

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.

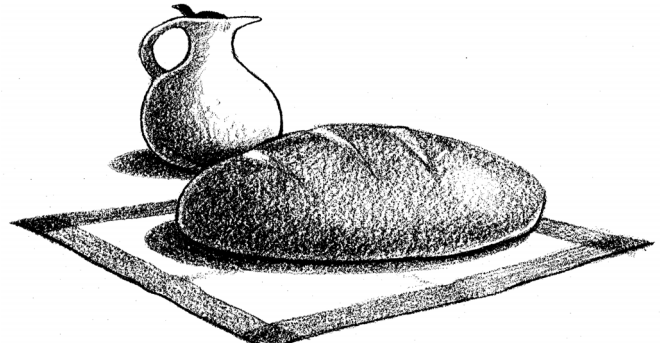
Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2015

**The Lord keeps faith forever, secures
justice for the oppressed, gives food
to the hungry.
- Psalm 146:7**



Saturday, November 7th

Sunday Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 8th

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Monday, November 9th

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9AM:

Tuesday, November 10th

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9AM:

Wednesday, November 11th

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Veterans Day

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

7:30PM:

Thursday, November 12th

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

9AM:

Friday, November 13th

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:30PM:

Saturday, November 14th

Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM:

Vigil: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Gertrude Nicholas by Kathie Weiss

Flower Donations:

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

Collections:

November 1st: \$2,345.00

All Saints: \$163.00

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

GIVING ALL

Trusting widows play a significant role in this weekend's readings. At the point of poverty, when giving even the smallest amount of what they had could imperil their health and well-being, they trusted God and gave anyway. What is important about their giving is not what or how much they gave, but how they gave it. Without selfishness, they gave to help others. Their giving was from the heart, with little hope or intention of receiving any sort of reward or recognition for their generosity. The monetary values of the widows' gifts were small, but their value measured in the Kingdom was priceless.

There is a significant similarity between their gift and the gift Jesus gave each of us. The widows offered their lives for God. Jesus offered his life for us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1974, a revised ritual of penance was given to the Church, and at forty years distance, we still are discovering its treasures and tentative about some of its provisions. The rite reaches deep into our tradition for an early insight: when we turn to God, we are restored to life in the Church.

There are three different forms of penance. The familiar individual confession is preserved, but with tremendous enrichment. It is less rushed, anchored by a reading from scripture, and the confession of sins is seen as an opportunity to proclaim faith in God's power to save. In a sense, what is "confessed" is the penitent's faith in God's gift of forgiveness. The priest suggests a penance that may be directly connected to the virtue that the person seeks as a means of overcoming the fault. There are formulas for contrition suggested, but the penitent might even express sorrow for sin and desire for mercy in his or her own words. The prayer of absolution grounds the event in the life and ministry of the Church. Harking back to the joyful dance of bishops leading penitents into the church, the rite now ends with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's mercy, and may include the gesture of laying on of hands. After forty years, we struggle to claim this rite forged of memory, tradition, and grace. History tells us to be patient; we do not always recognize a treasure at first.

—Rev. James Field.

CALLED BY NAME

REMINDER: Today. Place your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and our diocese, especially during these weeks of prayer for vocations.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Collection

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

Did you know? The School of Diaconal Formation was started in 1978 at the direction of Archbishop John Cardinal Krol. The first class of permanent deacons were ordained for service in the Hispanic community on October 31, 1981. Candidates attend weekly classes, weekend workshops, and retreats at the Seminary in order to prepare to receive Holy Orders and begin their service to the Archdiocese. There are currently close to 70 men in formation for the Diaconate and approximately 300 ordained Deacons in service to the Archdiocese. Permanent Deacons perform a vital ministry in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, and many other areas of service to the community. 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 or call Sarah Hanley at 215-587-5650. All gifts are tax deductible.

Altar & Rosary Society

Christmas Shopping Event

Please join us this Tuesday, November 10th from 6-8:30PM for an evening of shopping. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Variety of items...Jewelry, Dove Chocolate, Silk Scarves, etc. & surprise vendors. If interested in being a vendor, please contact Mary Capobianco 610-252-7075 or Mary Senior 267-882-5586.

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.

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.

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.

Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast

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

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:

11/14 5PM: Jane Burger

11/15 8AM: Bernie Boylan

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

11/14 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach

11/15 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

11/14 5PM: Linda Krager & Ann Funkhouser

11/15 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Jackie Crocetti

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!

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 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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS after the 10am Mass on Sunday, November 8th. Spend a little time catching up with your fellow parishioners.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S LECTURE SERIES—Living as a Christian in a Culture of Unbelief

Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7PM, Mr. Kenneth Myers, Mars Hill Audio. *Neither Worldly nor Worldless: Faithful Christian Living in a Post-Christian Society.* All Lectures are free and open to the public. RSVP Online at PhillyEvang.org/lectures.

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.