

# 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

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 22, 2015**  
**Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.**  
**- Psalm 25:4**



**Saturday, February 21st**

**Sunday Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**

5PM: Joyce DiMaggio by Janet Davis

**Sunday, February 22nd**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8AM: Nick Picinich by Michele & Martin Piccinich

10AM: Dan Jonas by the Miller family

**Monday, February 23rd**

**Lenten Weekday/St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

9AM:

**Tuesday, February 24th**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM:

**Wednesday, February 25th**

**Lenten Weekday**

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

7:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Thursday, February 26th**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM:

**Friday, February 27th**

**Lenten Weekday**

6:00PM: **Stations of the Cross**

6:30PM:

**Saturday, February 28th**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM:

**Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**

5PM:

**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.

**THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM**

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

—Rev. James Field

## **CARE OF THE AGING AND INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION**

Will be taken up this weekend and next. 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 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.

### **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](mailto:dardailey69@gmail.com) or 610-462-9515.

### **Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist Open House—Annual Spaghetti Dinner by the Home and School Association—February 28, 2015**

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).

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.

### **Hispanic Community in Catholic Parishes**

Dr. Hosffman Ospino will be guest presenter at this event that will take place Friday, February 27, 2015 from 9am to 2pm. We will conclude with lunch. Dr. Ospino is an Associate Professor of Hispanic Ministry and Religious Education at Boston College. For more information, call 215-667-2820 or [rbarrios@archphila.org](mailto:rbarrios@archphila.org).

### **FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNER**

Beginning February 20th through April 3rd, the Riegelsville Firehouse will have their Annual Fish Dinners from 5-7PM or until sold out. Adults: \$9; children 6-12: \$5 and under 5 free. Menu includes: fried haddock, baked tilapia, macaroni and cheese, homemade French fries, coleslaw, applesauce and dessert.

### **COLLECTIONS:**

February 15th: \$1,602.00

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

02/28 5PM: Jane Burger  
03/01 8AM: Martin Piccinich  
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

02/28 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach  
03/01 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey  
10AM: Taryn Giustino & Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

02/28 5PM: Frank Hyland & Dolores Patton  
03/01 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara  
10AM: Joseph Affuso & 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 Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Lilah Durr, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Serpico and for her family.

### **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/](http://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](http://www.manupphilly.com).

### **Barnabite Heart to Heart Project—Vitamin Collection**

Assist the Barnabite Fathers in helping the children of the Philippines still suffering the affects of Typhoon Hiayan by donating multi-vitamins and low dose vitamin C. Please leave your donation in the box in the vestibule. **Please visit us @ [www.barnabitehearttoheartministry.blogspot.com](http://www.barnabitehearttoheartministry.blogspot.com).**