

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.

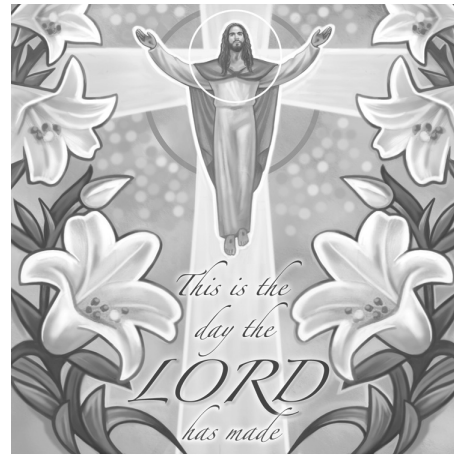
Parish CCD Classes

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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of
the Lord
April 5, 2015
I shall not die, but live, and declare
the works of the Lord.
- Psalm 118:17**



Saturday, April 4th

Sunday Vigil: Holy Saturday

7PM: Living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8AM: Margaret Durns by Irene Pavlica

10AM: Jack Lafferty by the Jones family

Monday, April 6th

Monday within the Octave of Easter

9AM: Setter & Anna Ecker by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Tuesday, April 7th

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9AM: Julie Helfant by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Wednesday, April 8th

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

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

7:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Thursday, April 9th

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9AM: Souls in Purgatory by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Friday, April 10th

Friday in the Octave of Easter

6:30PM: Helena Kardos by Rosemarie Tange

Saturday, April 11th

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

9AM: Helena Kardos by Rose Pavlica Myers

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

5PM: Margaret Durns by Rosemarie Tange

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.

SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today’s feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word “Easter,” or German “Oester,” points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title “Pasch” reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew “Pesach,” or “Passover.” “Paschal Triduum” may be slow to replace “Easter” in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish “Casca” and Scottish “Pask.” Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French “Pâques,” Spanish “Pascua” and Italian “Pasqua.” Memories of our pagan past with “Oester” will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today’s feast is called “I-suta.” Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with “Pasaka.” Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a “big Sunday” by adding the designation “Pascua” to the greatest feasts, such as “Pascua de la Natividad” (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life’s journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!

—Rev. James Field



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. Thanks much!

New Family Registration for Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School Now Open

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015-16 school year for grades Pre-K3 to 8. Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1st or have a kindergarten report card that indicates completion, and promotion to first grade. For questions or to arrange an interview or a tour of the school, please call or email geoffmeyersjb@gmail.com or cell 610-960-7062.

Our Mission:

RA @ SJB is a Classical Catholic Community committed to leading our students to know, love and serve the Lord! Our school develops the spiritual, moral and intellectual foundation of our students to prepare them to be virtuous, productive citizens, who are committed to Faith, Leadership and Community.

PAIN CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

One of the most important steps right now is to urge our House of Representatives to vote on and pass this which would protect children in the womb from 20 weeks forward, and would be a major step forward in eliminating our nation's policy of abortion on demand. Please call your US Representative (House switchboard at 202-225-3121) to express support for this measure (which is numbered H.R. 36). See more at www.priestsforlife.org/legislation.

March for Marriage—April 25, 2015

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Life and Family is sending buses from four locations in the Archdiocese to the Marriage March in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 25, 2015. For more information about the schedule, bus locations, and registration, visit PhillyCatholicLife.org.

COLLECTIONS:

Latin America: \$121.00
Rice Bowl: \$45.00
March 22nd: \$2,314.00

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

04/11 5PM: Jane Burger
04/12 8AM: Martin Piccinich
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

04/11 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach
04/12 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey
10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

04/11 5PM: Frank Hyland & Nancy Bellis
04/12 8AM: Suzanne & Gerald DeMara
10AM: Mary Gambino & Bernie Boylan

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.

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

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.