

# 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 9, 2016**

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

### **GRATITUDE**

Surely we can all recall at least a few days in our lives when things were going so well that nothing could put us in a bad mood. Maybe it was the day a very special person asked us to the senior prom, or perhaps it was our wedding day. Maybe it was the day we learned that we were expecting a long-awaited child, or the day we got an overdue promotion. There was elation in our hearts and lightness in our step, an extraordinary vitality throughout the day. We probably got on the phone right away to tell at least a few key people about our good fortune.

This is surely how Naaman and the leper must have felt when they were rid of their terrible diseases. They were hard-pressed to contain their gratitude, and although they were both unfamiliar with the customs of a foreign land, they had the good manners to thank the people responsible for their cures.

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### **Saturday - October 8th**

**Confessions: 4:30 PM**

**5 PM: Ann Kaspern (Larry & Jane Burger)**

### **Sunday - October 9th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8AM:**

**10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence**

### **Monday - October 10th - Columbus Day**

**Weekday:**

**9AM:**

### **Tuesday - October 11th - St. John XXIII, Pope**

**Weekday:**

**9AM: Randal Jones (Jones Family)**

### **Wednesday - October 12th -**

**Weekday:**

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

***Confessions 7:10 PM***

**7:30PM Jacob Burke - 21st Birthday (Ted & Janet Achuff)**

### **Thursday - October 13th -**

**Weekday:**

**9AM**

### **Friday - October 14th - St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr**

**Weekday:**

**6:30PM**

### **Saturday - October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

**Weekday:**

**9:00AM Theresa Schlatter (Jones Family)**

COLLECTIONS: October 2nd, Parish @ \$2109

**Baptism** October 9, of baby Eleanor Louise Faverbach, parents are Roger Faverbach and mother maiden name Bridget Patton (daughter of Charles & Dolores Patton, St. Lawrence parishioners)

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

This month, parishes around the country will conduct the "October count," a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. Long ago, it was also the custom to track "Easter duty" by a statistical report. Penitents would receive a kind of chit at confession, which they would then turn in at their parish church when they received Holy Communion during Easter time.

Long ago, of course, Communion was fairly rare in the life of a Catholic Christian, perhaps only once a year. The chits would be tallied by parish priests and reported to the chancery, which in turn would hold on to the records and include the statistics in a report to the Vatican every five years. Nowadays, the October count has proved especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of church life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes.

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

### **CASTING LIGHT**

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

—Edith Wharton

### **ACCOUNTABLE**

It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are held accountable.

—Molière

**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.

**Coffee & Donuts** after the 10AM Mass, October 9 in Parish Hall. Come & go as you please. Make the effort for some great donuts & fine coffee open to the entire family.

### **Special Collection October 22-23 Mission Sunday**

**Knights Of Columbus** Help support the KOC in their annual Chance of A Lifetime (COAL) fundraising raffle. Tickets available in the vestibule or ask any usher. \$5 for a full book. You can either fill out at church or return the following weekend with payment. Thank you.

**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@gmail.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

**St. Lawrence Men's Club**, meeting Monday, October 10, 7PM in Parish Hall.

### 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

**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

**Abbey Fest:** faith, Music & Family Festival is the largest Catholic music festival on the Est coast. Last year over 3,000 attended. Great music, crafts , games & fun for the kids. Food, Confessions, Vigil Mass & Candlelight Adorations. 11AM—9:30PM @ the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. Info 610-644-1655 ext 115 or tickets at The AbbeyFest.com

**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:

10/15 5 PM: Jane Burger  
10/16 8 AM: Joseph Keeney  
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

### Altar Servers for:

10/15 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Francis Reinhart  
10/16 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk  
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Aidan Rodrigues

### Extraordinary Ministers:

10/15 5 PM: Kathy Weiss, Bernie Boylan  
10/16 8 AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi  
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, 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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