

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

September 11, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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Saturday - Sept 10th

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Lori Liskowacki (Jones Family)

Sunday— Sept 11th - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8AM: Safety for Children, Young Adults & College Students (Frances Nowicki)

10AM: Living & Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Monday - Sept 12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary Weekday:

9AM: Increase in Vocations & Religious Life (Frances Nowicki)

Tuesday - Sept 13h - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - Sept 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM

Thursday - September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

Weekday:

9AM

Friday - September 16th - St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - September 17th - St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Weekday:

9:00AM Intentions of Fran Hudec (Lay Carmelite Community)

COLLECTIONS: September 4th Parish Report next week do to Labor Day Holiday.

9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God's absence.

How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.

*We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).
O LORD of hosts, restore us;*

Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

—Rev. Andrew Nelson, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Men's Club: After the summer hiatus the monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence Men's Club will be on Monday, Sept 12th, @ 7PM in the Parish Hall. All men of our Parish are welcome to attend.

KOC Breakfast, Sept 11 @ St. John the Baptist from 8AM till noon. Reasonable Fee at the door. All are welcome and your support appreciated. Thank you.

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.

Special Collection Black & Indian Missions Sept 10 & 11. Do you best to support this most needy cause. Thank you.

Coffee & Donuts, Sunday, September 11th in the Parish Hall following the 10AM Mass. All are invited to attend. Stop by, come and go as you please. Coffee is good and donuts are great:>

Knights of Columbus will hold their regular meeting on Monday, September 19th @7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All KOC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Jim Eckrich, Grand Knight, at 610-253-9712 or jeckrich@yahoo.com

Grade School Reunion, St. John Cantius Class of 1961, Sunday, October 16 @ 3PM to 8PM @ Edgemont Caterers, 4411 Edgemont St., Phila. Info @ Jeanie Hogg Ashton 215-743-5760 or blondie721@verizon.net by October 3rd.

St. John the Baptist teardrop & fountain dedication Sunday, October 2 between 8AM & 10:30AM Mass

Catholic Happenings open to all Parishioners:

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave, Phila, 267-350-1830

Sept 17th The Forgiveness Prayer Retreat, 9AM-5PM
Oct 14-16 Women's Retreat, Living a Devout Life

Sept 21 St. Martin of Tours, New Hope, REBOOT Live, internationally renowned speaker, author & evangelist Chris Stefanick & musical guest, John Niven. 215-862-5472

Malvern Retreat House, Women's Overnight Retreat, Sept 30 to Oct 1, 610-644-0400

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, October 28, 8:30AM to 4PM, Catholic Women's Conference

Flame of Love, National Conference, Sept 30 to Oct 1, Phila Hilton in Bala Cynwyd, 610-622-4257 or 610-322-1940 or anbmymers2021@gmail.com

Archdiocese Walk for Life, Sept 25, info: <http://phillycatholiclife.org>

Little Flower High School, Class of 1966, 50th Reunion, 215-728-1497

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:

9/17 5 PM: Frank Hyland,
9/18 8 AM: Michele Piccinich
10 AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

9/17 5 PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach, Peter Shea
9/18 8 AM: Brielle Comiskey, Anna Holmgaard
10 AM: Connor, Darafin, Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

9/17 5 PM: Frank Hyland, Linda Krager
9/18 8 AM: Dolores Patton, Bernie Boylan
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, Robin Hults, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Keith Marks, 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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