

# 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
September 13, 2015  
The Lord God is my help, therefore I  
am not disgraced.  
- Isaiah 50:7**



**Saturday, September 12th**

**Sunday Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5PM: Claire Ucci by Mike & Joanne Adams

**Sunday, September 13th**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8AM:

10AM: Jennie Aquilino by Gloria Tafaro

**Monday, September 14th**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9AM:

**Tuesday, September 15th**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

9AM:

**Wednesday, September 16th**

**Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

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

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

**Thursday, September 17th**

**Weekday**

9AM:

**Friday, September 18th**

**Weekday**

6:30PM:

**Saturday, September 19th**

**Weekday/St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr/Blessed Virgin Mary**

9AM: for the intentions of Rex & Mariann Helfant on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Vigil:**

5PM:

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**Altar & Rosary Society Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7PM in the church social hall. All women of the parish are most welcome.

**Amazing Grace on Broadway in New York**

September 23, 2015. Bus leaves Regina Academy SJB at 10:30am; show time 2PM; return 7:30PM. Bring lunch. Pizza for all on the ride home! Ticket price \$115/person. Commitment deadline 9/20/15; payment due 9/21/15. Make checks payable to RA@SJB. Questions call Geoffrey Meyer 610-960-7062 or see flyer in the vestibule.

**SERVANT**

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, “The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear” (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, “The Lord GOD is my help” (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter’s denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord’s power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community’s life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord’s table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that “tough love” would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord’s unfailing gift of reconciliation.

—Rev. James Field

## **BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION**

Will be held in all parishes of the Archdiocese this weekend of September 12/13. Your support has helped to educate African-American and Native American seminarians for priestly service to our Catholic communities. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes and organizations within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. We ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

## **ENROLLMENT FOR CCD**

Information and registration forms are in the vestibule. Forms and information will be emailed to returning families. Please respect our deadline of September 14, 2015. Your payment must be received to be considered enrolled. A \$10 late fee will be added per child after 9/14/15 to cover shipping charges for a late order of materials. Parent and Child Opening Day Orientation will be on October 4, 2015 at 9am. Please be prompt as these sessions are only 45 minutes each Sunday.

**Men's Club:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the monthly meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 7PM in the parish hall. Note the normal meeting night is the second Monday of the month. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

## **40 Days for Life—Warminster**

From September 23rd through November 1st, Bucks and Montgomery County parishes will sign up parishioners for a peaceful prayer vigil each day from 7am until 7pm at the abortion facility of Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive, Warminster. Our parish day is October 26, 2015. To schedule an hour to pray, call Kevin Murphy @610-847-9942 or sign up on the list in the vestibule.

## **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.

**Congratulations** to our Knights of Columbus Council #4545 on receiving **star council status**. This prestigious award is given to very few councils based on their charitable works and membership quotas.

## **Penny Party: October 14th**

The Knights are collecting new items, collectables, clothing, cheer, electronics, glassware, toys, etc. An opportunity to donate those items you can't or will never use. Collection box in vestibule or large item pickup call Joe Affuso 610-258-1621.

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

Lectors for:

09/19 5PM: Linda Krager  
09/20 8AM: Martin Piccinich  
10AM: Bernie Boylan

Altar Servers for:

09/19 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Peter Shea  
09/20 8AM: Reilly & Brielle Comiskey  
10AM: Anthony DeArmas & Eric Senior

Extraordinary Ministers:

09/19 5PM: Kathie Weiss & Russell Benner  
09/20 8AM: Mariann Helfant & 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 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 Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eva Zelle, Roger Brahler, Gavin (age 3), 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, 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 Nick Sciss.

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

**September:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

**MSC 30th Annual Golf Outing** is planned for Friday, September 18th at Whitetail Golf Club, 2679 Klein Road, Bath, PA. The fee is \$100; cocktails at 4PM; dinner at 5PM at the MSC Center in Center Valley. Please send checks payable to the MSC Golf Outing, 3300 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034. For reservations, to donate prizes or sponsor a hole, call 610-282-1415 or St. John the Baptist Rectory 610-847-5521. If you would like to donate cakes, please call Peg Glancey 610-847-5217.

## **12th Annual Flea Market**

September 19th from 9am-3pm. Vendor spaces 10x10-\$15. Benefits the Riegelsville Public Library. To reserve a space or for more information, call Nancy 1-908-319-3706.

## **Collections:**

September 6th: \$3,285.00