

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

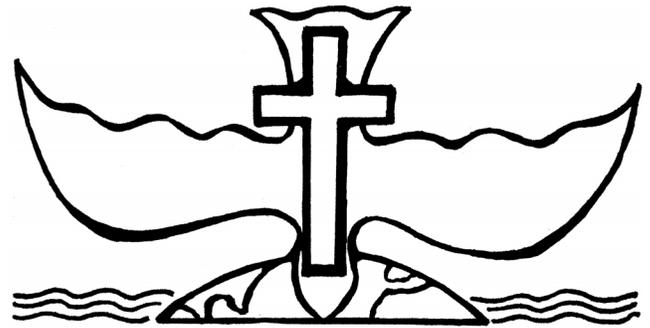
Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2015

Go ...and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.

- Matthew 28:19



THE TRINITY IS LOVE

Theologians throughout the Christian centuries have spilled much ink (and, on occasion, some blood) in describing and defining the mystery of the Holy Trinity. One of the earliest, most poetic, and beautiful descriptions comes from St. Augustine in *De Trinitas*, wherein he describes the Trinity as One (the Father) who loves, One (the Son) who is loved, and One (the Spirit) who is love. And these three Ones are also one Three.

It might be wisest for us to leave the technical wranglings to the academic theologians, and focus on the fact that the three Persons of the Trinity are indeed persons; they are best known and understood in their love for each other and for us. We are made in the image of those loving persons, and our best relationships are lived out in the context of love. Truly loving relationships are inexhaustible mysteries to be lived in joy. If this is true of our human relationships, how much more so is it true of our relationship with the Trinity. And how much more does it call upon us to be joyful, loving witnesses of the holy mystery of the One-in-Three. This is the mystery to which we were called when we were chosen to be God's own, baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are plenty of "treasures" in our tradition that if resurrected today would cause anxious moments for bishops! Many concern marriage. There was a time when the church "consecrated" both virgins dedicated to prayer and charity, and brides dedicated to husband and family. Virgins were blessed in the sanctuary of the church, and brides in the sanctuary of the home. The custom of blessing the bride in the marriage chamber was standard in England, Ireland, Spain, and France until the eleventh century.

If the groom (the groom's side planned the wedding) chose from the full menu of liturgy, there would be a blessing of the bridal room, solemn evening prayer on the eve and morning prayer on the day of the wedding, a blessing at the church door of the spouses, and then in the church for the wife alone during Mass, and Communion. After the feast, a priest would represent the bride's father in presiding over the legal process by which the bride transferred from her father's clan to her husband's. Some enduring customs harken back to these days when marriage was seen as a contract between men (the bride's father and the groom) and was not so much about living out one's baptismal call, and certainly not about the equality of the spouses in Christ. Happily, this baptismal focus has been restored and unhelpful customs set aside by today's marriage rite.

—Rev. James Field

Saturday, May 30th

Sunday Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5PM:

Sunday, May 31st

The Most Holy Trinity

8AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

10AM: for the intentions of Robert & Elen Lurig by the Gambino family

Monday, June 1st

St. Justin, martyr

9AM: Dolph & Stella Ell by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Tuesday, June 2nd

Weekday/Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

9AM: Fr. Henry Graf by Mike & Joanne Adams

Wednesday, June 3rd

St. Charles Lwanga and Companion, martyrs

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

7:30PM: Joyce Di Maggio by Janet Davis

Thursday, June 4th

Weekday

9AM: Fr. Henry Graf by Dave & Mary Blessing

First Friday, June 5th*

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

6:30PM: Fr. James Donlan by the Jones family

First Saturday, June 6th

Weekday/St. Norbert, Bishop/Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM: Fr. Henry Graf by Mike & Joanne Adams

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

***First Friday Devotions** begin at 6:00PM; Mass begins at 6:30PM.

Flower Donations:

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

Collections:

May 24th: \$2,358.00

TRUE RICHES

They are rich enough who are poor in Christ.

—St. Jerome

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.

As of May 22nd, only 35 St. Lawrence Parishioners have **donated \$4,745.00** of the 2015 goal of \$9,222.00 to the **Catholic Charities Appeal** or **51%**. We have only just passed the half-way mark. Please consider a donation today to the most important Appeal of our Archdiocese!

Chapter 7: Light in a dark world (from Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive) Monthly reflections and the book can be found on PhillyEvang.org/wmof.

Pope Francis observed that the Church is popular with the world when Catholics work for social justice. But, the Pope continued, with respect to “the cultural crisis” facing the family, “we find it difficult to make people see that when we raise other questions less palatable to public opinion, we are doing so out of fidelity to precisely the same convictions about human dignity and the common good.” This chapter carefully examines subjects such as pornography, contraception, and so-called same-sex marriage. These are topics where Catholic teaching tends to be at odds with current worldly opinion. Reading this chapter in its entirety is an opportunity to consider the reasons for the Church’s teaching. Each one of these issues deserves more space than this summary paragraph can offer. But as we said at the start of this catechesis, all Church teaching about marriage, the family, and sexuality flows from Jesus. Catholic moral theology builds upon basic Christian convictions about God’s creation and involve costs and suffering for all who would be Jesus’ disciples, but they also open up new opportunities for beauty and human flourishing. This chapter is your chance to explore how it all fits together, even when it might mean taking unpopular stances in our culture. This chapter explains how every time the Church says “no” to something which secular society accepts, it is for the sake of enabling a deeper “yes” to God and his plan for our lives. Christopher C. Roberts, catechism editor

Did you know? The World Meeting of Families needs thousands of volunteers to help make this international event a wonder experience for all. To learn more about the different ways you can help, visit: <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/volunteer/>.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

06/06 5PM: Frank Hyland
06/07 8AM: Martin Piccinich
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

06/06 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach
06/07 8AM: Anna Holmgaard
10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

06/06 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
06/07 8AM: Joe Affuso & Bernie Boylan
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 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.

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

Mass & Healing Services—St. Isidore’s Church

We are pleased to announce that, once again, St. Isidore’s Church, Quakertown, will be hosting Alan Ames, inspirational speaker, on Monday, **June 8, 2015 at 7PM**. Alan Ames, an internationally known evangelist, visionary mystic who has been given the gift of healing, will be praying over each individual who attends the healing service. Many miraculous cures have occurred during these healing services. Many physical and spiritual healings have taken place plus hundreds of conversions through the prayers. Alan has been graced with a mystical prayer life that he shares at conferences and churches around the world.