

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 6, 2016

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIFE EVERLASTING

The second book of Maccabees tells a powerful story, and a rather gruesome one at that. But central to it, beyond the horrible deaths inflicted upon the brothers and their mother, is their belief in the promise of resurrection and life everlasting in God.

Paul asks the Thessalonians to pray for him as he spreads Christ's message of love, so that he might be delivered from other nonbelievers anxious to do him harm. The apostle is confident in such prayer, just as he is confident in the everlasting support of Jesus and God the Father.

And there's that "everlasting" word again. The Sadducees, not buying the idea, ask Jesus an interesting—albeit meaningless—question about the status of married life at the Resurrection. He tells the non-believers that marriage isn't an issue for the risen children of God. More importantly, he assures them that their ancestors do live on in God, even as evidenced by the Father's words to Moses.

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Saturday - November 5th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Knights of Columbus 4545

Sunday— Nov 6th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

10AM: Rose Romeo (Walter & Pat Chmiel)

Monday - Nov 7th -

Weekday:

9AM: Robert Kaspern (Larry & Jane Burger)

Tuesday - Nov 8th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - Nov 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM: Mark Clark (Krager Family)

Thursday - Nov 10th - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9AM: Theresa Ballek (Irene Pavlica & Janet Achuff)

Friday - November 11th - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Weekday:

6:30PM: Jeanne Johnson (Barbara Itterly)

Saturday - November 12th - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Weekday:

9:00AM:

COLLECTIONS: October 30th, Parish @ \$3890,
Hurricane Relief @ \$215

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s and the Republic, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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

A CHILD'S GIFT

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

—John Ruskin

NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough for me to love God if my neighbor does not love God.

—St. Vincent de Paul

Daylight Savings Ends, 2AM on Sunday, November 6th. Set clocks BACK one hour.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held Sunday, November 20th, 3PM @ St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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:>

Special Collection, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will be held **November 5 & 6 and 12 & 13. Please be as generous as you can for this most important endeavor.**

Coffee and Donuts, next Sunday, November 13 after the 10AM mass in Parish Hall.

Men's Club Meeting, Monday, Nov 14th @ 7PM in Parish Hall.

St. Lawrence Altar & Rosary Society Happenings

Christmas Shopping Event Save the date Thursday, November 10th, 6PM to 8:30PM in Parish Hall. A variety of vendors & refreshments. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping.

Public Community Rosary for World Peace will be held Monday, November 7th prior to Election Day on the 8th. Location Rt. 611 & Rt. 212, @ 9:30AM following our normal 9AM mass. All are welcome to attend this public display of our Faith and Devotion.

St John The Baptist, Ottsville Bonfire scheduled for 11/11 @ 6PM. Fun for the entire family. Activities for the kids and chance to socialize for the adults. Additionally; school tours will be on 11/3 @ 8:30AM about an hour. Interested? Contact Geoffrey Meyer, office 610-847-5521 or cell 610-960-7062

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.

Baker's Needed, please drop off baked goods @ Fire House breakfast on Sunday, Nov 20 starting @ 7:30AM, sold same day. All proceeds supporting the R-Ville Community Dinner on Dec 3rd. A free event providing meals throughout our community including shut-ins. FREE tickets will be available in vestibule as we get closer.

Catholic Happenings

Healing Retreat, November 14-18 Malvern retreat House, info 610-644-0400

Ave Retreat House in Doylestown, Friday November 11 through Sunday November 13 end at 12 noon, info 610-582-3333

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Nov 18-20. Details 484-393-1645

Notre Dame High School Alumni Events

November 9th, 5:30—7:30PM Alumni Happy Hour & Networking @ Green Pond Country Club

Little Women, the play, will be performed on November 17th & 18th @ 7:30PM and November 19th @ 11AM. General admission \$8, children under 12 @ \$6. Doors open 30 minutes prior.

Veterans Day Ceremony, Friday, Nov 11th @ 11AM, Williams Township Build., 655 Cider Press Rd.

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:

11/12 5 PM: Jane Burger
11/13 8 AM: Martin Piccinich
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

11/12 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
11/13 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM Felicity Comiskey, Alternate

Extraordinary Ministers:

11/12 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager
11/13 8 AM: Bernadette Maszczak, Dolores Patton
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! Special intentions 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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