

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 6-9 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 first 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.

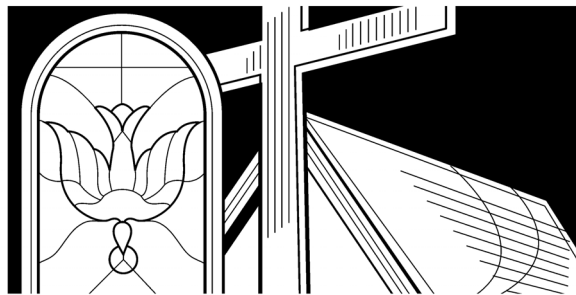
Parish CCD Classes

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2015
Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19a



Saturday, January 17th

Sunday Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Special intention

Sunday, January 18th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Monday, January 19th

Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday, January 20th

Weekday/St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr/St. Sebastian, Martyr

9AM:

Wednesday, January 21st

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM

7:30PM: for the intentions of Ells & Barbara Cheeseman by Christopher & Christina Cheeseman

Thursday, January 22nd*

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9AM:

Friday, January 23rd

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr/St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

6:30PM:

Saturday, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9AM:

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: James Weiss by Kathie Weiss



Flower Donations: It is a new year so there are openings every month to remember your living and deceased family members by placing flowers on the Altar. The information envelopes and sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

WATCHING FOR THE MESSIAH

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Old customs fade slowly, and in 1560 the Council of Trent tried for significant change in pastoral care of the sick. People resisted, thinking that the last breath was the right time for the sacrament. Although physical improvement was often noted after anointing, it was seen as a kind of bonus, rather than an expected outcome of a prayer for good health, strength, patience, and even healing. More than four hundred years later, many people still do not ask for anointing until it is literally too late for the person to have reasonable hope of healing, or at least be aware enough to participate in the ritual. By then, it may even be too late for viaticum, the true "last rite."

We have a treasure in our tradition that we seem reluctant to use. We visit the sick, we anoint those who are in the first crisis of illness, we give Communion to those who are dying, and we keep vigil and pray for those close to death. When anointing is celebrated early enough, optimally when the sick person is still at Sunday Mass, it can be a source of courage, faith, and hope for a difficult road ahead. When we anoint our sick, we remind them that they belong to Christ and a community of faith. We bring them into the presence of Christ to reconcile, heal, and give strength and hope. We resist forces that isolate and alienate the sick; the symbol of touch is a powerful act of acceptance. Why wait until the crisis of illness is dire before we apply such a rich remedy to body and soul?
—Rev. James Field

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. How will you help? Please give as generously as possible to Jesus in disguise.

Saint Lawrence Night at the Races: The Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 28th. Doors open at 6:00PM and the event starts at 7:00PM. This event is open to everyone. This is a family event. Consider inviting friends and neighbors. Donations of door prizes and baked goods are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you to all who participated and helped with the 2015 K of C Free Throw Competition. The following were the winners in their age group: Grace McArdle, Lucia DeVenuto, Maria Middleton, Joseph DeVenuto, Kaelin Costello, Aiden Blaikie and Johann Krug. The 10-14 year old winners are eligible to advance to the District Competition at St. Isidore's in Quakertown on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 7-8:30PM. Set up will begin at 6PM. Remember that you **MUST** have the signed score sheet from the 1/9/15 round at SJB to compete in the next level at St. Isidore's.

Flower Donations:

Main Altar: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Collection:

January 11th: \$ 2,455.00

Barnabite Heart to Heart Project—Vitamin Collection

Assist the Barnabite Fathers in helping the children of the Philippines still suffering the affects of Typhoon Haiyan by donating multi-vitamins and low dose vitamin C. Please leave your donation in the box in the vestibule.

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering "*Jesus Christ in the New Catechism*" on Thursdays, starting February 26 through March 19th from 7-9PM. The presenter is Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT who has taught graduate courses in Christology for 25 years and has completed two terms on the International Theological Commission. The fee is \$15 per session or \$50 for the series. This course satisfies the core requirements for the Person of Jesus course for Catechetical Certification. One core credit will be earned by attendance and participation in all sessions. For further information or to register, please call 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1831.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

01/24 5PM: Linda Krager
01/25 8AM: Martin Piccinich
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

01/24 5PM: Andrew Benner
01/25 8AM: John McDonald
10AM: Conor & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

01/24 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Frank Hyland
01/25 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Bernie Boylan
10AM: Mark Culichia & Joseph Affuso

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

Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, Margaret Durns, Baby Achuff, Fran Torgerson, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Loretta Rodin, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Lilah Durr, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Susan Serpico, Peggie Esposito, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Ted Peiffer, Eva Zelle, Roger Brahler, Gavin (age 3), Jennie Aquilino, Bill Miller, Caitlin, Steven Fusco, Charles More, Jeff & Bonnie, Baby Matthew Royer, Rose Romeo, baby Ely, Max Ours, Father Breen, Fr. Henry Graf, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnano, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Nick Sciss, Summer Heddleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner.

Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist Open House—Annual Spaghetti Dinner by the Home and School Association

On January 24th we will have our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Academy Open House. The Home and School Association Annual Spaghetti Dinner is a big hit and a great evening where we celebrate Family, Friends and Community. All of the festivities begin at 4PM and the entire Academy is open for you to visit and to meet our Headmaster, Teachers and Staff and enjoy Dinner too. Come and explore the many benefits of a Liberal Arts Education. You will be glad that you took the time to explore this opportunity and to meet many Parents and current students within The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist Community. Tickets: \$8 (12 & up); \$5 (6-11) and five and under free. To register, visit us at www.sjbottsville.org.

National Prayer Service

Christian believers and their pastors from numerous denominations along with many pro-life leaders will gather for the 21st Annual National Memorial for the PreBorn and Their Mothers and Fathers on Thursday, January 22nd at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St., NW (18th & D St), Washington, DC from 8:30-10:30am. This will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of Roe vs. Wade. We will gather in repentance and grief, but also in hope-filled, joyful determination and unity to bring an end to abortion once and for all! For those who wish, there will be a Catholic Mass at 7:30am. Doors open at 7am. Admission is free, no tickets are required, and large groups are welcome. Let's fill Constitution Hall! For more information, go to NationalPrayerService.com.