

# 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

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the  
Lord  
March 29, 2015  
[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross.  
- Philippians 2:8**



**Saturday, March 28th**

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

5PM:

**Sunday, March 29th**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8AM: Margaret Durns by Kevin & Darla Burke

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

**Monday, March 30th**

**Monday of Holy Week**

9AM: Special intention

**Tuesday, March 31st**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

9AM: Joseph Balkus by Rex & Mariann Helfant

**Wednesday, April 1st**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

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

7:30PM: Janet Gillespie by Bob Gillespie

**Thursday, April 2nd**

**Holy Thursday**

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

**Friday, April 3rd**

**Good Friday**

12Noon: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Holy Communion)

7PM: Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 4th**

**(no morning Mass)**

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass

7PM: Living & deceased 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: Good Friday at 7PM.**

**PROPHETIC ANOINTING**

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

—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

**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).

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.

**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.

**ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

04/04 7PM: Frank Hyland  
04/05 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

04/04 7PM: Andrew Benner  
04/05 8AM: Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

04/04 7PM: Russ & Ann Funkhouser  
04/05 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Janet Davis  
10AM: Joe 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, 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.

**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!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Since 1882, the Knights of Columbus have served as a fraternal organization of Catholic men dedicated to faith, family and community. To learn more about the benefits of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, all Catholic men eighteen years of age or older are invited to review our activities with members of the Father Stommel Council #4545. Knights will be available after the Mass on Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th. Membership information is also available through Vince Morelli at 215-399-6025.

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).