

# 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

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 28, 2015

You changed my mourning into  
dancing; O Lord, my God, forever  
will I give you thanks.  
- Psalm 30:13

Saturday, June 27th

*Sunday Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Sunday, June 28th

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8AM: Agnes "Peg" Ford by Janet Miller

10AM:

Monday, June 29th

*Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

9AM: Charles and Mary Ellen Hutton by the Blessing family

Tuesday, June 30th

*Weekday/The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

9AM: Regina E. Cullen by the Blessing family

Wednesday, July 1st

*Weekday/Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest*

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

7:30PM: for the intentions of Joseph Jones by the Jones family

Thursday, July 2nd

*Weekday*

9AM: Clare and Emery Kertesz by the Blessing family

First Friday, July 3rd

*St. Thomas, Apostle*

6:30PM: Margaret Durns by Janet Davis

First Saturday, July 4th

*Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Independence Day*

9AM: Elmer Kardos by Rosemarie Tange

*Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

**First Friday Devotions** begin at 6PM followed by Mass at 6:30PM.

### Flower Donations:

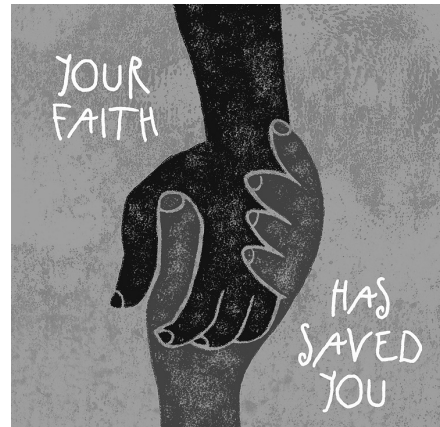
Main Altar: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

### Collections:

June 21st: 3,116.00

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!**



### THE LORD OF LIFE

At this bountiful time of year, our Sunday readings teem with life and abundance. Both the first reading, from the book of Wisdom, and the Gospel passage from Mark assure us that God did not make death or even will us to be ill. Illness and death entered the world through the presence of evil, the Wisdom author tells us. Mark's stories of Jesus healing a hemorrhaging woman and resuscitating a dead little girl make it clear that Jesus is from God. As the Son of God he does not will that anyone suffer illness or death. In the face of such power, the second reading, from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, provides a stark contrast. Jesus, who could raise the dead to new life, "though he was rich, for your sake he became poor" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Our gift of new life from Christ demands our response in charity.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the "Wife of Bath," by this telling remark: "Husbands at church door she had five." Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride's home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren't too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride's family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride's father to the priest's authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren't quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

—Rev. James Field

### **Peter's Pence Collection**

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world. Pope Francis reminds us that true power lies not in amassing possessions and resources for ourselves but in giving. "We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the Cross...it means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet," he said. Your contributions join with the power of Christ to give support to those in need. This Collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend, June 27/28.

### **New Website**

Good news! We have our own website and here is the address: [saint-lawrence-church.org](http://saint-lawrence-church.org). It's much simpler and our own. The weekly bulletin will be easier than ever to access if you were away or under the weather. Check it out! Please note: you must **hyphenate** the words.

### **The Lord's Pantry**

Thank you for the donation of 225.9 lbs. of food that the parish donated between October 2014 and March 2015. The Lord's Pantry serves over 500 low-income families each month in our community. I hope that your giving brings happiness and joy in the same measure it offers hope and opportunity to the people the pantry serves. Again, many thanks.

-Catherine Leidtke, Director

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2015**

As of June 19th, 49 from St. Lawrence Parishioners have **donated \$5,755.00** of the 2015 goal of \$9,222.00 to the **Catholic Charities Appeal** or **62%**. Donations are still coming in; please consider a donation today to the most important Appeal of our Archdiocese!

### **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.

***Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!***

### **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

07/04 5PM: Jane Burger

07/05 8AM: Bernie Boylan

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

07/04 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Peter Shea

07/05 8AM: Anna Holmgard

10AM: Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

07/04 5PM: Frank Hyland & Joseph Affuso

07/05 8AM: Janet Davis & Bernadette Mszczak

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!**

Lorraine Echevarria, 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 Hesselthaler, 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 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.

**The Notre Dame Summer Theatre** is delighted to present "**Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical**" in our air-conditioned auditorium at Notre Dame High School on July 24, 25, 31 and August 1st at 7:30PM and July 26 & August 2 at 2PM. **Tickets are on sale now!** Adults \$18; students and seniors 65+ \$15. Purchases and information: email [Notredamesummer@gmail.com](mailto:Notredamesummer@gmail.com) or telephone 610-252-1067. Chills, thrills and an unforgettable love story, all set to an electrifying musical score. NDHS, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA (near junction of Route 33 & William Penn Highway).

### **Archbishop Wood High School**

Is accepting **registrations** for the Class of 2019. For information, contact the Director of Admissions, Ms. Patricia Roschetz, at 215-672-5050 extension 268. There are **Summer Camps** for Baseball, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Wrestling and Soccer. See bulletin board for contact information.