

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 second 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

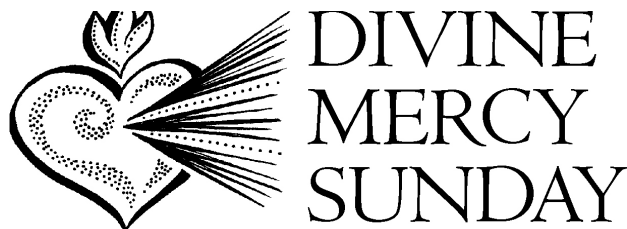
Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2015

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- 1 John 5:5



Saturday, April 11th

Sunday Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

5PM: Margaret Durns by Rosemarie Tange

Sunday, April 12th

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

8AM: Margaret Durns by Nathan, Jacob & Elizabeth Burke

10AM: Arthur & Genevieve & Arthur, Jr. Montevarde by the Salva family

Monday, April 13th

Easter Weekday

9AM: Souls in Purgatory by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Tuesday, April 14th

Easter Weekday

9AM: Margaret Durns by Rose Pavlica Myers

Wednesday, April 15th

Easter Weekday

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

7:30PM: Andrew Hester by Walter & Janet Tumiski

Thursday, April 16th

Easter Weekday

9AM: Living & deceased members of St Lawrence Parish

Friday, April 17th

Easter Weekday

6:30PM: For the intentions of Barbara Itterly by the Lay Carmelite Community

Saturday, April 18th

Easter Weekday

9AM:

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5PM: Margaret Durns by Mary Schweitzer

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All are invited to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following each Mass on Saturday evening April 11th and Sunday morning April 12th. The Chaplet will begin after Father leaves the Altar and we sing the closing hymn. To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should: 1) Celebrate the Feast of the Sunday after Easter; 2) Sincerely repent of all our sins; 3) Place our complete trust in Jesus; 4) Go to confession, before that Sunday; 5) Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast, or at the Vigil Mass; 6) Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy; 7) Be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. To venerate a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior. Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday—prayer pamphlets in the vestibule.

OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being “of one heart and mind” as was the first community of believers? Today’s First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God’s commandments and loving all of God’s children seems to be the start of being “of one heart and mind.” We live in a world that stresses differences—differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of “Peace.” The risen Lord’s word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ’s gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximillian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ’s rising in our lives.

—Rev. James Field.

CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

-St. Augustine

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2015

God invites us every day to love unselfishly, give freely and to share our gifts without counting the cost. It is the mission of the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to **Give Hope** to the most vulnerable and needy. We are all called to join in the mission. Your support of the 2014 Appeal did just that. You helped surpass its ambitious goal of \$10,000,000 for the second year in a row. Last year our Parish raised \$9,008.00. **This year we are only at 31% of our goal of \$9,222.00. St. Lawrence Parish has only raised \$2,850** so far. If you have not given or are able to give a little more, please do so as soon as you can. Pope Francis reminds us, "Today, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others."
Your kindness truly matters.

Men's Club Meeting: the monthly meeting of the Saint Lawrence Men's Club will be on **Monday, April 13th at 7PM** in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting: the monthly meeting of the Saint Lawrence Altar & Rosary Society will be **Thursday, April 23rd at 7PM** in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are most welcome to attend.

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.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of April 17-19 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast

Sunday, April 19th 8am to 12 noon. Order by menu breakfast. Support your local firefighters!

Annual Filled Basket Bingo

Sponsored by the Riegelsville Recreation Board on Sunday, April 26th at the Riegelsville Firehouse. Doors open at noon; Bingo starts at 1PM. Tickets \$20/person. Refreshments. 50/50 drawing. Call Sherry 610-749-2726.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

04/18 5PM: Linda Krager
04/19 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

04/18 5PM: Andrew Benner
04/19 8AM: John McDonald
10AM: Conor & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

04/18 5PM: Russell Benner & Kathie Weiss
04/19 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 Hessesenthaler, Calvin, 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.

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 ndtctickets@gmail.com. Notre Dame High School, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA 18045 (near intersection of Rte. 33 & William Penn Highway).

A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.—St. Julian

Cut along this line

We need your input:

We would like to know if you would be in favor of changing the Saturday night Mass from 5:00PM to 4:30PM. This half hour earlier would be especially helpful to those who do not or cannot drive in the dark. Please check yes or no in the appropriate place and drop in the receptacle in the vestibule so we can make a decision by 4/20/15. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yes, change to 4:30PM

No, leave as 5PM