

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.

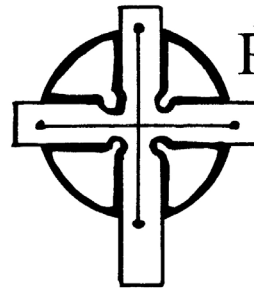
Parish CCD Classes

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2015
The Lord has done great things for
us; we are glad indeed.
Psalm 126:3



PRIESTHOOD
SUNDAY

Saturday, October 24th

Sunday Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

Sunday, October 25th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Warren Ruban by Walter Tumiski

Monday, October 26th

Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday, October 27th

Weekday

9AM:

Wednesday, October 28th

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

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

7:30PM: Clare Voigt by the Miller family

Thursday, October 29th

Weekday

9AM:

Friday, October 30th

Weekday

6:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Saturday, October 31st

Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM:

Vigil: All Saints

5PM:

Flower Donations:

Main Altar: In loving memory of John & Virginia Martin by Sharon & Joe Affuso

Blessed Mother: In loving memory of Mary Affuso by Sharon & Joe Affuso

St. Joseph: In loving memory of Joseph Affuso by Sharon & Joe Affuso

Collections:

October 18th: \$2,050.00

World Mission Sunday: \$302.00

TRUE BLINDNESS

Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a “good blind beggar.” But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. Bartimaeus probably had his arms outstretched as he shouted out to the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: “Bartimaeus, you’re not fit for Jesus.” But it was okay for them and other “sighted” people to follow Jesus. In today’s readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the tangled but fascinating history of penance in the Church, the Irish “tariff” system helped us survive the collapse of the old system of public canonical penance and prepared the way for a new system that emerged in the twelfth century. The old form was unrepeatable, public, dealt with serious community matters, and regulated by the bishops as chief reconcilers. The new form had a more intimate setting of penitent and confessor, was extremely repeatable, and applied to everyone. The old canonical form was closed to children, who were hardly capable of the very grown-up sins listed, or their demanding remedies. The old form was likewise closed to clerics, who were protected in a sense by the very nature of the discipline.

In the new Irish form the penitent directly named sins, or answered direct questions by the priest. Sometimes, the penitent would recite a long formula accusing him- or herself in a general way of all sorts of sins, even from the distant past. Next, priest and penitent together would lie prostrate before the altar and recite several of the psalms with penitential themes. Finally, the priest would pronounce a judgment, deciding what form and duration the penance should take, normally insisting that the person return for reconciliation once the penances were completed.

—Rev. James Field

World Mission Sunday

Last weekend we celebrated World Mission Sunday. If you were not prepared for the collection, please place your envelope in this week to be included in this important work of the Holy Father. 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.

CALLED BY NAME is a program to promote vocations to the priesthood and will begin in our parish next weekend. Pray for vocations. Details next Sunday.

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.

Altar & Rosary Fundraisers

Tuesday, November 10th from 6-8:30PM in the church social hall there will be an *Evening of Shopping*. Variety of items: Jewelry, Dove Chocolate, Silk Scarves, etc. and surprise vendors. If interested in being a vendor, please contact Mary Capobianco 610-252-7075 or Mary Senior 267-882-5586.

Gift Basket Raffle: request your support/donations of gift cards. Please put cards or money (toward cards) in the designated box in the church vestibule.

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.

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Open House—Sunday, November 15, 2015—12-2PM

Come experience a Classical Liberal Arts Education Model with an Un-Common Core Curriculum. Experience first hand the happy children in an authentically Catholic Environment. Enrollment is up 24+% in the last 3 years. For more information, please contact Mr. Geoff Meyer, Director of Institutional Advancement: geoffmeyersjb@gmail.com or 610-847-5521.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

10/31 5PM: Frank Hyland

11/01 8AM: Joseph Keeney

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

10/31 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Peter Shea

11/01 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

10/31 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi

11/01 8AM: Bernadette Maszczak & Jackie Crocetti

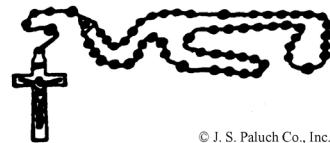
10AM: Mary Gambino & Bernie Boylan

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

Dave Blessing, 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 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.

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.



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Please pray the Rosary for Peace!