

# 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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

See what love the Father has  
bestowed on us that we may be called  
the children of God.

- 1 John 3:1



Saturday, April 25th

*Sunday Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

5PM:

Sunday, April 26th

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8AM:

10AM: Fedor Salva by the Senior family

Monday, April 27th

*Easter Weekday*

9AM: R. Wayne Foley by the Jones family

Tuesday, April 28th

*Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

9AM: Anne Schlotter by the Jones family

Wednesday, April 29th

*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM*

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

Thursday, April 30th

*Easter Weekday/St. Pius V, Pope*

9AM:

First Friday, May 1st

*Easter Weekday*

6:30PM: For the intentions of Rex Helfant by the Lay Carmelite Community

First Saturday, May 2nd

*St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

9AM:

*Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

**First Friday Devotions:** Friday, May 1st starting at 6:00PM; Mass at 6:30PM.

### COLLECTIONS:

April 19th: 3,772.00

Catholic Charities: \$50.00

### FLOWER DONATIONS:

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

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the “good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.” It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of “trampling” on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today’s scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today’s scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all-too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God’s love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home-based and family-centered. Pagans didn’t especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God’s love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure.

—Rev. James Field

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Through annual grants, Catholic Home Mission funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training and other pastoral programs for the dioceses in need. As a result of parishioner's generosity, Catholic Home Missions impacts the lives of nearly nine million Catholics. The dioceses funded by the appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all US dioceses. Please be generous to this Collection and help strengthen the Church at home. Your support next weekend, May 2/3, will truly make a difference.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Lawrence Parish:

This year I am celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. You are invited to the 10AM Mass on Sunday, May 17th, followed by brunch in the hall. Please RSVP on the sign up list in the vestibule of church. Could you bring a salad, dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share? Main eats and drinks will be provided—Fr. Muir

### 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.

**Manna Bags** will be distributed at all of our Masses on the weekend of May 9/10. Kindly return your filled bag the next weekend, May 16/17. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Thank you for reaching out to the people in emergency situations. Our donations go directly to The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville.

### 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.

**LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI**—Join us for the 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 1-5PM. Open House and Rededication to St. Therese.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

05/02 5PM: Jane Burger  
05/03 8AM: Martin Piccinich  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

05/02 5PM: Andrew Benner  
05/03 8AM: Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Jack and Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

05/02 5PM: Frank Hyland & Russell Benner  
05/03 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, 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.

### 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.

**St. Lawrence Parish** will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, May 30th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)