

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

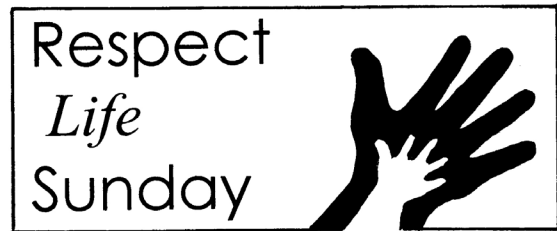
Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2015

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

- Mark 10:14



TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The old world of what we call canonical penance, or the extraordinary one-time public repentance of sinners, began to collapse with the conversion of Constantine in the early fourth century. It tottered for a hundred years or so and then virtually disappeared. It served an isolated and persecuted church well, but once people began seeking baptism for economic and political privilege, a real pastoral crisis exploded. There were more lukewarm Christians afoot, and some "barbarians" rampaging through the ruins accepted baptism just because their leaders did.

As the old structures collapsed, people who still sought some sort of public conversion scampered off to the desert to live in monastic isolation. Penance disappeared from the parish scene, and the old bench where hungry penitents used to beg for prayers was empty. Some bishops faced the crisis by inventing alternate means of discipline, all more private than public. A person might be asked to refrain from receiving Communion for a time, or even to accept some sort of corporal punishment (the pedigree of the stocks and scarlet letters of colonial America). This had the effect of separating the sinner from the prayerful intercession of the gathered church, and made an already bad situation worse. Before long, the pastoral system of penance was in a shambles, and sadly irrelevant to ordinary Christians.

—Rev. James Field

Saturday, October 3rd

Sunday Vigil: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 4th

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Margaret Durns by Janet Davis

10AM: Rosemary Medic by Michele & Martin Piccinich

Monday, October 5th

Weekday

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

Tuesday, October 6th

Weekday/Saint Bruno, Priest/Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin

9AM: Phil Voso by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Wednesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

7:30PM: Frank & Mary Lombardi by Rex & Mariann Helfant



Thursday, October 8th

Weekday

9AM:

Friday, October 9th

Weekday/St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs/St. John Leonardi, Priest

6:30PM:

Saturday, October 10th

Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM:

Vigil: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Please pray the Rosary!

ENROLLMENT FOR CCD

Information and registration forms are in the vestibule. . Your payment must be received to be considered enrolled. A \$10 late fee will be added per child after 9/14/15 to cover shipping charges for a late order of materials. Parent and Child Opening Day Orientation will be on October 4, 2015 at 9am.

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

The Knights are collecting new items, collectables, clothing, cheer, electronics, glassware, toys, etc. An opportunity to donate those items you can't or will never use. Collection box in vestibule or large item pickup call Joe Affuso 610-258-1621.

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be the blessing of animals at 12 noon on Sunday, October 4, 2015.



Collections:

September 27th: \$3,132.00

September 20th: \$1,996.00

Black & Indian Missions: \$73.00

Flower Donations:

September 27th: In loving memory of Gertrude Nicholas by Kathie Weiss and the Nicholas family

October 4th:

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

SPEAKING OF GOD

Almost everything said of God is unworthy, for the very reason that it is capable of being said.

—St. Gregory the Great

ENCOURAGEMENT

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.

-Anonymous

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

10/10 5PM: Frank Hyland

10/11 8AM: Joseph Keeney

10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

10/10 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Francis Reinhart

10/11 8AM: Anna Holmgaard

10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

10/10 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi

10/11 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Bernie Boylan

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!

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.

TODAY'S CATHOLIC SISTERS: Who They are, Why We Need Them

Join us Saturday, October 10th at Immaculata University, from 1-4PM, to learn about the newest generation of Catholic Sisters and why we need them now more than ever. Hear remarkable stories from these women who have answered The Call. This event will feature several young sisters, along with the authors of *New Generations of Catholic Sisters: The Challenge of Diversity*. Refreshments served; Mass will follow at 4:15PM. This event is sponsored by the National Religious Vocation Conference. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP at www.immaculata.edu/todays-sister.

St. Martin of Tours, New Hope, PA

Invites you to experience four unforgettable nights! Enjoy this faith-filled event of song and prayer with **Vincent Ambrosetti**. Ambrosetti composed, recorded and, by invitation of the Vatican, performed for John Paul II, the first English Mass Setting ever sung at St. Peter Basilica in Rome. His music has been placed in the Vatican archives alongside the works of Vivaldi, Puccini, Verdi and Corelli. Sunday, October 4, 2015 "Awaken Our Hearts" Parish Family Concert 7PM. October 5, 6, & 7 Parish Mission 7PM. For more information, call 215-862-5472 or infor@stmartinoftours.org.