

# 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.

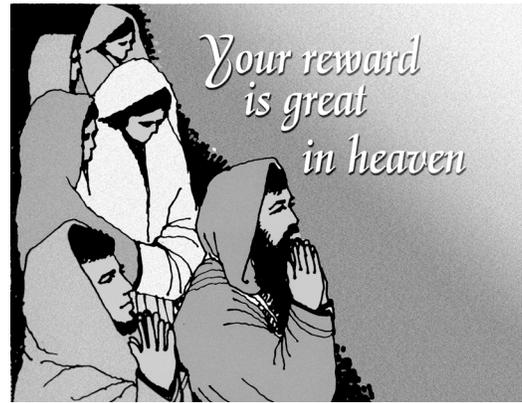
## Parish CCD Classes

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

**All Saints**  
**November 1, 2015**  
**See what love the Father has**  
**bestowed on us that we may be called**  
**the children of God.**  
**- I John 3:1**



**Saturday, October 31st**

**Sunday Vigil: All Saints**

5PM:

**Sunday, November 1st**

**All Saints**

8AM: Linda Achuff by Janet Davis

10AM: Elsie McHale by Chris Cheeseman

**Monday, November 2nd**

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)**

9AM:

**Tuesday, November 3rd**

**Weekday (Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time)**

9AM: Margaret Durns by Janet Davis

**Wednesday, November 4th**

**St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

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

7:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Thursday, November 5th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**First Friday, November 6th**

**Weekday**

6:30PM: Holy Souls in Purgatory

**First Saturday, November 7th**

**Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM:

**Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**First Friday Devotions** begin at 6PM on Friday, November 6th; Mass follows at 6:30PM.

*Pray for the Dead*

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All Souls Day—November 2nd

### WE LONG TO SEE GOD'S FACE

“Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.” This antiphon for today’s responsorial psalm offers the focus for today’s readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We too long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed “white in the blood of the Lamb.”

The passage from John’s First Letter offers further assurance: we are God’s children who will one day see God. But today’s Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, and peacemakers! Then we too will see the face of God.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eight hundred years ago, the church’s practice of penance underwent major revision as theologians, called scholastics, reflected on the practice of their day. By then, penance was normally a very secret rite, celebrated completely apart from the community. Public penance had mostly disappeared behind the walls of monasteries and the cloister grills of convents. The scholastics trimmed penance down to bare essentials, even sweeping aside age-old traditions like a laying on of hands and prayers of absolution. All that was left was the confessor’s simple statement, “*Ego te absolvo*,” “I absolve you.”

In 1614 a new ritual book tried to make penance more public and solemn. It suggested, but did not require, that the priest wear a surplice and stole, and hear the confession in a confessional. For the first time, we have the directive that the priest be separated from the penitent by a screen, a rule that some bishops applied very strictly. By the 1940s, large numbers of Catholics availed themselves of the sacrament of confession every Saturday, and most people thought confession was a prerequisite for Communion. In some urban parish churches, confessionals were staffed, usually by the junior priest, for several hours every day, even during the celebration of Mass. It is remarkable how quickly things changed, but as we have seen, the system has collapsed before and what often comes next is an impulse of the Spirit, new life, and a fresh start.

—Rev. James Field

## **CALLED BY NAME**

All the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are participating in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocations awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (16 years of age or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. Please recommend this person by filling out a response card found in church. Next weekend, place the completed card in the collection basket.

## **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Collection**

*For Today, Tomorrow. For all of us—* November 7/8 & 14/15. **Did you know?** Tuition for a seminarian working towards his BA in Philosophy is \$32,975 per year. Tuition for a seminarian working towards his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees is \$34,925 per year. Costs for health insurance, books and additional expenses can reach \$8,000 per year.

You may contribute to St. Charles Seminary Appeal in many ways: Pledge Gift, One Time Gift, Credit Card Gifts, Matching Gifts, Electronic Fund Transfer, Gift of Securities, Planned Gifts and Tribute Gifts. For more information, please visit the website at [www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org](http://www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org) or call Sarah Hanley at 215-587-5650. All gifts are tax deductible.

## **Parish Cocktail Party—Saturday, November 21, 2015**

All parishioners are invited to join in after the 5PM Mass. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.

**Men's Club:** The monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence Men's Club will be on Monday, November 9th at 7PM in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

## **Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**

November 7, 2015 at the Riegelsville Firehouse from 4-7PM or until sold out. Menu includes: Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Homemade desserts. Prices: Adult \$11; children (6-12) \$5.50, under 5 free; take-outs \$11.50.

## **Flower Donations:**

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

## **Collections:**

**October 25th:** \$3560.00

**World Mission Sunday:** \$290.00

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

11/07 5PM: Linda Krager

11/08 8AM: Martin Piccinich

10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

11/07 5PM: Andrew Benner & Francis Reinhart

11/08 8AM: Anna Holmgaard

10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

11/07 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Frank Hyland

11/08 8AM: Janet Davis & 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!**

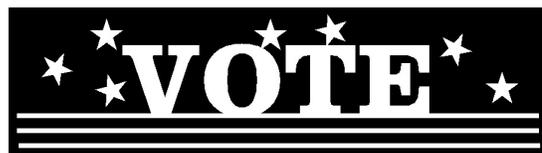
Dave Blessing, Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trinchieria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack 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.

## **Crossroads Pregnancy Center**

Be an angel and help Crossroads help their clients and their children. The client store is in urgent need of the following items: Winter coats for infant to 4T (new or gently used); baby wipes, baby bath wash, baby shampoo and lotion, diaper cream, sippy cups, bibs, wash cloths, bottles, eating utensils and stage 2 baby food. Please place your donations in the vestibule to be taken to Crossroads. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **The Lord's Pantry thanks you....**

Thank you so much for the 64 pounds of food that you donated to The Lord's Pantry from July to September 2015. Your generosity helps the pantry serve over 500 low-income families each month from Plumsteadville and the Palisades community. We hope that your giving brings happiness and joy in the same measure it offers hope and opportunity to the people the pantry serves.—The Pantry Volunteers



November 3rd—Election Day