

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

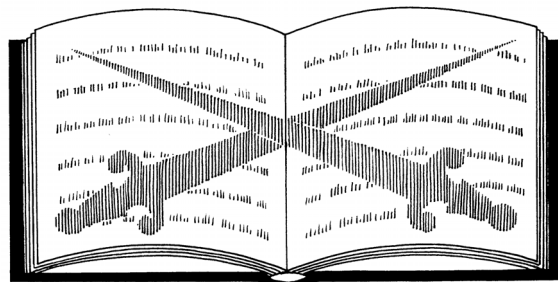
Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2015

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.

- Hebrews 4:12a



Saturday, October 10th

Sunday Vigil: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Sunday, October 11th

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: In thanksgiving for Pope Francis I visit to the USA

10AM: Randall Jones by the Jones family

Monday, October 12th

Weekday/Columbus Day

9AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Tuesday, October 13th

Weekday

98th Anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima

9AM: Special intention

Wednesday, October 14th

Weekday/St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

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

7:30PM: In memory of Senior, Nowicki and Jonik deceased family

Thursday, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9AM: Theresa Slotter by the Jones family

Friday, October 16th

Weekday/St. Hedwig, Religious/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

6:30PM:

Saturday, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

9AM: For the intentions of Fran Hudec by the Lay Carmelite Community

Vigil: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

Collections:

October 4th: \$2,342.00

World Meeting of Families: \$13.00

Flower Donations:

Main Altar: In loving memory of Russell S. Powell, Jr. by Jan & Sharon Powell

Please pray the Rosary for Peace!

DISCIPLESHIP AND WEALTH

Sometimes we get the idea that having material wealth is a bad thing. We may convince ourselves that it is the poor who are favored. In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How did the church deal with "daily sins" in the first five centuries? As devout and observant as they were, our early fathers and mothers in faith could not have been all that different from us. Maybe they looked the other way when the grocer threw an extra fig in the shopping basket, or had a wandering eye for the widow next door, or had a taste for too much ale, or didn't let the truth get in the way of a good story. First of all, there was the Eucharist. The words are familiar: "This is the cup of my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sin." Especially by participating in Communion from the cup, forgiveness was achieved. Eucharist was, and remains, the sacrament of reconciliation *par excellence*, the sign and source of unity with Christ.

There were other helps along the way: "fraternal" correction, or the course corrections we offer one another in love, prayer, fasting, works of mercy. St. Augustine listed endurance of suffering, forgiveness of insults, and added the praying of the Lord's Prayer in the liturgy. He felt that the public praying of the Our Father on Sunday and its daily use in private prayer was an essential remedy and the reason why everyone was not a candidate for canonical penance. Inherited from Augustine's practice, the Lord's Prayer in our Communion Rite still has the same purpose, preparing us for receiving and becoming the Body of Christ.

—Rev. James Field

World Mission Sunday

Pope Francis says, "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..." Your prayers and support will help the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*, the Holy Father's missionary arm, to provide resources to the missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and offer help throughout the dioceses of the world. Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday; please be generous with your prayers and support!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7PM in the church social hall.

All women of the parish are most welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 25, 2015

All parishioners are invited to join with the Altar & Rosary Society to say the Rosary after the 10am Mass.

40 Days for Life—Warminster

From September 23rd through November 1st, Bucks and Montgomery County parishes will sign up parishioners for a peaceful prayer vigil each day from 7am until 7pm at the abortion facility of Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive, Warminster. Our parish day is October 26, 2015. To schedule an hour to pray, call Kevin Murphy @610-847-9942 or sign up on the list in the vestibule.

K of C Annual Penny Party: October 14th

Doors open at 5PM; numbers called at 7PM Sharp! Great fun for adults! Thousands of dollars in prizes. Donation box in the vestibule for items you would like to donate; gives you a chance to recycle gifts you may not be able to use.

Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast

Sunday, October 18th from 8am until 12 noon. Order by menu breakfast. Support your local firehouse while enjoying a delicious breakfast!

"Coping with Cancer Recurrence"

Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9am in the Marian Room at St. John the Baptist Church. Please join the SJB Parish Cancer Support Group for a presentation by Dr. Nicholas Taylor, MD. Sponsored by the SJB Health & Wellness Ministry.

Bed & Breakfast with the Saints—October 30-31 at Fatima House in Bedminster

If the increasing hostility toward Christians in today's culture is making you feel discouraged and defeated, let an evening with the saints help you regain your perspective and restore hope! The Catholic Life Institute is hosting Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, on October 30-31 for a retreat featuring the saints who showed us how to fight for Christ in hostile times from the earliest days of the Church to the current day. We will also have dozens of relics of the saints available for veneration during the retreat. The retreat begins at 7PM on 10/30 and concludes at 11am on 10/31. Includes two conferences, overnight accommodations and breakfast. Cost \$85. Register at www.freeandfaithful.com or call 215-983-9701.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

10/17 5PM: Linda Krager

10/18 8AM: Martin Piccinich

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

10/17 5PM: Andrew Benner & Peter Shea

10/18 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

10/17 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Russell Benner

10/18 8AM: Bernadette Maszszak & Janet Davis

10AM: Mary Gambino & Bernie Boylan

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

Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trinchera, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eva Zelle, Roger 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.

Remember "R" 5k run/walk—Archbishop Wood High School

Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9am; registration begins at 7:45am. For information, contact Mary McDonald at mmcdonald@archwood.org or 215-672-5050, ext. 245.

Want a happier family? Take time to reconnect with each other on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Rediscover the joy in your marriage as you improve communication and get to know each other on a deeper level. What you learn on the Weekend offers positive and lasting benefits for your family. The next Weekend in this area is November 20-22 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wvme-philly.org. or call 610-449-1859 (Al & Mary Liz Heumann).

Crossroads Pregnancy Center has asked for prayers as their Ukrainian colleague is working to set up a crisis pregnancy center in the Ukraine similar to Crossroads. Please pray for Nadia and Robert as they travel to the Ukraine in late October to begin this work. Pray that all logistics and funding will go well for both of them.

Coffee & Donuts after the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 11th. Come visit with your fellow parishioners!