

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.

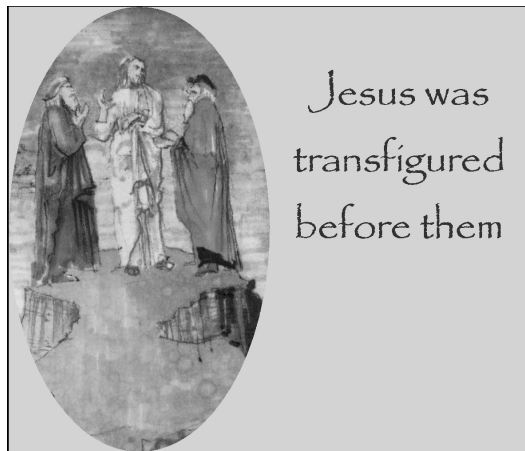
Parish CCD Classes

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

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2015
If God is for us, who can be
against us?
- Romans 8:31b



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

Saturday, February 28th

Sunday Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5PM:

Sunday, March 1st

Second Sunday of Lent

8AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

10AM: Susan Serpico by Mary Ann McKeon

Monday, March 2nd

Lenten Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday, March 3rd

Lenten Weekday

9AM:

Wednesday, March 4th

Lenten Weekday

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

7:30PM: Janet Gillespie by Bob Gillespie

Thursday, March 5th

Lenten Weekday

9AM: John Pavlica by Irene Pavlica & Janet Davis

First Friday, March 6th

Lenten Weekday

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

6:30PM:

First Saturday, March 7th

Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM:

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

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

**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.

**Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6PM; Mass at
6:30PM**

LISTEN AND FOLLOW

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." And listen they did. From that moment on, Peter, James, and John were ardent followers, forsaking everything to follow in their Master's footsteps. Like the psalmist crying, "O Lord, I am your servant," the three disciples committed themselves to lives of incredible hardship and indescribable joy. After that day on the mountain, they never again wavered in their chosen vocation.

Though our tests may not be as severe as Abraham's and our peak experiences not as dramatic as the Transfiguration, we all face the daily challenges of walking "before the Lord in the land of the living." As we follow our varied calls to love and serve, let's be comforted by Paul's reminder to the Romans: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Within the tradition of the Christian church, there are differing ways of observing a Lenten fast. For Eastern Catholics and Orthodox, the discipline is close to our understanding of "abstinence." Certain foods are eliminated from the diet entirely. The rules are basically monastic rules, and the customs of a monastery table are embraced in the home. This year, "Meatfare Sunday" is February 26, and it is the last time that meat is admitted to the diet until Easter. The following Sunday, known as "Cheesefare Sunday," takes cheese and all dairy products from the table. It is also known as "forgiveness Sunday" because a true fast is about crowning life with love, holding back harsh words, and cutting off anger.

The Eastern churches fast even from celebrating the Eucharist from Monday through Friday. We don't count Sundays as fast days, but Eastern Christians fast through the weekends. People are expected to come as close to the ideal as possible, and the Lenten services keep reminding them not to take pride in their fasting, since the devil himself never eats! What's left on the menu? Grains, vegetables, eggs (maybe), and fish. Imagine the joys of the Easter table after such a fast!

—Rev. James Field

THE CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION

The **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** was founded on the basic principles of St. John Paul II's call to action in *Ecclesia in Africa* and the adoption of the statement *A Call to Solidarity with Africa* from the Bishops of the United States. Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemics, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, Catholicism is flourishing amid these hard circumstances. Your support assists in the delivery of basic pastoral care which includes religious education, seminary formation and youth ministry. It also supports important projects such as pastoral care of the sick. This Collection will be conducted next weekend in this parish; please be as generous as possible.

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/.

The Best of Irish Music, Song and Dance

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 4:30PM at The Regina Academy, St. John the Baptist, Ottsville, PA. Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Celebration with world renowned Irish artists **Gabriel Donohue and Friends** in Concert with Special Guest **Cathy Maguire** plus the **O'Grady Quinlan Academy of Irish Dance**. For a video preview, tickets and details, visit: www.IrishConcertBucks.com. Also, call 610-847-5523 or email anytime: info@IrishConcertBucks.com. Tickets are \$36 each online and other locations.

Lorraine's Group Pilgrimage to Lourdes with one night in Paris

July 22-31, 2015. Fr. Martin F. Kern will be the chaplain for 10 days, 8 nights in France; \$3,500 from Philadelphia, PA (based on double occupancy). For further information go to www.pilgrimages.com/lorraine.

The Classical Curriculum and Common Core—"A Study in Contrasts" at The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30PM. All families desiring to know about these contrasts are invited to attend the Open Forum on this topic relating to the education of your children. Our Keynote Speaker: Dr. Daniel Guernsey is Education Department Chairman at Ave Maria University, Florida. For more details go to: geoffmeyersjb@gmail.com.

A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves. —Leo Tolstoy

THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?—Anonymous

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

03/07 5PM: Linda Krager
03/08 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

03/07 5PM: Andrew Benner
03/08 8AM: Anna Holmgaard
10AM: Peter & Matthew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

03/07 5PM: Russell Benner & Kathie Weiss
03/08 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Nancy Bellis
10AM: Mary Gambino & Ells Cheeseman

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, 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, 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.

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.

IHM Sister's Night

Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Villa Maria House of Studies.

Young women (18-35) are invited to share informally with the sisters. The evening offers the opportunity to enjoy a meal, social time and prayer together. Call 610-889-1553, ext. 1974.

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 22nd: \$1991.00