

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.

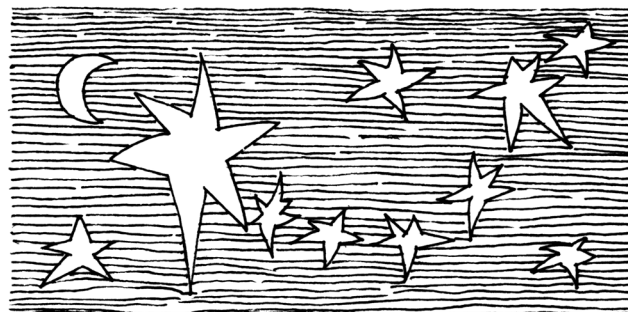
Parish CCD Classes

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2015
The Lord tells the number of the
stars and calls them by name.
-Psalm 147:4



Saturday, February 7th

Sunday Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, February 8th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

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

Monday, February 9th

Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday, February 10th

St. Scholastica, Virgin

9AM:

Wednesday, February 11th

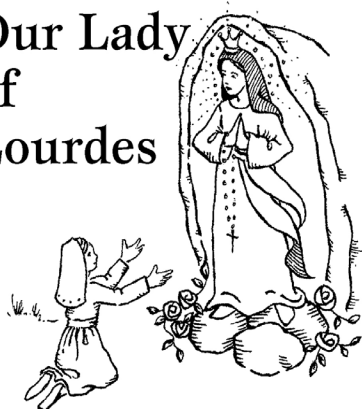
Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

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

7:30PM: for the intentions of Fr. Henry Graf by Dave and Mary Blessing

Our Lady
of
Lourdes



Thursday, February 12th

Weekday

9AM: Kathy Przyuski Stanzione by Dave & Mary Blessing

Friday, February 13th

Weekday

6:30PM:

Saturday, February 14th

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

9AM:

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

HEALING MINISTRY

During Jesus' ministry "he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." This is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus fulfills the vision of Psalm 147: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus knew, however, that he couldn't possibly heal all the illness in the world. No matter how many people he cured or how many hours he ministered, there always would be more suffering people like Job who craved his healing touch. His primary mission was not to rid the world of all suffering. His "purpose" was to preach the coming of the reign of God that heals, yes, but ultimately transcends and transforms earthly suffering. With Paul, Jesus could have said, "Woe to me if I do not preach" that good news.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Last rites" is a persistent but pesky phrase in the Catholic lexicon, and not a particularly useful phrase since it props open the door to misunderstanding. Many Catholics presume it refers to the anointing of the sick, yet there is nothing "last" about it. Clearly, the Church desires anointing to be celebrated fairly early on in the crisis of illness, and not as a last measure. The Rites for the Dying stand apart in the Church's plan, and include two principal rites. The first is viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey," the reception of Holy Communion by a dying person. Even very active and aware Catholics often do not realize that this "last rite" does not require a priest's presence, but can be conducted by a deacon or minister of Holy Communion.

The second "last rite" in the pastoral plan is a prayer called "Commendation of the Dying." Similarly, this does not require the presence of a priest, but can be led by any minister or family member. Too often, we have focused on what only a priest can do, namely anoint, and have forgotten the fullness of liturgical care that the Church desires for its dying faithful. The "last rites" are completely available to us even when a priest is not.

—Rev. James Field,

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

As of January 23, 2015, our parish contributed 98% or \$9,008.00 to the 2014 Catholic Charities Appeal. Only 68 contributors participated in last year's Appeal.

The 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal begins this weekend. For all those who missed last year's Appeal and those who have supported this important Collection in the past, please give as generously as your situation permits. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

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 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 dardaily69@gmail.com or 610-462-9515.

HOLY UNION

The union of man and wife is from God.
- St. Augustine

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

02/14 5PM: Linda Krager
02/15 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

02/14 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach
02/15 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey
10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

02/14 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Nancy Bellis
02/15 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara
10AM: Mary Gambino & Alvin LaBar, OFS

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 Trinchera, 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.

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 Saint Lawrence Parish

COLLECTIONS:

February 1st: \$3,575.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$145.00