

# 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

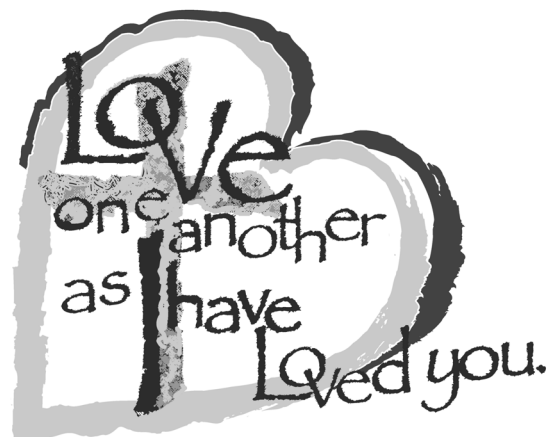
Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall from October to May. Registration is published in the Parish Bulletin.

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2015

It was not you who chose me, but I  
who chose you and appointed you to  
go and bear fruit.  
- John 15:16



Saturday, May 9th

*Sunday Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*

5PM: Mary Weiss by Kathie Weiss

Sunday, May 10th

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8AM: God's Blessings on our children and grandchildren

10AM: Fedor Salva by Bob & JoAnn Seren

Monday, May 11th

*Easter Weekday*

9AM: Rosemary Kennedy by the Hague family

Tuesday, May 12th

*Easter Weekday*

9AM: Souls in Purgatory by Rex and Mariann Helfant

Wednesday, May 13th

*Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord*

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

7:30PM: Rosemary Kennedy by C. Hague

Thursday, May 14th

*The Ascension of the Lord\**

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

Friday, May 15th

*Easter Weekday*

6:30PM: Blessings on the United States from the visit of Pope Francis I

Saturday, May 16th

*Easter Weekday*

9AM: Alice Angello by Martin & Michele Piccinich

*Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

### Ascension of the Lord\*

Thursday, May 14th is the Ascension of the Lord and a holyday of obligation. Masses are Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30PM and Thursday, May 14th at 9am.

### Collections:

May 3rd: \$2,271.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$266.00

### Flower Donations:

**Main Altar:** In loving memory of Mary Scobo by Jan & Sharon Powell

**Blessed Mother:** In loving memory of Gertrude Nicholas by Kathie Weiss

**St. Joseph:** In loving memory of Mary Weiss by Kathie Weiss

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple—God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in him, this week tells us to remain in his love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another."

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With June not far off, attention in the parish turns to the celebration of weddings. Perhaps no other area of parish life is more shaped or challenged by the expectations of our culture. An old Irish proverb, "Marry in Lent and you're soon to repent," is amplified by another warning: "Marry in May and rue the day!" Memories of old pagan parties in May endured, and the Irish felt wedding receptions in May would be a stress on community morals. Queen Victoria did not approve of May weddings either, and her influence is still felt on family calendars, as is her daughter's introduction of the white wedding gown. Sometimes we mistake customs and curiosities for tradition. Tradition with a capital "T" has to do with Christ's miraculous rescue of the wedding feast at Cana, his affirmation of a man and woman pledging lifelong fidelity at the heart of a community's feast. The Church cherished that memory over time, but it took a millennium for us to think of marriage as a sacrament. Much of the rest of what we associate with weddings has to do with culture, customs, and family practices. A wise rabbi once said that "tradition is not wearing your father's hat; tradition is having a child." Don't let Queen Victoria reign over your wedding plans!

—Rev. James Field

**Manna Bags** will be distributed at all of our Masses this weekend of May 9/10. Kindly return your filled bag 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.

### **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 **dessert** 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.

### **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.

### **Paris and Lourdes Pilgrimage**

July 22-31, 2015. \$3,500. Spiritual Director: Father Martin F. Kern. For information, contact Lorraine Echevarria 610-847-2306 or Lorrhendricks@yahoo.com. WWW.PILGRIMAGES.COM/LORRAINE

### **Riegelsville Library Fair**

Saturday, May 16 from 10-4 on the library grounds. Music, Fabulous Fair Food, huge book sale and much more... Preview Book Sale on Friday, May 8 from 7 to 9PM. The Book Sale will open on Saturday, May 9 from 10-4. Bag sale from 3-4PM. All proceeds directly benefit the Riegelsville Public Library.

**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.**

***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!***

### **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

05/16 5PM: Frank Hyland  
05/17 8AM: Bernie Boylan  
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

05/16 5PM: Andrew Benner  
05/17 8AM: (need volunteer)  
10AM: Conor & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

05/16 5PM: Ann & Russ Funkhouser  
05/17 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!**

Joan, Robin Hults, William Merkle, 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.



**American Red Cross Blood Drive—St. John's UCC** on Friday, May 29th from 2-7PM. Appointments are preferred. Contact Lori Campbell: merpat29@aol.com or sign up online at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter sponsor code: riegelsville. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood!

...On **May 16th and 17th**, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal. If you have already shown your support, but are inspired to make an additional contribution during **In-Pew Weekend**, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. Together we can make sure there is a place at the table for those who have nowhere else to go. For all you have done for the Catholic Charities Appeal in the past, I offer my deepest gratitude. You clearly saw the challenges that so many of our brothers and sisters faced every day, and you chose to extend yourselves to better their lives. I encourage you to support the Catholic Charities Appeal, motivated by love, to *Give Hope* to those who need it most.  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

To learn more, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org).