

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

I, the Lord, am your God... You shall not have other gods besides me.

- Exodus 20:2a, 3

Saturday, March 7th

Sunday Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

8AM:

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

Monday, March 9th

Lenten Weekday

9AM:

Tuesday, March 10th

Lenten Weekday

9AM:

Wednesday, March 11th

Lenten Weekday

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

7:30PM: Wayne Cheeseman by Barbara & Ells Cheeseman

Thursday, March 12th

Lenten Weekday

9AM:

Friday, March 13th

Lenten Weekday

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross

6:30PM: Janet Gillespie by Bob Gillespie

Saturday, March 14th

Lenten Weekday

9AM:

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5PM: Mary Weiss by Kathie Weiss

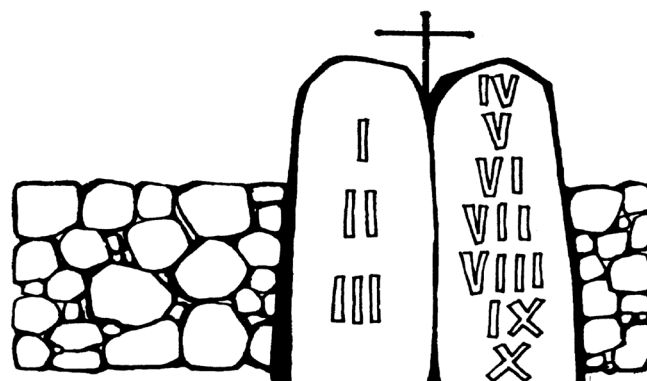
FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2015

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 PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase 'the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated "stations." The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord's Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

—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 taken up this weekend and next; please be as generous as possible.

Donuts and Cake

This Sunday, March 8th, after the 10am Mass, we will have coffee, donuts and cake. In addition we will have a dedication ceremony for the parish hall. A plaque will be presented to thank Joseph and Valeria Ceader for their generous gift to St. Lawrence Parish.

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.

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 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.

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

03/14 5PM: Frank Hyland
03/15 8AM: Joseph Keeney
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

03/14 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach
03/15 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey
10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

03/14 5PM: Linda Krager & Bernie Boylan
03/15 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara
10AM: Mark Culichia & Joe Affuso

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.

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 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.

COLLECTIONS:

March 1st: \$2,860.00
Aging & Ill Priests: \$100.00
Fuel: \$307.00