

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

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 23, 2015
As for me and my household, we will
serve the Lord.
- Joshua 24:15b**

Saturday, August 22nd

Sunday Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: For the intentions of ELLS and Barbara Cheeseman

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM: Margaret Durns by Irene Pavlica

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

Monday, August 24th

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9AM: For the intentions of John & Carrie Helfant by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Tuesday, August 25th

Weekday/St. Louis/St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

9AM: Special intention

Wednesday, August 26th

Weekday

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

7:30PM: Irene & Joseph Moninghoff by Barbara Itterly

Thursday, August 27th

St. Monica

9AM: Elsie McHale by Dave & Mary Blessing

Friday, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30PM: Irene & Joseph Moninghoff by Barbara Itterly

Saturday, August 29th

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

9AM:

Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Theresa Benko by Peggy Wagner

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THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

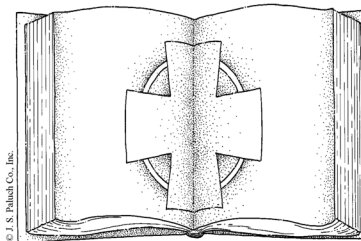
—Anonymous

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous

YOU HAVE
THE WORDS OF
ETERNAL
LIFE



KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years before, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still?

We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reminded and reaffirmed. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life—a settled life. Would they be faithful?

Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We do not often see Jesus this vulnerable. Peter and the apostles chose to stay. What will we do?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The ministry of permanent deacons has become an essential part of our parish life today, yet for centuries until 1967, this deeply traditional ministry had virtually disappeared. Every priest had first to be ordained a deacon, but the notion that one could actually embrace a permanent vocation to the diaconate was lost.

The primary ministry of the deacon is to the welfare of the community, especially its poor, and his role in sacraments and preaching flows from that. His principal role is to animate and promote the ministry of all the faithful. Ninety percent of permanent deacons are married, although the discipline of celibacy for clerics means that if a deacon is widowed, normally he cannot remarry, nor can an unmarried deacon marry once ordained. The deacon does not preside at Mass nor may he absolve sins. Nor, since anointing of the sick is linked theologically to penance, may he anoint.

Sometimes we are slow to engage with a tradition: Trent approved permanent deacons in the 1560s, but nothing was done until the 1960s. The vitality of the long-delayed restoration has greatly enriched the Church, particularly in the United States, where the majority of the deacons in the world serve.

—Rev. James Field

National Collection for the Catholic University of America

Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church—the only institution of higher education founded by the US Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. The Catholic University of America educates clergy, religious, and young lay men and women from every geographical region of the United States. The Collection will be held this weekend, August 22/23. Thank you and God bless you for supporting America's Catholic University and the countless number of students who will experience an education grounded in Catholic tradition.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Missionaries. Parishioners were generous in their donations! To date \$1,371.00 for the Missionhurst—CICM has been collected to continue the Missionary work of the Church. This is a real blessing! Please continue to pray for all Missionaries and the people they serve. May God bless you for your generous Missionary spirit!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST—Regina Academy at SJB Gym

Sunday, September 13th from 8am-12 noon. Full buffet; all you can eat. Adults \$8; youth \$5; children under 6 free.

The Joy of Sox

Join the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart as they collect, purchase and sort socks for the homeless. **New** socks will be collected from September 11 through October 12. More details on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Save the date—IHM Sisters Oktoberfest

The Camilla Hall Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10AM to 3PM on the grounds of Camilla Hall. Delicious food, white elephant sale, entertainment, children's games, crafts and more! Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). Camilla Hall Nursing Home is located 20 miles west of Philadelphia, south of the intersection of Route 30 and 352 between Paoli and Exton.

Good marriages don't happen by accident. You can build a better relationship by taking time to reconnect with each other on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Rediscover the joy in your marriage as you improve communication and get to know each other at a deeper level. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is November 20-22 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

08/29 5PM: Linda Krager
08/30 8AM: Martin Piccinich
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

08/29 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Francis Reinhart
08/30 8AM: Anna Holmgaard
10AM: Peter & Matthew Gambino

Extraordinary Ministers:

08/29 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Russell Benner
08/30 8AM: Bernadette Maszczyk & Jackie Crocetti
10AM: Mark Culichia & Bernie Boylan

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

Joan Sheeran, Robin Hulst, 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.

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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, 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 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!

Collections:

August 16th: \$3,769.00
Assumption: \$147.00
Missionhurst—CICM: \$1,137.00

Flower Donations:

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