

# 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

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
August 9, 2015  
I am the living bread that came  
down from heaven.  
- John 6:51**



**Saturday, August 8th**

**Sunday Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Safety for children and young adults

**Sunday, August 9th**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM: Fedor Salva by the Lodwig family

10AM: Raymond Misiewicz by Barb & Ells Cheeseman

**Monday, August 10th**

**St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

9AM: For the living and deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

**Tuesday, August 11th**

**St. Clare, Virgin**

9AM: Clare Voigt

**Wednesday, August 12th**

**Weekday**

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

7:30PM: Thomas Barone by Michele & Martin Piccinich

**Thursday, August 13th**

**Weekday**

9AM: Kory Ketrow by Ed & Linda Portice

**Friday, August 14th**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

6:30PM: Joseph Jones by the Jones family

**Saturday, August 15th**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM: Special intention



Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Christopher Leopold by Peggy Wagner

**THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING**

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In an age given to slogan T-shirts, one of the last bastions of "dressing up" is the wedding. Everyone seems to stretch toward the old ideal of "Sunday best" for these moments. In our tradition, clothing is immensely important. Coming out of the baptismal water, we are immediately vested with a white garment. "You have clothed yourself in Christ," the new Christian is told, and a white garment is the token of being born into God's family. Sadly, this is the last time most Christians wear this garb until their funeral, when the family spreads a pall as a reminder of baptismal identity.

Increasingly today, we are seeing the alb as the proper garb for liturgical ministers, men and women. In ancient Rome, sleeveless tunics of varying colors were worn by everyone, and so at baptism the new Christians could be expected to wear their new garb under their everyday clothes. Sleeves were a problem for ancient Romans, who thought they were a barbarian fashion. As is so often the case, eventually the barbarians won the day, and by the third century the long-sleeved garment worn by ministers today was familiar liturgical garb.

—Rev. James Field

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

Help support Missionaries who “Go ...and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19

Missionaries throughout the world continue to bring the Gospel to the World. They need your prayers and support. Donations collected will directly support Missionhurst—CICM (the congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary). The missionary who will be visiting our parish the 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.

## **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!

## **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. Please pray for the efforts of the Pro-Life Movement; it is an uphill battle to save the unborn and the elderly.

## **Celebration of Marriage Retreat—September 18-20**

Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212. This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of “couple time” for walks on the nearby beaches. Cost is \$260 per couple and includes all meals, room and program. Sign up online at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 1-609-884-3829 for more information.

## **Collections:**

August 2nd: \$2,111.00

Mission Co-Op: \$234.00

## **Flower Donations:**

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

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

08/15 5PM: Jane Burger

08/16 8AM: Bernie Boylan

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

08/15 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Francis Reinhart

08/16 8AM: Anna Holmgaard

10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

08/15 5PM: Ann Funkhouser & Linda Krager

08/16 8AM: Bernadette Maszczyk & Jackie Crocetti

10AM: Mark Culichia & Alvin LaBar, OFS

## **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 Trinchera, 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Gimpel.

## **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!

## **CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER**

Thank you for all the donations you have sent. Praise God for the many calls they have been receiving due to people seeing their yard signs! They need our prayers especially dealing with computer problems; we all know how difficult that can be.

## **School Opens September 2nd!**

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.