

# 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

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

If God so loved us, we also must love  
one another.  
- 1 John 4:11

Saturday, May 16th

*Sunday Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Sunday, May 17th

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8AM: Health of Father Muir by Bernie Boylan

10AM: for blessings on Erin & Joseph Zuza by the Steinberg family

Monday, May 18th

*Easter Weekday/St. John I, Pope & Martyr*

9AM: Joseph & Irene Moninghoff by Barbara Itterly

Tuesday, May 19th

*Easter Weekday*

9AM: Violetta Dell Italia by the Gammello family

Wednesday, May 20th

*Easter Weekday/St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

4PM: for the intentions of the Confirmandi\*

Thursday, May 21st

*Easter Weekday/St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

9AM: In Thanksgiving by the Jones family

Friday, May 22nd

*Easter Weekday/St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*

6:30PM:

Saturday, May 23rd

*Easter Weekday*

9AM:

*Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*

5PM: for the intentions of Cathey & Buford Jones by Dave & Mary Blessing

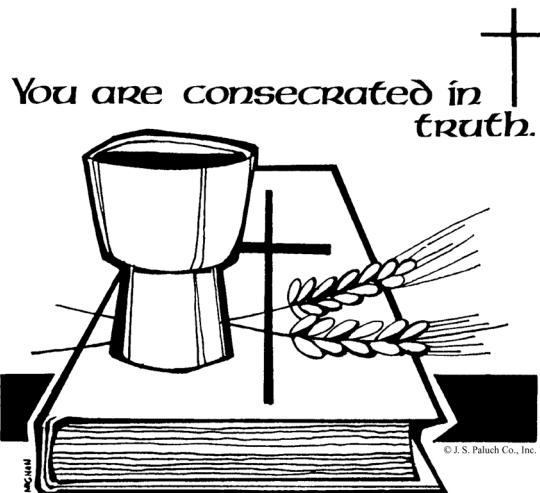
\* There will be no 7:30PM Mass or Adoration on Wednesday, May 20th because of the 4PM Mass for Confirmation.

## THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface

*Congratulations to Father Muir on his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood! A heartfelt thank you from all your parishioners on this happy occasion! May God bless you with His choicest grace and blessings!*



## OUR PRAYER FOR UNITY

Last Sunday, we heard the final words Jesus spoke before his ascension into heaven, words recorded by Saint Mark. Today we listen to a portion of what has become known as Jesus' "final discourse" from John's Gospel. Once again, the Lord's words contain a commissioning of his disciples for ministry to the world. One important part of this discourse is Jesus' prayer for unity: "Keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." As the Easter season comes to an end, a season that has seen us deepening our awareness of the Paschal Mystery, it is fitting that today we hear this prayer for unity among the Lord's followers. Let us celebrate the unity we have with other Christians and work together to heed the Lord's great commission to bring the Good News to our weary world.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

—Rev. James Field

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2015

...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).

### Manna Bags

Kindly return your filled bag this 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 month I am celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. You are invited to the 10AM Mass this Sunday, May 17th, followed by brunch in the hall.

### CONFIRMATION

The Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 4PM. There will be no Adoration at 6PM and no Mass at 7:30PM.

### 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.

**Congratulations** to the family of Grace Marie Phillips on the occasion of her Baptism. May God grant you and your family His choicest blessings!

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

05/23 5PM: Jane Burger  
05/24 8AM: Martin Piccinich  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

05/23 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach  
05/24 8AM: Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Peter & Matthew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

05/23 5PM: Frank Hyland & Russell Benner  
05/24 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!

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 Trinchera, 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.

We apologize for putting the **Mother's Day cards** out late this year. They are still in the vestibule for anyone who would like to place their Mother's name on the Altar for the month of May.

### 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](mailto:Lorrhendricks@yahoo.com).  
[WWW.PILGRIMAGES.COM/LORRAINE](http://WWW.PILGRIMAGES.COM/LORRAINE)

**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.**



**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](mailto: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!