

# 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

# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2015

Heaven and earth will pass away, but  
my words will not pass away.

- Mark 13:31

Saturday, November 14th

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

5PM: Gertrude Nicholas by Kathie Weiss

Sunday, November 15th

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8AM: Special intention

10AM: Merle Karp by the Twomey family

Monday, November 16th

*Weekday/St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*

9AM:

Tuesday, November 17th

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

9AM:

Wednesday, November 18th

*Weekday/The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles/St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM*

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

Thursday, November 19th

*Weekday*

9AM:

Friday, November 20th

*Weekday*

6:30PM:

Saturday, November 21st

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9AM: Margaret Durns by Irene Pavlica & Janet Davis

*Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

## Flower Donations:

**Main Altar:** In honor of the Veterans by Kathie Weiss

**Blessed Mother:** In loving memory of Gertrude Nicholas by Janet, Joy, Judy and Jill

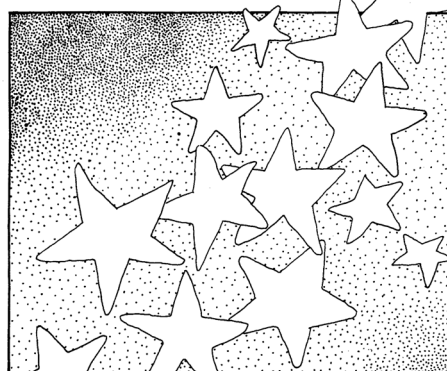
**St. Joseph:** In loving memory of Gertrude Nicholas by Kathie Weiss

## Collections:

November 8th: \$1,936.00

St. Charles Seminary: \$283.00

*The just shall shine  
like the stars*



## GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES

“It’s going to get worse before it gets better” is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend’s readings. They point toward the promises of God’s kingdom that will come after the maelstroms and chaos of this world.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God’s action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God’s gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them.

Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks, and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a “soul friend” as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

—Rev. James Field

*Please pray for all the faithful departed this  
month!*

**LAST CHANCE:** Today, place your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket or return to the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Remember in prayer those men of our parish who have been nominated, that they may appreciate their giftedness and respond to Christ's call.

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

*For Today, Tomorrow. For all of us—* November 7/8 & 14/15.

**Did you know?** Since its beginning in 1969, the School of Theological Studies has awarded more than 1,000 Master of Arts in Theology degrees to lay men and women, priests, and religious. The School of Theological Studies is one of the largest programs of its kind in the United States with more than 300 students enrolled in its various programs. The School of Theological Studies offers undergraduate certificate programs with coursework in various areas— including the Roman Vatican Diploma and the Certificate in Ministry to Black Catholics. The Catechetical Institute prepares highly trained elementary school and PREP program teachers to educate the youth of our faith community, and the Church Ministry Institute prepares students for lay ministry leadership positions in their parish and Diocese. 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.

### **Altar & Rosary Society**

**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.

### **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.

**PARISH SECRETARY POSITION** will be open soon. Need computer skills, bookkeeping and people skills. Please submit resume to the parish office.

### **Community Thanksgiving Service**

St. John UCC Church, 651 Easton Road, Riegelsville, will host the community service of music and worship in preparation for Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 22nd at 7PM. All parishioners from St. Lawrence are invited and some of our choir members will be participating.

### **Riegelsville Community Dinner**

Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Riegelsville Firehouse. Dinner is FREE. Seating times: 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 PM. Tickets are needed and will be available after Masses weekends of November 21/22 & 27/28. Volunteers are needed to help with: food prep, set-up, serving, break-down & delivery to shut-ins.

### **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

11/21 5PM: Frank Hyland  
11/22 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

11/21 5PM: Andrew Benner & Francis Reinhart  
11/22 8AM: Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Conor, Darafin, & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

11/21 5PM: Russell Benner & Bernie Boylan  
11/22 8AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi  
10AM: Joe Affuso & Mary Gambino

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

Mary Grube Fritchman, 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.

### **BAKE SALE**

Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 8:30am to 12 noon at Riegelsville Firehouse during Firehouse Breakfast. Proceeds to benefit RIEGELSVILLE COMMUNITY DINNER. Bakers are needed! Desserts should be dropped off at the Firehouse that morning.

### **NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS**

#### ***Tidings: A Fractured Christmas Fable***

Friday, November 20th at 7:30PM and Saturday, November 21st at 2PM and 7:30PM. General Admission. Doors open 30 minutes prior. Tickets are \$8; children under 12, \$6. **Toy Drive** and 20% of ticket sales to benefit Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. Bring a new, unwrapped toy – toddler to teen!!

### **NOTRE DAME BOOKFAIR**

Notre Dame High School will be hosting a bookfair on Wednesday, November 18th at Barnes & Noble located at 445 Southmont Way, Easton. Barnes & Noble donates a percentage of all purchases made in Notre Dame's name to the school. If you plan on attending this event, please use voucher #11725512 or mention Notre Dame. Shopping can also be done online from 11/18-11/23/15 by logging into [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) and referencing the voucher number. Hope to see you there!

### **Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast**

Sunday, November 15th from 8am until noon. Order by menu. Enjoy a great breakfast while supporting your local community.