

# 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 of Lent March 15, 2015

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

- John 3:17



### RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the dissipation of the catechumenate's energy since almost everyone was born into the Church, Lent began to be seen more as a preparation to follow the Passion of Christ with devotion. In the city of Rome, creative spirits settled on "stational churches" as a way of keeping the energy flowing. Everyone would be directed to a certain "station" each day, and the name of that church provided a theme for the liturgy. So, for example, on certain Saturdays in Lent, everything centered on the church of St. Vitale. Now, this poor fellow had been thrown into a hole and covered in stones at his martyrdom, so the readings recalled Joseph thrown down the well by his brothers, and the wicked servants killing the son of the owner of the vineyard. Gradually, travelers to Rome noted the celebration and worked it into liturgical schedules back home. Eventually, calendars everywhere bore the curious footnote on a Lenten Saturday: "Station S. Vitale." This served the priority of getting ready to hear the Passion fairly well, but was hardly satisfactory for Lent's baptismal character. Now, at last, our liturgy is reorganized to serve the deepest level of our tradition exceedingly well. Lent, once again, is all about baptism.

—Rev. James Field

**Saturday, March 14th**

**Sunday Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

5PM: Mary Weiss by Kathie Weiss

**Sunday, March 15th**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8AM: for the intentions of Claudia & Lawrence Elhind by Bill & Marianne Chabot

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

**Monday, March 16th**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM: Julia Jones by the Jones family

**Tuesday, March 17th**

**Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick, Bishop**

9AM:

**Wednesday, March 18th**

**Lenten Weekday**

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

7:30PM: Janet Gillespie by Bob Gillespie

**Thursday, March 19th**

**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM:

**Friday, March 20th**

**Lenten Weekday**

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross

6:30PM:

**Saturday, March 21st**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM:

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5PM: Margaret Durns by Dave & Mary Blessing

### 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.**

## 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 taken up this weekend; please be as generous as possible.

**Altar & Rosary Society** is having a special get together in honor of our long time Officers: Karen Fackler, Carol Miranda, Nancy Bellis and Barbara Cheeseman on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome. Come enjoy a special evening to honor these very dedicated and special women.

The **Catholic Life Institute** is hosting New Age expert Susan Brinkmann, OCDS for a two hour seminar **on the dangers of New Age healing techniques and alternatives**. Topics to be discussed include Reiki, Acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractics, essential oils, muscle testing, supplements, etc. What does science say about these methods? Why do people believe they work? And what does the Church have to say about their use? Get the answers on Saturday, April 11 from 9-11am at Fatima House, Rolling Hills Road, Bedminster. \$35 fee includes refreshments. Registration required. Visit: [www.freeandfaithful.com](http://www.freeandfaithful.com) or call/text 215-983-9701.

### 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](http://www.IrishConcertBucks.com). Also, call 610-847-5523 or email anytime: [info@IrishConcertBucks.com](mailto:info@IrishConcertBucks.com). Tickets are \$36 each online and other locations.

## GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

03/21 5PM: Jane Burger  
03/22 8AM: Martin Piccinich  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

03/21 5PM: Andrew Benner  
03/22 8AM: John McDonald  
10AM: Conor & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

03/21 5PM: Frank Hyland & Alvin LaBar, OFS  
03/22 8AM: Maryann Helfant & Joe 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, 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 Hesselthaler, 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 Margaret Durns.

### Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast

Sunday, March 15th from 8am until 12 noon. Order by menu breakfast. Bring the family to enjoy a tasty breakfast with your local community while supporting your firefighters.

### FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNER

Every Friday in Lent 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.

The **Notre Dame Theatre Company** is delighted to present **"A Tale of Two Cities: The Musical"** on Thursday and Friday, April 23 & 24 at 7:30PM and Saturday, April 25 at 2:00 & 7:30PM at Notre Dame High School. Tickets are \$10; \$8 students and seniors 65+. Details & tickets 610-515-1686 or [ndtickets@gmail.com](mailto:ndtickets@gmail.com). Notre Dame High School, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA 18045 (near intersection of Rte. 33 & William Penn Highway).

## COLLECTIONS:

March 8th: \$2,180.00  
Church in Africa: \$146.00