

# 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 6-9 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 first 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.

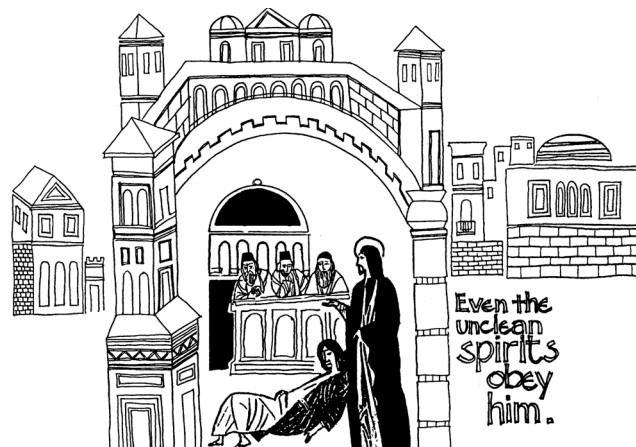
## Parish CCD Classes

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 1, 2015**  
Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord who  
made us.  
- Psalm 95:6



**Saturday, January 31st**

**Sunday Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Peace Among Nations

**Sunday, February 1st**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM: Special intention

10AM:

**Monday, February 2nd**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

9AM: Joseph & Irene Moninghoff

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

**St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr/ St. Ansgar, Bishop**

9AM:

**Wednesday, February 4th**

**Weekday**

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

7:30PM: Special intention

**Thursday, February 5th**

**St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

9AM:

**First Friday, February 6th**

**St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

6:30PM:

**First Saturday, February 7th**

**Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM:

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**BLESSING**



**OF THROATS**

**COLLECTIONS:**

January 25th: \$3,013.00

Catholic Bishop's Relief: \$278.00

**BABY FORMULA DRIVE**

February is our annual collection of baby formula for the Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Quakertown. Similac Advanced seems to be the most widely requested. Please leave your donation in the vestibule any week in February. Thank you!

**AUTHORITY FROM GOD**

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic—truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for *Oleum Infirmarum*), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptistery in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Any vegetable oil may be used now, since olive oil is difficult to obtain in some places. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock."

In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church.

—Rev. James Field

## **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Again this week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. How will you help? Please give as generously as possible to Jesus in disguise.

### **And the winner is...**

Thank you to all who supported the Altar & Rosary Christmas Raffle. The winners were: Carol Stahley the wreath, Betty Steinberg a basket and Rosemarie Pengitore the other basket. Again, thank you to all who helped make this venture a great success!

### **From the Choir Loft**

Now is the time to start preparing music for Holy Week. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have an Adult Choir during Holy Week this year? There are five opportunities to sing during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. It would be great to have a choir, or a few soloists, singing at the Holy Week liturgies. If you would like to participate in singing on any of these days, please go up to the choir loft and talk to Janet. It is not necessary to commit to singing all of the days during Holy Week. You do NOT have to read music. Rehearsal times are flexible—weeknight, or Sunday mornings between the Masses; whatever works best for everyone. We are looking for choir singers and soloists. Thank you!

**Saint Lawrence Night at the Races:** The Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 28th. Doors open at 6:00PM and the event starts at 7:00PM. This event is open to everyone. This is a family event. Consider inviting friends and neighbors. Donations of door prizes and baked goods are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Altar & Rosary Society Meeting**

Will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7PM in our parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Any questions, please contact Darlene Dailey at dardaily69@gmail.com or 610-462-9515.

### **Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist Open House—Annual Spaghetti Dinner by the Home and School Association**

Postponed due to inclement weather, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Academy Open House will be held February 28th. The Home and School Association Annual Spaghetti Dinner is a big hit and a great evening where we celebrate Family, Friends and Community. All of the festivities begin at 4PM and the entire Academy is open for you to visit and to meet our Headmaster, Teachers and Staff and enjoy Dinner too. Come and explore the many benefits of a Liberal Arts Education. You will be glad that you took the time to explore this opportunity and to meet many Parents and current students within The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist Community. Tickets: \$8 (12 & up); \$5 (6-11) and five and under free. To register, visit us at [www.sjbottsville.org](http://www.sjbottsville.org).

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

02/07 5PM: Jane Burger  
02/08 8AM: Martin Piccinich  
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

02/07 5PM: Andrew Benner  
02/08 8AM: Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

02/07 5PM: Russell Benner & Frank Hyland  
02/08 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Bernie Boylan  
10AM: Mark Culichia & Joseph Affuso

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

Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, Margaret Durns, special intention, Fran Torgerson, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Loretta Rodin, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Lilah Durr, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Susan Serpico, Peggie Esposito, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Ted Peiffer, Eva Zelle, Roger Brahler, Gavin (age 3), Jennie Aquilino, Bill Miller, Caitlin, Steven Fusco, Charles More, Jeff & Bonnie, Baby Matthew Royer, Rose Romeo, baby Ely, Max Ours, Father Breen, Fr. Henry Graf, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnano, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Nick Sciss, Summer Heddleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner.

### **Dear Friends, Contributors and Encouragers,**

Thank you for your concern and generous care to the Food Pantry ministry here. With your help food will continue to go out the door to local households. Thanks! Food Pantry Folks (Judy, Suzanne, Bob & Pastor Byron Widger) Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Finesville, NJ

### **Community Blood Drive**

Monday, February 16, 2015 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Avenue, Riegelsville, from 2-7PM. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Sponsor code: Riegelsville or call 1-800-redcross. You are eligible if your last donation was on or before December 22, 2014. Eligibility questions, call 1-866-236-3276.

### **Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner Dance**

Saturday, February 14th at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. Doors open at 6PM; Buffet dinner at 7PM. BYOB but set-ups will be provided. Music by Liz and Fred plus a DJ. Tickets at the door; open to the community. At \$30 per person it is the best Valentine deal in town!

### **Flower Donations:**

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