

# 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

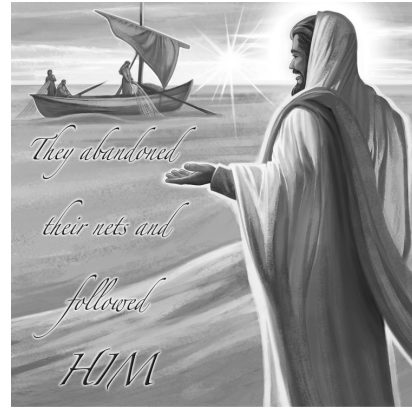
Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall from October to May. Registration is published in the Parish Bulletin.

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 25, 201**

**The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.  
- Mark 1:15**



**Saturday, January 24th**

**Sunday Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: James Weiss by Kathie Weiss

**Sunday, January 25th**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM: for the health of Fr. Breen & Fr. Graf

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

**Monday, January 26th**

**Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

9AM: Ann Kaspem by Jane & Larry Burger

**Tuesday, January 27th**

**Weekday/ St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

9AM: Buford Jones, Sr. by the Jones family

**Wednesday, January 28th**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

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

7:30PM: Blessings for Young Adults

**Thursday, January 29th**

**Weekday**

9AM: Linda Achuff by Janet Davis

**Friday, January 30th**

**Weekday**

6:30PM: Special intention

**Saturday, January 31st**

**St. John Bosco, Priest**

9AM: Special intentions

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Peace among Nations

**CHANGE OUR LIVES**

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their actions" how they have turned from evil.

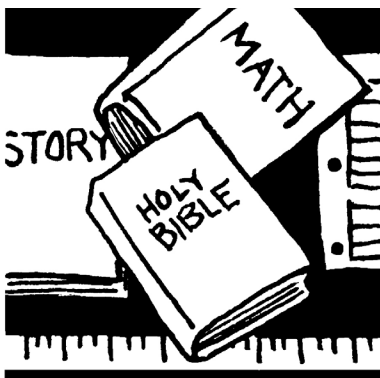
Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians that "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As a result of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has defined a new pastoral plan for your care whenever you struggle with illness. There are rites for children, a communal rite for celebration in the parish, forms of care for the sick at each stage and transition, and for the desperately ill. There is a much broader interpretation of who may be anointed, including not only the visibly ill, but those battling addiction, or the elderly coping with the frustrating aches and pains of aging. Children under seven are normally not anointed, since the oil is associated with reconciliation. (For the same reason, they do not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.) However, children close to that age who have a serious illness often gain a deep level of spiritual insight and maturity, and may benefit from catechesis for the Eucharist. Once admitted to confirmation and/or Eucharist, a sick child should be anointed. It is a great strength of our present rite that a section is included with prayers tailored to the experience and understanding of a child. Considering our recent history of being fairly sparing with this sacrament, the generosity of celebration today is helping us to retrieve an essential part of our tradition of reverence for the sick.

—Rev. James Field



**Catholic Schools Week**

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This 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.

## Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

Will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7PM in our parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Any questions, please contact Darlene Dailey at dardaily69@gmail.com or 610-462-9515.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Please bring in donations to tackle hunger in our community on or before Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st. Help make a positive difference in the world, by bringing in a can of soup or \$1 to be donated to The Lord's Pantry.

## NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.

—St. Francis de Sales

## BABY FORMULA DRIVE

February is our annual collection of baby formula for the Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Quakertown. Similac Advanced seems to be the most widely requested. Please leave your donation in the vestibule any week in February. Thank you!

## Flower Donations:

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

**Blessed Mother:** Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**St. Joseph:** In loving memory of James Weiss by Kathie Weiss

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

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

01/31 5PM: Frank Hyland

02/01 8AM: Joseph Keeney

10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

01/31 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach

02/01 8AM: Reilly Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Taryn Giustino & Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

01/31 5PM: Nancy Bellis & Dolores Patton

02/01 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara

10AM: 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!

Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, Margaret Durns, special intention, 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.

## THANK YOU

The Lord's Pantry now serves nearly 500 local families each month, 4 times the number 5 years ago, and we couldn't fulfill this mission without the support of our community. We, the volunteers hope your giving brings happiness and joy in the same measure it offers hope and opportunity to the people we serve. Again, many thanks.

## FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.

—St. Angela Merici

## Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 14th at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. Doors open at 6PM; Buffet dinner at 7PM. BYOB but set-ups will be provided. Music by Liz and Fred plus a DJ. Tickets at the door; open to the community. At \$30 per person it is the best Valentine deal in town!

## Collection:

January 18th: \$1,640.00