

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

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2015
You alone, O Lord, bring security to
my dwelling.
- Psalm 4:9



Saturday, April 18th

Sunday Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5PM: Margaret Durns by Mary Schweitzer

Sunday, April 19th

Third Sunday of Easter

8AM:

10AM: Peggy Esposito by Mary Ann McKeon

Monday, April 20th

Easter Weekday

9AM: Ann Carle by Carol Gordon

Tuesday, April 21st

Easter Weekday/St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9AM: Edward Anderson by Carol Gordon

Wednesday, April 22nd

Easter Weekday

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

7:30PM: Souls in Purgatory by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Thursday, April 23rd

Easter Weekday/St. George, Martyr/St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

9AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Friday, April 24th

Easter Weekday/St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

6:30PM: Special intention

Saturday, April 25th

Saint Mark, Evangelist

9AM:

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

5PM:

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Congratulations to the family of William Bradley and Katherine Olivia Piccinich on the occasion of their Baptisms. May God grant you and your family His abundant blessings!

COLLECTIONS:

March 29th: \$3,344.00

April 5th: \$6,801.00

Holy Land: \$436.00

April 12th: \$2,482.00

FLOWER DONATIONS:

Main Altar: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord's presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer.

Secondarily, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament's healing and strength. Society's impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life. When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, "Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ."

—Rev. James Field

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 35% of our goal of \$9,222.00. St. Lawrence Parish has only raised \$3,265.00** 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.**

CONFIRMATION

The Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 4PM. If there is any adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but would like to, please contact Fr. Muir in the rectory at 610-749-2684.

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.

Registration Now Open!

The Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist has begun registration for Pre-K3 through 8th Grade for the 2015-16 school year. Stop by the Academy for a registration packet or call Geoff Meyer at 610-960-7062 to have a package emailed and to schedule a tour. There is a \$1,700 Transfer Grant available; speak to Mr. Meyer if you are interested in transferring a student to the Academy.

Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast

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

Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster, PA is still accepting registrations for the Class of 2019. For information, contact the Director of Admissions, Ms. Patricia Roschetz at 215-672-5050 extension 268.

Officer Manager/Secretary twelve month full time position with benefits available at the school. Send resume to: Office of the President, 655 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974. Deadline for resumes is Friday, April 24, 105.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

04/25 5PM: Frank Hyland

04/26 8AM: Joseph Keeney

10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

04/25 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach

04/26 8AM: Anna Holmgaard

10AM: Taryn Giustino & Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

04/25 5PM: Nancy Bellis & Alvin LaBar, OFS

04/26 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara

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 Hessenthaler, 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).

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.

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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