

# 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

**October 16, 2016**

## **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **DEPENDING ON GOD**

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

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**Saturday - October 15th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM:**

**Sunday— October 16th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM:

10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Monday - October 17th - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

**Tuesday - October 18th - St. Luke, Evangelist**

**Weekday:**

9AM:

**Wednesday - October 19th - St. John de Brebeuf & Issac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyr**

**Weekday:**

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

**Confessions 7:10 PM**

**7:30PM**

**Thursday - October 20th - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest**

**Weekday:**

9AM

**Friday - October 21st -**

**Weekday:**

6:30PM

**Saturday - October 22nd - St. John Paul II, Pope**

**Weekday:**

9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: October 9th, Parish @ \$2143

**Altar Flowers** donated by R. Jan & Sharon Powell in memory of RS Powel, Jr.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

From the early medieval period, it was expected that the many bishops of Italy travel to Rome at least once every three years to give a report of their ministry, with a footnote granting the bishops of Sicily a visit every five years. By the eleventh century, the idea of bishops visiting the tombs of the apostles was a very strict requirement for all within reasonable reach of Rome. The age of discovery and the expansion of the Church into remote corners of the earth made this an unreasonable burden in many cases, yet every bishop was required at least to send a representative to Rome every five years.

In 1911, Pope St. Pius X established the rule for a “quinquennial” (meaning “once in five years”) report, called an *ad limina*. This literally means “to the threshold,” and refers to the expectation that the visiting bishop will go to the thresholds of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and to a personal audience with the Holy Father. An exemption was given to so-called “mission territories,” which in 1911 included the United States. The reports were still required, but could be filed by letter with an office of the missions called “Propagation of the Faith.” This status was changed in 1917 and since that time all American bishops have been subject to the *ad limina*. These reports, carefully kept in the Vatican archives, are a treasure trove for historians, providing snapshots of culture and faith and a record of the Church’s resilience even in times of persecution and change.

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

### **NO PEW POTATOES**

Catholicism is not a spectator sport.

—Anonymous

### **HAPPY ARE THEY**

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

—Anonymous

**Bakers Needed**, please drop off baked goods @ Fire House breakfast on Sunday, October 16th starting @ 7:30AM, sold same day. All proceeds supporting the R-Ville Community Dinner scheduled for December 3rd. A free event providing meals throughout our community including shut-ins. Support is needed & appreciated.

**Special Collection October 22-23 World Mission Sunday supporting the Propagation of the Faith around the world.**

**Knights of Columbus Penny Party** Wednesday, October 12th, 6-9PM @ St. John the Baptist gym. Donations of new items will be accepted after all Masses through October 1st. Leave in vestibule of church, note for Penny Party. This is the KOC largest fund raising event of the year. Do your best to support by attending. It is fun for the entire family. Additional details contact Jim Eckrich, GK at [jeckrich@ymail.com](mailto:jeckrich@ymail.com)

## St. Lawrence Altar & Rosary Society Happenings

**Parish Cocktail Party**, Saturday, October 15th, 6PM - 9PM in Parish Hall. Open to all adult parishioners. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

**Catholic Women's Conference**, October 29th, 8:30AM—4PM @ Our Lady of Czestochowa. Register by Oct. 18; Fee \$20. Interested? Contact Mary Senior at mmaryisd@aol.com

**Christmas Shopping Event** Thursday, November 10th, 6PM to 8:30PM in Parish Hall. Seeking Vendors, Arts & Crafts, Hobbyists either professional or home grown. Contact Mary Capobianco @ 610-252-7075 or Mary Senior at mmaryisd@aol.com

### Notre Dame High School Alumni Events

October 14, DeSales Univeristy, Harvest & Hops Gala Auction, cost \$125pp includes dinner, entertainment & auction  
October 15, school gym, Class of 1966 Reunion Mass & Breakfast

**St John The Baptist Regina Academy** tour Thursday, October 20 beginning @ 8:30AM. Experience the tour and get a fresh up to date look at all that's been happening. Info contact Geoff Meyer, 610-960-7062 or geoffmeyersjb@gmail.com

**Catholic Happenings** open to all Parishioners:

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine Dedication**, Saturday, October 22, 9:30AM—12 noon, Archbishop Chaput will give blessing. Reenactment of Our Lady story, Mariachi band, folk dancing and light fare. Info: 484-321-2510

**Legatus**, the world's only international organization of CATHOLIC CEO'S & their spouses seeks new members (www.legatus.org). If you were/are a business owner (CEO, President, Managing Partner/Director, etc.) you are invited to a very special program on October 25th with Archbishop Chaput in the Bucks County area. Qualifying folks contact John Lariviere @ 908-209-9094 or email to jlariviere@legatus.org

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Oct 14-16 & Nov 18-20. Details 484-393-1645

**Our Lady of the Rosary** Malvern Retreat House, entire family, October 14-16. Info: malvernretreat.com or 610-644-0400

**Diocesan Pilgrimage**, Thursday, October 20th, to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Wash. D.C., departs from St. Theresa's 7AM return ~ 10PM, Bus cost \$25, meals on your own, Info 610-838-7045

**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:

10/22 5 PM: Linda Krager  
10/23 8 AM: Michele Piccinich  
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

### Altar Servers for:

10/22 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Peter Shea  
10/23 8 AM: Ana Holmgaard, Amy Wydner  
10 AM: Conor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

### Extraordinary Ministers:

10/22 5 PM: Russell Benner, Ann Funkhouser  
10/23 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Alvin LaBar, OFS  
10 AM: Joe Affuso, Mary Gambino

**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, 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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