

# 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

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2015

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of  
the kings of the earth.

- Revelation 1:5



Saturday, November 21st

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

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Sunday, November 22nd

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8AM: Nicolo & Anna Scardino by Rex & Mariann Helfant

10AM: Finbarr & Rita Mac Carthy by the Twomey family

Monday, November 23rd

*Weekday/St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr/ St. Columban, Abbot/ Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr*

9AM: Steve Hancharik by Frances Nowicki

Tuesday, November 24th

*St. Andrew Dung-lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

9AM: for the intentions of the Seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, November 25th

*Weekday/St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

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

7:30PM: Safety in Schools & Universities

Thursday, November 26th

*Weekday/Thanksgiving Day*

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

Friday, November 27th

*Weekday*

6:30PM:

Saturday, November 28th

*Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary*

9AM: for the intentions of Joanne Adams by the Lay Carmelite Community

*Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

5PM: Irene Cornely by Ells & Barbara Cheeseman

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## TRUE GRATITUDE

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

—Theodore Roosevelt

## Flower Donations:

**Main Altar:** In loving memory of Mary Powell by Jan & Sharon Powell

## TRUE STEWARDSHIP

The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For good reason, Americans have been ambivalent about "kings" for many years, even long before George III's troops were sent packing in 1776. To say Christ is our King is to make a statement not about our politics, but about the dignity of our own identity. At our baptism, the crown of our head was once slathered (or at last dabbed) with oil while the Church prayed "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as his body." To celebrate Christ's kingship, then, is to claim our own identity.

Your head was anointed just as Samuel poured oil over David's head. David had his gifts, but he was no prize, and perhaps that might comfort you as you think about your call, out of the messiness of your own life, to stretch into a lifestyle that is marked by worship, by prophetic speech and deeds, and the kingly ability to fashion a world (or at least a patch of it) where relationships are marked by justice, mercy, and cultivation of the good. It is precisely because of this kingly role that our faith community has something to say about the environment, about the dignity of human life, just wages, access to health care and education, the building of peace, and avoidance of war. In a few weeks' time we will hymn the coming of the "newborn king," but today we sketch out the meaning of his reign, and our own incorporation into his work for the life of the world.

—Rev. James Field

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

### St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Collection

*For Today, Tomorrow. For all of us!* It is not too late to contribute to the future priests in our Archdiocese. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**Thank you for making our shopping event a success!**

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

An Introductory Conference on the *Flame of Love Movement of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* will be held at St. Agnes Church, Sellersville, PA on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Beginning with Mass at 9am and concluding at 11:30am. All are invited; free of charge. This special day will open up for you the riches that are contained in the *Flame of Love*.

**Save the date!** We will decorate the church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 20th** starting at 12 noon. All are welcome. Please consider helping fellow parishioners prepare our church to celebrate Christ's birth.

### ARCHBISHOP'S LECTURE SERIES

Professor Michael Hanby of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. *The Truth Will Set You Free: Liberal Order and the Future of Christian Freedom* on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7PM at Vianney Hall Auditorium at St. Charles Seminary. Lectures are free and open to the public. Online RSVP at [PhillyEvang.org/lectures](http://PhillyEvang.org/lectures).

### Collections:

**November 15th:** \$2,819.00

**St. Charles Seminary:** \$268.00

### ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

11/28 5PM: Bernie Boylan

11/29 8AM: Martin Piccinich

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

11/28 5PM: Andrew Benner & Peter Shea

11/29 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Peter & Matthew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

11/28 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Frank Hyland

11/29 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Jackie Crocetti

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!**

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.

### Archbishop Wood High School Events:

**Performing Arts Department Presents Mary Poppins** on December 4 and 5 at 7:30PM and December 6 at 2PM. For information and tickets contact [abwtickets@gmail.com](mailto:abwtickets@gmail.com).

**Black Friday Basketball Skills and Drills Clinic** on November 27 from 10am-2pm. Contact : Coach Mosco at [mosco425@comcast.net](mailto:mosco425@comcast.net).

### 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/](http://bn.com/) bookfairs and referencing the voucher number. Hope to see you there!**

### 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.