

# 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

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2015

**They that are planted in the house of  
the Lord shall flourish in the courts  
of our God.  
- Psalm 92:14**

**Saturday, June 13th**

**Sunday Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: James Weiss by Kathie Weiss

**Sunday, June 14th**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Flag Day**

8AM:

10AM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Monday, June 15th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Tuesday, June 16th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Wednesday, June 17th**

**Weekday**

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

7:30PM:

**Thursday, June 18th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Friday, June 19th**

**Weekday/ St. Romuald, Abbot**

6:30PM:

**Saturday,**

**Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM:

**Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM:



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### Flower Donations:

Main Altar: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

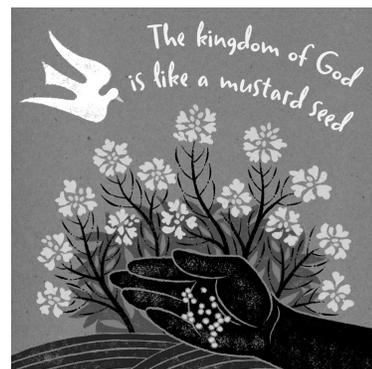
Blessed Mother: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

St. Joseph: In loving memory of James Weiss by Kathie Weiss

### Collections:

June 7th \$2,303.00

Vacation time is upon us. If you are out of town, please remember us before or after your return. Unfortunately, we get very low collections in the summer months. **Thank you for all you do!**



### ALL IS GRACE

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading is selected for the light it sheds on the day's Gospel. Today, Ezekiel sees God lifting up the lowly tree and making the withered tree bloom. So in the second parable of today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us by promising that, as fragile seeds grow into an abundant harvest, and the tiny mustard seed into a hearty plant, so God will grow the kingdom from small beginnings to an instrument of salvation for all. In the first parable, the land yields fruit "of its own accord" (Mark 4:28). Not only is the initiative God's, but the parable teaches that the seed's growth, though invisible at first, is actually unstoppable! To be sure, those who depend on the impressive or dramatic in order to be convinced or encouraged will be disappointed in the slow unfolding of the kingdom that Jesus announces. But for those who do accept the kingdom, all is grace, and that grace is certain.

Though the second reading is not coordinated with either the first reading or Gospel on these Sundays, today's is thematically appropriate. Saint Paul argues that our experience of God's trustworthiness thus far should make us a people of undaunted courage and unshakeable faith. But at the same time Paul warns that faith should also make us aware of our responsibility to do good.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

A wedding celebrated in the Eastern Church has a form that was fixed a thousand years ago. In the West, our story is more complicated by constant change and variation. As the world's structures tottered in the ninth century, bishops and priests stepped into the void left by collapsing civil structures. For the first time, marriage was referred to as a sacrament, and wedding ceremonies were to be in public (assuring the free consent of the bride) after an investigation of the couple by a priest. The custom of the blessing of the bridal room diminished, and was finally forbidden in 1012 by the Council of Rouen, although it continued for centuries. In the diocese of Perigueux in France, a ritual from 1827 had the parish priest clad in surplice and stole sprinkling the bridal couple as they stood modestly in their pajamas by the wedding bed. Next the bed and all those present were sprinkled, too! That's a tradition that few Americans, either the betrothed or the clergy, are ready to revive!

—Rev. James Field

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2015

As of June 5th, 44 from St. Lawrence Parishioners have **donated \$5,430.00** of the 2015 goal of \$9,222.00 to the **Catholic Charities Appeal** or **59%**. Donations are still coming in; please consider a donation today to the most important Appeal of our Archdiocese!

**FATHER'S DAY CARDS** in the vestibule. A wonderful way to remember your Father, living or deceased, by placing his name on the Altar for the month of June.

### Coffee & Donuts Sunday

Sunday, June 14th after the 10am Mass. Take time to enjoy some refreshment with your fellow parishioners.

### A Letter from Catherine of Siena

In the Name of Jesus Christ Crucified and of sweet Mary:  
Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ sweet Jesus,  
"God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong." So wrote St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians. By any account, I was the weak and the foolish of the world: a woman, uneducated, in a place and time when being an illiterate woman meant I had no tools and no influence to exercise control over my own destiny. Yet I learned early that I was not helpless. My older sister, Bonaventura, was married to a cruel man. Many women would have accepted this as their lot in life, but my sister did not. She refused to eat until her husband changed his ways. It was my first lesson in the power of fasting, and as it turned out, I soon needed it myself. Bonaventura died in childbirth, and my parents wished me to marry her widower. I knew I was called to be the bride of Christ. So I too began to fast. I also cut off my hair to protest the vanity to which we women are pressured to cater. Eventually I joined the Dominicans, who taught me to read. With a group of followers, I began serving the sick and the poor of northern and central Italy. As we became known for our works of charity, people came to respect us. I used my growing influence to write to leaders of warring Italian city-states, and even to Pope Gregory XI in Avignon, where the papacy then resided. I admonished him to weed out corruption among his administrators—corruption that had led to the wars whose effects I saw in my travels. I urged him to reform the clergy. And I told him the pope's place was in Rome. Does the presence of corruption and evil in the world outrage you? Do you fear to speak out against injustice because you are without worldly power and influence, or out of fear of becoming an outcast? I was not "supposed" to speak to authority, either. Yet the Lord of Heaven used me: first by serving others, and then, thus proven, by speaking out. Be strong and do not fear to live in hope of the kingdom of God. Praised be Jesus Christ crucified.  
Caterina di Giacomo di Benicasa

Born in 1347 in the midst of the plague, Catherine of Siena began having mystic visions of Christ when she was a young child. Her life embodies the phrase "speak truth to power." Her feast day is April 29th.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

06/20 5PM: Linda Krager  
06/21 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

06/20 5PM: Andrew Benner  
06/21 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey  
10AM: Conor & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

06/20 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Ann Funkhouser  
06/21 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Janet Davis  
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!

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, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnanno, 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.  
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Henry C. Graf.

### 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 Firehouse Breakfast

Sunday, June 21st from 8am until 12 noon. Order by menu breakfast.

### Listen to Archbishop Chaput's Sunday Homilies

Online anytime at <http://archphila.org/archbishop-chaput/homilies/index.htm>.

## HONESTY

The most important person to be honest with is myself.  
-Anonymous