

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2015
Whether you eat or drink, or
whatever you do, do everything for
the glory of God.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31



Saturday, February 14th

Sunday Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

Sunday, February 15th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

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

Monday, February 16th

Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday, February 17th

Weekday/The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

9AM:

Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday

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

7:30PM:



Thursday, February 19th

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9AM:

Friday, February 20th

Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:00PM Stations of the Cross*

6:30PM:

Saturday, February 21st

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9AM:

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5PM:

***Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6PM; Mass at 6:30PM.**

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COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

—George Washington

COLLECTIONS:

February 8th: \$2,453.00

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to “do everything for the glory of God.” In today’s scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit “the many,” as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us “with the joy of salvation.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Lent, the Church’s annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ’s death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life’s journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.

—Rev. James Field



FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2015

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl", which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

CARE OF THE AGING AND INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION

Will be taken up the next two weekends beginning February 21/22. In the past you have been very generous to our priests through your support. Please also remember them in your prayers as well as your financial assistance.

Saint Lawrence Night at the Races: The Men's Club is **selling horses from now until Sunday, February 15th**. Please find forms in the vestibule or use plain paper with name, phone and horses name. One slip per horse. Cost is \$10 per horse and if your horse wins its race, you win \$40. **The event will be held on Saturday, February 28th with doors opening at 6PM**. If possible, please consider donations of door prizes and desserts. Thanks much for your ongoing support for this event which benefits our parish.

Men's Club Meeting: The monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence Men's Club will be on **Tuesday, February 17th at 7PM** in the parish hall. Please note this in lieu of our normal meeting night. We will be making final plans for the upcoming Night at the Races.

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 dardailey69@gmail.com or 610-462-9515.

Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist invites you to **Shadow Day 2015**, Monday, February 23rd at 8:15AM. Your child is invited to spend a **Day at the Academy!** You and your child can experience how your family will benefit from a Classical Catholic Liberal Arts Education. For information and to register, call the office at 610-847-5523.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

02/21 5PM: Frank Hyland
02/22 8AM: Joseph Keeney
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

02/21 5PM: Andrew Benner
02/22 8AM: John McDonald
10AM: Conor & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

02/21 5PM: Russell Benner & Linda Krager
02/22 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Joseph Affuso
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!

Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, Margaret Durns, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Loretta Rodin, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trinchieria, 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.

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. 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.

St. Isidore Church Parish Mission –The Joy of the Good News of God's Love by Fr. Paul Bryan, CSSR and Sister Mary Snisky, OSF

We invite you to join the St. Isidore Parish Family for a Redemptorist Parish Mission. Sunday, March 8th through Wednesday, March 11th. Sessions held at 9AM and 7PM at St. Isidore's Church, 2545 West Pumping Station Road, Quakertown. Please visit our website for more details: www.stisidores.org/.

MANUP PHILLY—March 7, 2015—7th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference

Enrich your faith through participation at St. Joseph University Hagan Arena. The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men throughout the Archdiocese for the 7th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Gus Lloyd, Devin Schadt and Jim Longon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput. For more information and to register go to: www.manupphilly.com.

INFORMATION SHEET

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