

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 4, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECTIONS: August 28th Parish \$2387, Catholic University \$75

INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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Saturday - Sept 3rd

Confessions: 4:30 PM

5 PM: Knights of Columbus 4545

Sunday— Sept 4th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Living and Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

Monday - Sept 5th - BL. Theresa of Calcutta, Religious Weekday:

9AM:

Tuesday - Sept 6th -

Weekday:

9AM:

Wednesday - Sept 7th -

Weekday:

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

Confessions 7:10 PM

7:30PM Intentions of Bernie Boylan (Lay Carmelite Community)

Thursday - September 8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekday:

9AM Special Intention

Friday - September 9th - St. Peter Claver, Priest

Weekday:

6:30PM

Saturday - September 10th -

Weekday:

9:00AM

Baptism of Charles Oswaldo Rhinehart after the 10AM Mass. Child of David & Rebeca Rhinehart

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this “Treasures” column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bullā*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title “servant of the servants of God,” also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

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

THE DIFFERENCE

It is labour indeed that puts the difference on everything.

—John Locke

FOLLOW YOUR PATH

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

—Abraham Lincoln

Black & Indian Mission special collection will take place next weekend, Sept 10 & 11

CCD Enrollment Information and 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 intend to participate. Your payment must be received to be considered. Parent and Child Opening Orientation Day will be on October 2nd @ 9AM in Parish Hall.

Altar Rosary will hold their meeting in the Parish hall, Thursday, September 8th @ 7PM. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend. You need not be a member and are not obligated to join. Thank you.

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 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

ALL PARISHONERS Note: We have heard from only one person. Is everyone else all good. No reply needed if you are:> Action item: Are you a registered member of St. Lawrence? How do you know? If you have weekly contribution envelopes then you are captured in the Parish data base (whether you use them or not) and there is nothing for you to do. The 2017 envelopes will contain the same info unless you update.

If you don't have envelopes it is likely you are not in our data base; therefore, not a registered member of our Parish. In this case your action is needed. Fill out new parishioner forms in vestibule of church and put in collection or best method is email to saintlawrence@verizon.net and inform us. This is important for various reasons especially if you need verification of what parish you belong to, Baptisms, Confirmation, etc. Thank you.

Subject change: Please review the "Pray for Our Sick, etc." listing in bulletin and inform of any changes, additions, deletions, etc. Thank you

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

9/10 5 PM: Linda Krager
9/11 8 AM: Joseph Keeney
10 AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

9/10 5 PM: Andrew Benner, Francis Reinhart
9/11 8 AM: Eric & Melissa Shunk
10 AM: Anthony DeArmas, Aidan Rodrigues

Extraordinary Ministers:

9/10 5 PM: Russell Benner, Ann Funkhouser
9/11 8 AM: Bernadette Maszczak, Dolores Patton
10 AM: Mary Gambino, Joe Affuso

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life! Special intentions 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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