

# 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.

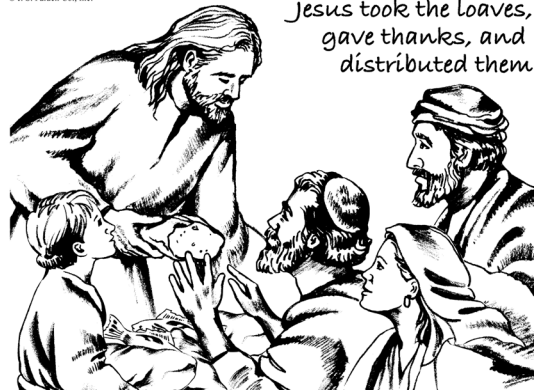
## Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

**Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2015**

**The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due  
season.  
- Psalm 145:15**

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**FEEDING THE WORLD**

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sooner or later, as they plan their wedding liturgy, a couple will receive some advice about a "unity candle." They need one, they are told (at great expense); it is a tradition; it is what Catholics have always done. Not so. In the last thirty years or so, the custom has enjoyed wide popularity in the United States. It has never been officially part of our liturgy, and it exists in tension with some of our core symbols. Usually there are two smaller candles and one larger one to be lit from the smaller. Large candles in our tradition always mean Christ, and smaller ones are always tokens of our baptismal candle. If the candles are meant for a kind of renewal of baptismal vows, then the meaning is clearer, yet this is seldom the understanding. Why, then, are those smaller candles extinguished?

It's hard to tell where these pesky candles came from. Some suggest that the Presbyterian Church, which has a very lean wedding liturgy, introduced them as an option for extending a short service. Generally, it's been experienced as a "photo opportunity" rather than a genuine liturgical ritual. The "unity candle," a recent invention rather than an authentic tradition, has not been approved as an adaptation to our rite, and it is to be hoped that it will gradually disappear from view.  
—Rev. James Field

**Saturday, July 25th**

**Sunday Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

**Sunday, July 26th**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM: Special intention

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

**Monday, July 27th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Tuesday, July 28th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Wednesday, July 29th**

**Saint Martha**

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

7:30PM:

**Thursday, July 30th**

**Weekday/ S. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9AM:

**Friday, July 31st**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

6:30PM:



**First Saturday, August 1st**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9AM: Claire Ucci by Ann Lewis

**Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Flower Donations:**

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

**Collections:**

July 19th: \$4,893.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$135.00

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2015

As of July 17, 2015, our parish has reached 76% of our goal of \$9,222. That is \$7,040.00 has been donated by the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church. In these difficult financial times, this is very generous of you— thank you!

## ADULT CHOIR INFORMATION

We have a good group of singers, but there is always room for more adults in our newly forming choir. It would be so nice to have our choir loft filled with singers. **Rehearsal time has changed to 9am.** We will rehearse between the two Sunday Morning Masses, so you can come at 9am for practice, attend 10am Mass, and have the rest of the beautiful Summer days to do other things. Join us now!

## The Lord's Pantry

Thank you so much for the 70 pounds of food that you donated to The Lord's Pantry from April to June 2015. Your generosity helps the pantry serve over 500 low-income families each month in our community. We hope you realize the difference you make in others' lives by your sacrifices. The summer months are particularly low in donations. Monetary donations are much appreciated also.

## Oremus Communications

Now that we have entered the hot months of July and August, we are ever mindful of all the things we need to pray for. Just turn on the TV and we are constantly confronted with a multitude of things worthy of serious prayer. Yet, we take confidence in Our Lord's words: "Ask and You Shall Receive". So we pray the Rosary each day with hope and trust that Our Lord and Blessed Mother will respond accordingly to all our petitions, regardless of their number. Please join the OC Family Rosary Program at: [oremuscomms.com](http://oremuscomms.com) each day as we present live-stream recitations of the Holy Rosary (Mon-Sat at 12:15PM-EST and Sundays at 2PM), and together we can make a spiritual difference!

## PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Go to their website: [PriestsForLife.org](http://PriestsForLife.org) to read about the breaking story of criminal activity in the abortion industry. This information can do a great deal of damage to the abortion industry and its attempt to position itself as a credible aspect of American life.

## 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.

## ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

08/01 5PM: Frank Hyland  
08/02 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

08/01 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Francis Reinhart  
08/02 8AM: Anna Holmgaard  
10AM: Fernanda Culichia

Extraordinary Ministers:

08/01 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi  
08/02 8AM: Bernie Boylan & Janet Davis  
10AM: Mark Culichia & Joe Affuso

## **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.

**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 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).

## **Riegelsville Fire Company—American Blood Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 2-7PM. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. For an appointment, contact Lori Campbell: [merpat29@aol.com](mailto:merpat29@aol.com) or sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org); sponsor code: Riegelsville. All presenting donors will receive a \$2.50 coupon off the purchase of a Turkey Hill All Natural Gelato! Blood is especially needed this time of the year; please schedule your donation today.

## **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Every Wednesday evening starting at 6PM; Mass at 7:30PM and First Friday Devotions starting at 6PM; Mass at 6:30PM.