

# 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 30, 2016**

## **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **GOD IS WITH US**

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

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**Saturday - October 29th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM:**

**Sunday - October 30th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8AM:**

**10AM: Rose Romeo (Gloria Tafaro)**

**Monday - October 31st -**

**Weekday:**

**9AM: Safety on Our Streets & Nation (Frances Nowicki)**

**Tuesday - Nov 1st - All Saints Day, Holiday of Obligation**

**Weekday: Either Mass Fulfills Obligation**

**9AM: Linda Achuff (Ted & Janet Achuff)**

**7:30 PM:**

**Wednesday - November 2nd - All Souls Day**

**Weekday:**

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

***Confessions 7:10 PM***

**7:30PM Those Suffering from Alcohol & Substance Abuse (Frances Nowicki)**

**Thursday - November 3rd - St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

**Weekday:**

**9AM**

**Friday - November 4th - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**Weekday:**

**6:30PM All who attend Sunday & Weekday Mass (Frances Nowicki)**

**Saturday - November 5th -**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM**

COLLECTIONS: October 23rd, Parish @ 1659, World Mission @ \$61, Candles @ \$75

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The recent "October count" tracking the statistics of participation at Sunday Mass calls to mind the situations of churches where it is difficult or impossible for Catholics to worship freely. This is especially striking in English Catholic history, as freedom of worship was systematically dismantled at the time of the Reformation. It seems that most English people retained deeply Catholic sympathies throughout the period of religious upheaval. Catholics who refused to participate in the public worship of the Church of England were called "recusants," and beginning with the reign of Elizabeth I, they were subject to strict penalties. Recusant literally means "a person refusing to obey a command." Most of those laws were in force until the early 1800s, and Catholics were not entirely emancipated from the duty of Anglican worship until 1829.

Recusants paid heavy fines for not attending the state church. Holding on to Catholic faith was therefore a luxury of the very rich, who maintained private chapels, and sent their daughters and sons to English convents and monastery schools on the continent. Remarkably, the first among all British peers, the Dukes of Norfolk, the hereditary Earls Marshal of England, have never given up their Catholic faith. Many of these wealthy recusant families founded the colony of Maryland, and later many members of the old Catholic families continued on to the Kentucky frontier in search of greater religious freedom.

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

### **NEW BEGINNING**

That day which you fear as being the end of all things is the birthday of your eternity.

—Seneca

### **ARTISTRY**

Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination.

—Voltaire

**Hurricane Relief Collection** this Sunday, October 30th for those suffering from the recent disaster.

**The Lord's Pantry, St John's Ottsville** thank you acknowledgement received for recent donations of 95.5 pounds of food received from the July-Sept. time frame. Your generosity helps serve over 500 low-income families each month from the Palisades and Plumsteadville area.

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

**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.**

## 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 lasting 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.

## 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.

**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:

11/5 5 PM: Frank Hyland  
11/6 8 AM: Joseph Keeney  
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

### Altar Servers for:

11/5 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Gregory Derr-Haverlach  
11/6 8 AM: Anna Holmgaard, Amy Wydner  
10 AM: Conor, Dadafin, Shane Twomey

### Extraordinary Ministers:

11/5 5 PM: Russell Benner, Kathy Weiss  
11/6 8 AM: Jackie Crocetti, Mariann Helfant  
10 AM: Mary Gambino, Mark Culichia

**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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