

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015

**Did not God choose those who are
poor in the world to be rich in faith
and heirs to the kingdom?**

- James 2:5



Saturday, September 5th

Sunday Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Sunday, September 6th

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Jennie Aquilino by Mary Ann McKeon

Monday, September 7th

Weekday/Labor Day

9AM: for the intentions of Bernie Boylan by the Lay Carmelite Community

Tuesday, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM:

Wednesday, September 9th

St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

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

Thursday, September 10th

Weekday

9AM:

Friday, September 11th

Weekday

6:30PM:

Saturday, September 12th

Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Mary

9AM: Bernard Ruggiero by Rex & Mariann Helfant

Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Claire Ucci by Mike & Joanne Adams

Planned Parenthood—The Hidden Harvest

This weekend, Fox News will air a special documentary report which explores the revelations about Planned Parenthood's sale of baby body parts, as exposed this summer through a series of undercover videos. It will air on Friday night, Sept. 4 at 10pm ET and Saturday morning at 1am ET. Priests for Life has assisted in the development of this special, as well as in the investigation itself. Fox News says: "It delves into the controversy, featuring exclusive new details about the making of those videos, and investigating an industry and field of scientific research that many didn't even know existed."

Flower Donations

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

FEAR NOT

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, "Be strong, fear not!"

We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of "this holy and sinful Church, which we love." We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, "We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer."

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored. Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving Lord. —Rev. James Field

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

Will be held in all parishes of the Archdiocese next 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.

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:

09/12 5PM: Frank Hyland
09/13 8AM: Joseph Keeney
10AM: Alvin LaBar, OFS

Altar Servers for:

09/12 5PM: Andrew Benner & Francis Reinhart
09/13 8AM: Anna Holmgaard
10AM: Jack & Ann Salva

Extraordinary Ministers:

09/12 5PM: Robert & Margaret Somogyi
09/13 8AM: Bernadette Maszczyk & Bernie Boylan
10AM: Mary Gambino & Mark Culichia

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, 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 Jennie Aquilino.

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:

August 30th: \$2,258.00
Missionhurst-CICM: \$5.00
Catholic University: \$45.00
Airconditioning: \$306.00