

# 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 of Lent

March 22, 2015

**I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**- Jeremiah 31:33**

**Saturday, March 21st**

**Sunday Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5PM: Margaret Durns by Dave & Mary Blessing

**Sunday, March 22nd**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8AM: Ryan McGuinness by Joan & Tim McGuinness

10AM: Fran Mihalik by Bill & Marianne Chabot

**Monday, March 23rd**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM:

**Tuesday, March 24th**

Lenten Weekday

9AM: Samuel Morgan, Jr. by Dave & Mary Blessing

**Wednesday, March 25th**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

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

7:30PM: Janet Gillespie by Bob Gillespie

**Thursday, March 26th**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM: Jane Coale by the Krager family

**Friday, March 27th**

**Lenten Weekday**

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross

6:30PM:

**Saturday, March 28th**

**Lenten Weekday**

9AM:

**Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5PM:

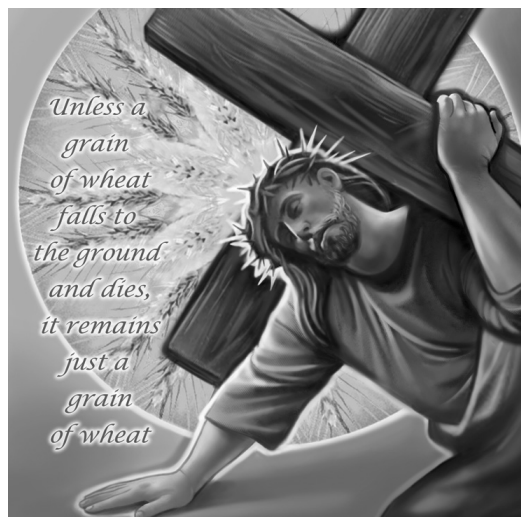
### **FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2015**

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.

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



### **THE NEW COVENANT**

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term "new covenant" he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today's Gospel passage, Jesus the "new covenant" speaks the language of his "new commandment" of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

—Rev. James Field

**2015 – HOLY WEEK – SERVICES**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday: Confessions 4PM to 4:45PM  
Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 5PM  
Sunday: 8AM & 10AM  
Palm will be blessed and distributed  
at all the Masses.

**Monday and Tuesday – Mass 9AM**

**Wednesday** – Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament 6PM to 9PM  
Confessions: 7PM  
Mass: 7:30PM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening Mass of the Last Supper – 7PM  
Adoration at the Repository until 9PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 12Noon  
Holy Communion at this service only  
Stations of the Cross – 7PM

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Confessions: 4PM to 4:30PM  
Easter Vigil Mass – 7PM  
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water  
Liturgy of the Eucharist

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses: 8AM & 10AM

**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America**

Will be collected this weekend of March 21 & 22. Please  
be as generous as possible.

**Knights of Columbus Council 4545**

The Knights of Columbus, with charity as part of their  
charter, is asking you to reach into your heart as well as  
your pocket to help us help the handicap citizens of our  
community. The Knights will be present after every Mass  
on March 21 & 22 to collect your donations. Please be as  
generous as possible.

**Good Friday Collection—A Pontifical Collection**

Christians around the world are united in a special way during  
Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are  
also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support  
Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land  
depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual  
Good Friday Collection offers a direct link, for parishioners to  
be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places.

When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting  
Christians in the Holy Land.

Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and  
feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education,  
maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral  
ministry. For more information, visit [MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday).

**COLLECTIONS:**

March 15th: \$5,370.00  
Church in Africa: \$110.00  
Rice Bowl: \$261.00

**ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

03/28 5PM: Linda Krager  
03/29 8AM: Bernie Boylan  
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

03/28 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach  
03/29 8AM: Volunteer needed  
10AM: Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

03/28 5PM: Russell Benner & Joe Affuso  
03/29 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara  
10AM: Mark Culichia & Mary Gambino

**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 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 Margaret Durns.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** the St. Lawrence Easter Egg Hunt will  
be Easter Sunday, April 5th after the 10am Mass. This  
event is open to all parish children. Please remember to  
bring a basket or bag for your child. Donations of candy  
filled plastic eggs are greatly appreciated. Please leave in  
the vestibule of the church or call Steve Salva at 610-346  
-6104. Thanks much!

**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 **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.