

# 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 6-7 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

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2015

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

- John 6:53

Saturday, August 15th

*Sunday Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5PM: Christopher Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Sunday, August 16th

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8AM: Ellen McHugh by the Lodwig family

10AM: For the intentions of Dave & Barb Whitmore by Ells & Barb Cheeseman

Monday, August 17th

*Weekday*

9AM: For the intentions of Dave & Barb Whitmore by Dave & Mary Blessing

Tuesday, August 18th

*Weekday*

9AM: Regina E. Cullen by Frances Nowicki

Wednesday, August 19th

*Weekday/St. John Eudes. Priest*

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

7:30PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Thursday, August 20th

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

9AM: For the intentions of Rosita Bean by the Lay Carmelite Community

Friday, August 21st

*St. Pius X, Pope*

6:30PM: Mary Ann Segletes

Saturday, August 22nd

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9AM: For caregivers who need vacations



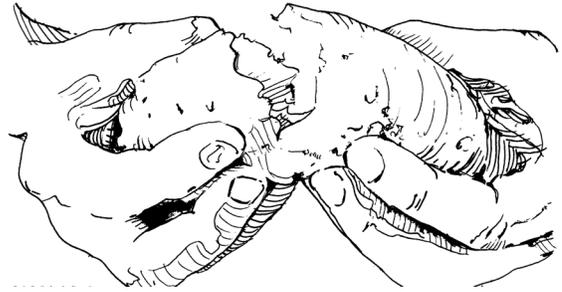
*Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5PM: For the intentions of Ells & Barbara Cheeseman

### LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.  
—Thomas Aquinas

## Taste and see the Goodness of the Lord



### AT THE TABLE

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple-like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If the alb is the premier baptismal garment, then why are there so many other styles of vesture in evidence in our parishes? In some places, altar servers and other ministers might wear a garment, usually black, called a cassock. Over that is normally worn a white garment (a "surplice"), reminiscent of the alb but much shorter, often of starched linen and trimmed with lace. The cassock is not a liturgical garment, but a clerical robe. Its origins lie in the religious habit of monks. By the late Middle Ages, diocesan priests and clerics increasingly were encouraged to emulate religious priests. Very small boys were often apprenticed to monasteries, especially for music education, and would be invested with a cassock and sometimes even inducted into the ranks of clerics.

For centuries before the Reformation, it was required that all men entering higher education be clerics, and so the cassock and its variations became familiar academic garb. At the Reformation, many ministers retained a form of the cassock as ordinary dress, rejecting liturgical garments. In the seventeenth century, the English Civil War was in part provoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury's insistence that ministers wear surplices. Although the Episcopal Church now retains "cassock and surplice" as the normal dress for lay men and women assisting at liturgy, Catholics are increasingly attentive to the deeply traditional treasure of the alb, our baptismal robe, when special liturgical vesture is needed.

—Rev. James Field

## **Society for the Propagation of the Faith—Mission Cooperation Plan Collection**

Missionaries throughout the world continue to bring the Gospel to the poor and needy. Donations collected will directly support Missionhurst—CICM (the congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary). Missionhurst—CICM was originally founded in 1862 for the conversion of China. Today, Missionhurst—CICM serves in some of the most remote places of Mongolia, Indonesia, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Missionhurst Missionaries live among the people, sharing in their privations, and work day to day to achieve life-long spiritual and material changes. The missionary who will be visiting our parish this weekend of **August 15-16 will be Fr. Louis Ndjana, CICM. Fr. Louis is from the foreign mission of Cameroon** and will be sharing his life and dedication to the people he serves with us. Please be as generous as possible to this collection and remember the Missionhurst Missionaries in your prayers.

**Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School opens on September 2nd.** There will be a **Barbeque and Welcome Back to School Night** held on August 26th beginning at 5PM. If your child does not already attend RASJB, come and experience the RASJB family for yourself...There is a \$1,700 Transfer Grant available; speak to Mr. Meyer if you are interested in transferring a student to the Academy.

## **BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CATHOLIC CLUB**

Interested in joining a Catholic Club on campus? If you are, or if you will be enrolled at BCCC this academic year, this invitation is for you. Students have initiated a community of faith to share prayer, scripture, community service, and discussion in the context of the Catholic Faith. Join us weekly, or whenever your schedule permits, for fellowship and faith in action. For information and registration, contact: Sr. Pat Kelly at St. Andrew Church, 215-968-2262, ext. 51, or [srkelly@stapn.org](mailto:srkelly@stapn.org). The Catholic Club will convene on September 15th in the Rollins Building from 12:30-1:15, Student Life Center, Room 111-7.

## **Oremus Communications**

Take confidence in Our Lord's words: "Ask and You Shall Receive". 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!

## **Collections:**

August 9th: \$2,527.00

## **Flower Donations:**

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

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

08/22 5PM: Frank Hyland  
08/23 8AM: Joseph Keeney  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

08/22 5PM: Andrew Benner & Peter Shea  
08/23 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey  
10AM: Conor, Darafin & Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

08/22 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi  
08/23 8AM: Mariann Helfant & Janet Davis  
10AM: Mary Gambino & Joe Affuso

## **Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!**

Joan Sheeran, 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.

## **2015 Holy Father's Prayer Intentions:**

August: That setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER—AUGUST 22-29**

A coalition of religious pro-life groups will lead a *Week of Prayer to End the Evils of Planned Parenthood*. At [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org), several prayers have been posted to utilize this week. These prayers include the intentions of repentance for our nation, an end to the killing of children and the selling of their body parts, healing for those wounded by abortion, conversion of abortionists and strength and perseverance for pro-life activists. Please go to [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org) to sign up and be counted! Thank you for standing with us in this fight to protect all human life from conception to natural death!

**Thank you!** To all who helped make the August 4th Blood Drive a success. The goal was 25 which was exceeded by 10 donations. For each donor, 3 lives are saved; 105 lives were saved because of your efforts. Again, thank you for making the Blood Drive a success!

## **Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfast**

Sunday, August 16th from 8am-12noon. Order by menu.