

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 18, 2015
Through his suffering, my servant
shall justify many.
- Isaiah 53:11b**



Saturday, October 17th

Sunday Vigil: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

Sunday, October 18th

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

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

Monday, October 19th

*Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs*

9AM:

Tuesday, October 20th

Weekday/St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

9AM: Special intention

Wednesday, October 21st

Weekday

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

7:30PM:

Thursday, October 22nd

Weekday/St. John Paul II, Pope

9AM: Joseph & Irene Moninghoff by Barbara Itterly



Friday, October 23rd

Weekday/St. John of Capistrano, Priest

6:30PM:

Saturday, October 24th

*Weekday/St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop/Blessed Virgin
Mary*

9AM:

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

Flower Donations:

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

GOD'S WORK OF SALVATION

God's work of salvation is the focus of this weekend's readings. From the prophetic event of Isaiah to Jesus' understanding of the human condition in Hebrews, concluding with Jesus paying our ransom in Mark, God is in control. There may be failings and misunderstandings along the way. We may move away from God, but at our conversion, God leads us back. Like James and John, we may let greed and power blur our vision of what Jesus wants us to know about the Kingdom; but tirelessly we are taught and re-taught what life in the Kingdom will be. Jesus has paid our ransom to ensure that we will share in the Kingdom.

It is not unusual to think of Jesus' ransom as a punishment that he endured. However, it is more accurate, and more like Jesus, for us to recognize ransom as God's gift to us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Irish are rightly tired of being the subject of jokes about guilt. In fact, it is from the Celtic church that the whole experience of reconciliation in our tradition was creatively rescued and revived. The Irish church was unique in its origins, not so much organized around dioceses, but around monasteries. Aspects of religious community life readily spilled over into ordinary gatherings of the faithful, including the way people looked at sin and applied remedies. Unlike the public nature of canonical penance, the Irish method was linked to a kind of mentoring process they called "soul friending." Just as young novice monks might find a mentor in the wisdom of a senior guide, so did a way of penance open up to ordinary folks. Monks were accustomed to frequent confession of faults to the abbot or mentor, who would suggest penances. In time, abbots with a certain flair for this began to share lists of sins and corresponding "tariffs" with others. Some of these books survive, and provide a hair-raising view of long-ago sins like cattle rustling, and a great deal of self-correction involving dips in icy streams and rolling about in thickets of thorns. After the penance was performed, the penitent returned to the confessor, and in a private act marked by the laying on of hands, or perhaps a kiss of the altar, the sinner was restored.

Irish monks were committed travelers, and their methods were widely copied. We might say that they saved a sacrament, but at the expense of shifting attention to the sins of the individual and away from the actions of the reconciling community.

—Rev. James Field

Collections:

October 11th: \$2,515.00

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. This Sunday is World Mission Sunday; please be generous with your prayers and support!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

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.

Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank those who supported and donated to the Penny Party. Without you we would not be able to fund the many activities that help people in our community.

Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast

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

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.

ACHIEVING SANCTITY

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

10/24 5PM: Jane Burger

10/25 8AM: Bernie Boylan

10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

10/24 5PM: Andrew Benner & Francis Reinhart

10/25 8AM: Anna Holmgaard

10AM: Conor, Darafin, & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

10/24 5PM: Linda Krager & Russell Benner

10/25 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Janet Davis

10AM: Mark Culichia & Joe Affuso

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

Dave Blessing, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hults, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, 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.

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.



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Please pray the Rosary for Peace!