phone signals there. Parishioners will be able to make outbound local calls during Parish Hall activities. Incoming calls can be received from anywhere. No collect calls which are restricted and unavailable. Note: that calls to cell phone numbers may or may not be considered local depending on the parent account listing of the cell phone; nevertheless all in bound cell calls will be received. This will be a non-published number which you can share with loved ones on an as need basis in order for them to contact you when in the Hall. Phone is located near the bathroom facilities.

CPR & AED class being planned for an upcoming Sunday in December after the 10AM mass. Class is about 1.5 hours in the parish hall and will instruct the proper life saving procedures of CPR and Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) use. This could save someone's life, maybe yours or that of a loved one. Sign up sheets in vestibule of church. Please consider attending. The date will be announced when finalized; however we seek the level of interest now from parishioners. Thank you.

Catholic Happenings

Rosary in Public Square in honor of The Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8 after the 9AM Mass at intersection of Rts. 611 & 212

St John The Baptist, annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection, December 11th, noon—3 PM. Also; Knowing, Loving, Serving tour of their facility on Dec 1st beginning @ 8:30 AM, info @ 610-960-7062

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, March 21-31, 2017 @ \$3749 per person including air fair from Phila. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Info @ 800-773-2660

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will hold a Special Event, Divine Mercy & The Flame of Love Grace, Friday, December 2nd @ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA Begin @ 2PM ending with Mass @ 5:30PM

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.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

12/3	5 PM:	Jane Burger
12/4	8 AM:	Joseph Keeney
	10 AM:	Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

12/3	5 PM:	Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Francis Reinhart
12/4	8 AM:	Eric & Melissa Shunk
	10 AM	Felicity Comiskey, Aidan Rodrigues

Extraordinary Ministers:

12/3	5 PM:	Frank Hyland, Linda Krager
12/4	8 AM:	Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant
	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, Lori Liskowacki, 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, Steven Fusco, Charles More, Jeff & Bonnie, Baby Matthew Royer, 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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