

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

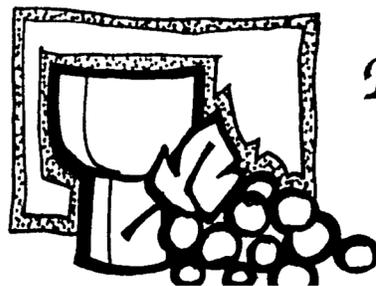
Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 7, 2015

The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the
Lord.

- Psalm 116:13



Drink from
the cup of
salvation

Saturday, June 6th

Sunday Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Sunday, June 7th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8AM:

10AM: for the intentions of Joe Affuso by the Lay Carmelite Community

Monday, June 8th

Weekday

9AM: Special intention

Tuesday, June 9th

Weekday/ St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

9AM:

Wednesday, June 10th

Weekday

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

7:30PM: Elmer & Helena Kardos by Rosemarie Tange

Thursday, June 11th

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

9AM: for the intentions of Sharon Affuso by the Lay Carmelite Community

Friday, June 12th

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30PM:

Saturday, June 13th

Weekday/ The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary/

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9AM:

Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: James Weiss by Kathie Weiss

Flower Donations:

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

Collections:

May 31st: \$4,550.00

Stock Donation: \$2,250.00

Congratulations to the family of Lucas McCarthy on the occasion of his Baptism. May God grant you and your family His greatest blessings!

THANKSGIVING

The word “thanksgiving” most often calls to our mind the holiday in November. But as early as the middle of the second century Justin Martyr referred to the blessed bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper as “food we call ‘thanksgiving’ ” (in Greek *eucharistia*). The Thanksgiving we celebrate in the autumn is at times marked by a sort of proud societal self-congratulation and the consumption of food until we sink into an inert stupor. The “thanksgiving” that we call our Eucharist is just the opposite: we are led to it by an acknowledgment of our own failings; we remember our humble place in the scheme of things by giving praise to God alone.

While the food of Christ’s body and blood fills our spiritual hungers, it also creates in us a greater hunger. We are not sent to our spiritual sofas to let the Lord’s Supper settle; we are sent to be living signs of that thanksgiving for the world by looking out for the poor and powerless, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, speaking out against the self-righteous. In short, the hunger created by our doing in remembrance of Christ must lead us to living in remembrance of him.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It has been said that the Church breathes with two lungs, East and West. Some of our family treasures are in the East, and it is interesting to consider how liturgical families developed around differing customs. Centuries before Christ, after the young girl was given to her husband by her father, the spouses were crowned. Christians retained that custom, keeping the wedding in the home, and sometimes inviting a visiting priest or bishop to put the crowns on their heads. By the fourth century, the crowns were seen not as royal crowns, but as the crowns of victory worn by martyrs. The crowns have nothing to do with being “king and queen for a day,” but rather speak of the sacrifice of love poured out fully. There are no vows exchanged at all, but the crowning is followed by a joyful dance by the priest and couple around the Gospel book. Unlike Roman law, which saw the wedding rites as optional, Eastern practice did not recognize a marriage that had not been blessed.

—Rev. James Field

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2015

As of May 29th, only 38 St. Lawrence Parishioners have **donated \$4,945.00** of the 2015 goal of \$9,222.00 to the **Catholic Charities Appeal** or **54%**. We have only just passed the half-way mark. Please consider a donation today to the most important Appeal of our Archdiocese!

Dear Newly Confirmed:

I write to offer my thanks to you for the warm welcome that I received at Saint Lawrence Parish on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 when I visited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent with you and your families. Thank you for all that you did to prepare for the celebration of this Sacrament. I am most grateful to you for your warm wishes, your prayers and the wonderful Spiritual Bouquet. It was very much appreciated.

In my homily at your Confirmation, I spoke about the fact that God does indeed have a unique plan for each of your lives, and a special purpose in mind for how you will be a person for others and make a difference in our world-like Jesus Christ. The gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received in Confirmation will help you to fulfill God's plan for your life. Once again, I ask you, can it be that some of you young men could be called to the Priesthood? Can it be that some of you young women would be called by God to give your lives to Jesus in service of the Church as consecrated religious sisters? Please be open to the possibility that God's plan for your life-God's purpose-may be that you would have a religious vocation.

Whatever God's plan is for your life, discovering it and following it is the work of a lifetime, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received in Confirmation will help you to discern and to fulfill God's will. May God bless you always.

Sincerely in Christ, **Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior**
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia
Rector, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

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.

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>.

OUR SACRIFICE

Let us offer Christ the great universal sacrifice of our love. For he offered his cross to God as sacrifice in order to make us all rich.

—St. Ephrem

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

06/13 5PM: Jane Burger
06/14 8AM: Bernie Boylan
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

06/13 5PM: Andrew Benner
06/14 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey
10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

06/13 5PM: Frank Hyland & Russell Benner
06/14 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Janet Davis
10AM: Joe Affuso & 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, 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.

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

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.