

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.

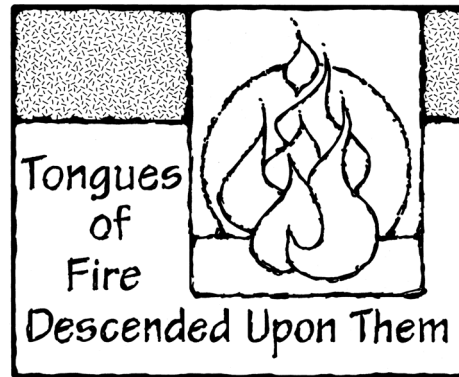
Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015

**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 12:4**



Saturday, May 23rd

Sunday Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

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

Sunday, May 24th

Pentecost Sunday

8AM: Special intention

10AM: Jeremiah Gorman by the Steinberg family

Monday, May 25th

Weekday/ St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church/ St. Gregory VII, Pope/ St. Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

Memorial Day

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



Tuesday, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest

9AM:

Wednesday, May 27th

*Weekday/St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM*

7:30PM:

Thursday, May 28th

Weekday

9AM:

Friday, May 29th

Weekday

6:30PM: Lisa Jones by the Jones family

Saturday, May 30th

Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM:

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5PM:

A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit,
who sent Christ Jesus
to carry the Good news to the poor,
we pray to you:
Help us to continue your work
by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

A SIGNIFICANT DAY

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were” (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit’s arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it’s like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God’s Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church’s history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom’s family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse’s arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing.

With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing community to the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John’s Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration.

—Rev. James Field

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2015

...On May 16th and 17th, I asked 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 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.

50th Anniversary Celebration

I am very grateful to all who made my party possible — Altar & Rosary, Men's Club, Knights of Columbus and many others — especially Sharon Affuso and Jeff Olimpo, our wonderful chef. I couldn't have imagined a better party. Sincerely, Fr. Gavin Muir

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

The Green Drop truck will be in our parking lot this Saturday, May 30th from 9am until 2pm. Green Drop has partnered with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those in need. Green Drop accepts all articles of clothing, shoes, blankets and bedding, as well as collectibles, kitchenware, toys, small appliances, electronics and sporting goods. For your convenience there is a list on the bulletin board in the vestibule of unacceptable items. No TVs or Computer monitors.

Priest's Convocation

Archbishop Charles Chaput will assemble with the priests of the Archdiocese this coming week for a Priest's Convocation from May 26-28, 2015. This provides a unique opportunity for priestly fraternity and unity. It is also a time dedicated to prayer and reflection on the gift of the ministerial priesthood instituted by Christ for the Church. Please pray for our Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops and Priests during the upcoming Priest's Convocation. May this Convocation bear fruit for our priests in holiness of life and of greater service to Christ and His Church.

Flower Donations:

Main Altar: for the living and deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Collections:

May 17th: \$2,500.00

Ascension Thursday: \$360.00

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

05/30 5PM: Linda Krager

05/31 8AM: Joseph Keeney

10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

05/30 5PM: Andrew Benner

05/31 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey

10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

05/30 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Ann Funkhouser

05/31 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Janet Davis

10AM: Joe Affuso & Bernie Boylan

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 Braehler, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Wednesday. May the Holy Spirit help you to grow in the Catholic faith now and forever.

Manna Bags

If you have not done so, kindly return your filled bag this weekend. 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.

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. Enter sponsor code: riegelsville. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood!