

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

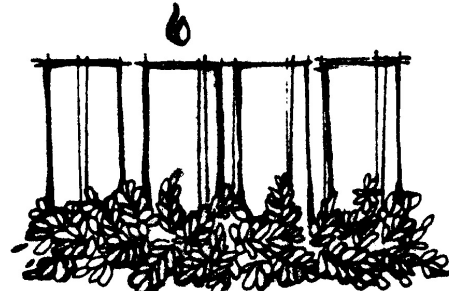
Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall from October to May. Registration is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— *Jeremiah 33:15*



THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called “penal” days, extending from 1691 to the “Catholic Emancipation” in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

—Rev. James Field

Saturday, November 28th

Sunday Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5PM: Irene Cornely by Ells & Barb Cheeseman

Sunday, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

8AM: World Peace by Janet Davis & Ted Achuff

10AM: The Stahlecker family by the Gambino family

Monday, November 30th

St. Andrew, Apostle

9AM: For the intentions of Barbara Sudol by the Lay Carmelite Community

Tuesday, December 1st

Advent Weekday

9AM: for the intentions of Irene Pavlica by Janet Davis & Alan Pavlica

Wednesday, December 2nd

Advent Weekday

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

7:30PM: Special intention

Thursday, December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9AM: Margaret Durns by Janet Davis

First Friday, December 4th

Advent Weekday

6:30PM: Holy Souls in Purgatory

First Saturday, December 5th

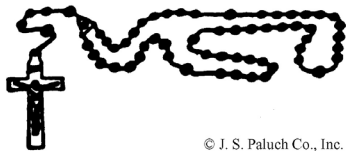
Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

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

First Friday Devotions begin at 6PM; Mass at 6:30PM.



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PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 10am, we will pray the Rosary for Peace at Routes 611 & 212.

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holyday of obligation. This is Our Lady's Title as Patroness of the United States. Mass is at 9am so please join us for the Rosary at 10am.

Retirement Fund for the Religious

This Collection offers the faithful an opportunity both of appreciation for the service rendered over the years by our religious, and also of assistance for their present needs. We recognize that our American Catholic Church owes a debt of sincere gratitude to our religious men and women for their manifold labors and success. Acknowledging the limitations of their financial resources, this collection has become increasingly important and necessary. Please give generously as you can to this Collection on December 5 & 6.

Adult Choir—Singers needed for Christmas

Anyone interested in singing with the Choir for Christmas, please join us at Sunday rehearsals beginning November 29th at 9am in the choir loft. All adults are welcome.

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 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.

Discernment Retreat—Villa Maria House of Studies

December 11-13 from Friday at 6PM to Sunday at 1PM. Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM charism. Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

12/05 5PM: Dolores Patton
12/06 8AM: Joseph Keeney
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

12/05 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Peter Shea
12/06 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey
10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

12/05 5PM: Linda Krager & Ann Funkhouser
12/06 8AM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
10AM: Mary Gambino & Mark Culichia

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.

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

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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Community Blood Drive on Friday, December 18th from 2-7PM at St. John United Church of Christ, Riegelsville, PA. Register at www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: Riegelsville; call 1-800-redcross or email: nancy.taylor@redcross.org.