

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 18, 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.

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Saturday - Sept 17th
Confessions: 4:30 PM
5 PM:

Sunday— Sept 18th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8AM: Living & deceased Members of St. Lawrence
10AM: Mary Balbirer (Frances Nowicki)

Monday - Sept 19th - St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
Weekday:
9AM: Intentions of Rex & Mariann Helfant

Tuesday - Sept 20th - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
Weekday:
9AM:

Wednesday - Sept 21st - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Weekday:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:00 PM
Confessions 7:10 PM
7:30PM

Thursday - September 22nd -
Weekday:
9AM

Friday - September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Weekday:
6:30PM

Saturday - September 24th -
Weekday:
9:00AM

COLLECTIONS: September 4th Parish @ \$3680; Sept 11 Parish @ \$1957, Black & Indian Missions @ \$197

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Customs surrounding the naming of babies are interesting, and over time the Church has tried to offer some motherly advice to direct parents in this necessary chore. The ritual book used for baptism from the sixteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries advised priests to guard against giving ridiculous or pagan names to babies consigned to their ministry. In 1666 the diocesan ritual of Bourges in France was even more exacting, telling the priests to see to it that boys were named after male saints, girls after female saints, and no one got named after a festival. Yet, records from that very diocese in later years shows a few babies named "Toussaint" (after All Saints Day) along with other creative expressions. In Spain, no one has ever hesitated to name babies after festivals, especially girls after Our Lady, and so there are names like Concepción, Asunción, and of course Dolores (after Our Lady of Sorrows). In Italy and Spain is it likely that a child will receive the name of the saint of the day of its birth.

Today's rites of initiation for adults and infants urge the giving of a Christian name, and in the case of an adult whose given name expresses a pagan or unseemly idea (Baal and Whiskey come to mind), there is a formal rite during the catechumenate for the giving of a Christian name. In such a case, it would make sense for the change to be registered with civil authorities as well. For all Christians, the idea of having a heavenly patron to pray to on life's journey is reason enough to pay attention to this treasure in our tradition.

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RIPPLES

There is a ripple effect in all we do.
What you do touches me;
what I do touches you.

Public Community Rosary for World Peace will be said on Friday, October 7th, at Rt. 611 & Rt. 212, @ 9:30AM. This is also the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are welcome to attend this public display of our Faith and Devotion.

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.

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 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

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

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

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

Catholic Happenings open to all Parishioners:

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

Flame of Love, National Conference, Sept 30 to Oct 1, Phila Hilton in Bala Cynwyd, 610-622-4257 or 610-322-1940 or anbmyers2021@gmail.com

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

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

CCD Enrollment information & registration forms are in the vestibule. If you are on the email blast you have already received. If not, we suggest you provide your address now. Please take action if you plan to participate. Your payment must be received to be considered. Parent & Child Opening Orientation Day will be held on October 2nd in Parish Hall

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

9/24 5 PM: Jane Burger
9/25 8 AM: Joseph Keeney
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

9/24 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
9/25 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM: Felicity Comiskey, Aidan Rodrigues

Extraordinary Ministers:

9/24 5 PM: Russell Benner, Ann Funkhouser
9/25 8 AM: Mariann Helfant, Bernadette Maszczak
10 AM: Joe Affuso, 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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