

# Church of Saint Lawrence

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings @ 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning @ 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Days @ 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. @ 9AM  
Thurs, 9AM No Mass, Communion Distribution Only

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays 9:30AM to 11AM.

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Or by appointment other days/time. Contact Rectory

## Holy Name Society

Meets second Monday of the month (Sept-May) at 7:00 p.m.

## Altar & Rosary Society

Meets second Thursday of the month (Sept-May) 7:00p.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

## Catholic Elementary School

Children may attend Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School, Ottsville; for further information call: 610-847-5523.

## Parish PREP Classes

Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 8:30 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

## Pastor's Corner! April 19, 2020

Greetings from Cell #345! There are so many reasons why I should keep to my habit of using the Pastor's Corner as a way of offering you fodder for your personal reflection and prayer. #1 We've just entered into the beautiful season of Easter. #2 It's *Divine Mercy Sunday*. However, on this weekend, even though we are not out of the woods with regards to COVID-19, I want for us to celebrate the good which we have been extended and enjoy during these dark times.

I would start out by commenting on some personal things. I want to thank those among you who have reached out to me. Your letters, cards & phone calls inquiring as to how I was doing. A number of you called on your way to the market asking if you could pick up anything while you were there. In doing that you saved me 2-3 trips to the market. Occasionally, I would see some of you, either as you were stopping by the Rectory to drop off your collection envelope or clearing your head with a walk around the Riegelsville Cemetery. You might have been weary and stressed, but you also carried with you the cheerfulness and optimism of your Faith. A number of you included within your emails humorous cartoons, photos or videos. I loved them. They were a great tonic, that interrupted tiresome days. In turn, I passed them on to friends, family and many of you. Americans don't have a corner on humor, but it is part of our national fiber to draw humor out of grave times. Many of the Americans, I know didn't disappoint.

I have been very impressed with the over-all cooperation of most people with the advice, directives and decisions mandated by our health officials and civil leaders. Because there was and is so much about the Coronavirus that we don't know, we were learning on the fly. As you learned first-hand. Every day brought additional adjustments and intrusions to our routine and freedoms. It goes without saying, that each of us are coming away from this Pandemic with a heightened appreciation for all in the medical professions, especially, the doctors, nurses, Hospital & Nursing Home staffs, EMTs, Policemen, Firemen those in the Sanitation Industries, Transportation Systems, those in the National Guard, as well as the full time Military. I was impressed with those companies and corporations, who responded to the early need for personal protective wear & respirators, and converted some of their resources & plants to the production of these

items. A source of real pride for me, was the spontaneous response of home bound Americans [mostly women] who didn't wait to be asked, but took the initiative to sew facemasks. The images of those women sitting at the sewing machines cranking out face masks for all of us, will be one of the lasting images and stories of this world-wide emergency.

I want to thank Bob & Betty Steinberg, Tracy Meadows & Tom Senior for the great amount of work and personal time they invested in making the Live Streaming of our Holy Week Masses possible. We were working within a very short window of time to make this happen; yet, despite dealing with one unanticipated monkey wrench after the other, they pursued this goal with enthusiasm and energy. I am also, very grateful to Bernie Boylan and Cantor, Joe Meadows who contributed greatly to those liturgies. "Irish Dave" McAuliffe responded to our needs when we were having lighting problems. I know many of those involved in our Liturgical ministries would have stepped forward to be a part of this effort, but our goal was to limit the amount of social contact and interaction to the bear minimum. At this time, we intend to Live Stream our Sunday Masses into the future. Sometime next week, our small group will gather to discuss a schedule. Once we have established that, we will send you an email "Blast". This info will also be listed on our WEB site. Please share this info with neighboring parishioners. We'd love to included them in the loop, but a number of them have not extended any contact info to the Office.

Finally, as far as I know, everyone in St. Lawrence Parish, Riegelsville and among our families have been spared infection of the Coronavirus. That should be the greatest reason for our joy and gratitude to Our Lord, the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph & St. Lawrence!

Your brother in Christ,



**Live Streaming the Celebration of Mass - St Lawrence, Riegelsville:** Go to our website:

see photo in upper left hand corner> click on the smaller photo> select videos in left hand column> select the date/event you want. Video will begin to play.

Remember to visit the Archdiocese of Phila Web site and CatholicPhilly.com

**Collections:** *We need your continued financial support. Mail to or put in Rectory door mail slot.* March 22 + 29 + April 5 Parish @ \$8675; Military Service @ \$50; Easter Flowers @ \$20; Holy Land @ \$65 & April 12 (Easter) @ \$3485. FYI last year Easter 2019 was @ \$8032. Be safe out there. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

**Special Collection Good Friday:** supporting Shrines in the Holy Land has been moved to Sept 12-13 do to the non public celebration of Mass.

**Mass Intentions:** Fr. Benn will be privately celebrating Mass throughout the week and all Mass intentions will be honored as previously scheduled.

**Confessions:** contact Fr. Benn @ rectory or via email to make arrangements.

**Parish Web Site:** is working; however still under construction. Make a visit & be patient:>

**Parish email blast:** "Official" blasts have been sent with Parish content. If you are not receiving it means we don't have your email address. Send to us via email to [saintlawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) and we will copy/paste into our data base. Thank you.

**Parish Social Activities:** ALL activities are suspended till further notice. Will keep you posted. Check out the Parish web site at [saint-Lawrence-church.org](http://saint-Lawrence-church.org) Keep in mind we are still under construction so there may be a glitch or two:> Thank you.

**Reciting the Rosary:** suspended till further notice. Suggested you say at home. The Rosary is said every Monday starting @ 8:40AM prior to the 9AM Mass. All are welcome to join in when you arrive.

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2020:** *Make checks payable to Catholic Charities Appeal not St. Lawrence.* Thank you.

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**New Parishioners –WELCOME!!** No need to feel shy. We are happy you are here. To register Please contact Fr. Benn via Parish office 610-749-2684 or email: [saintlawrence@verizon.net](mailto:saintlawrence@verizon.net) to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

## April 19, 2020 - Divine Mercy Sunday

**Saturday - April 18th -**

**Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

5PM: No Public Mass

Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Sunday - April 19th -**

9:30AM: No Public Mass - For protection of all people from the Coronavirus & those protecting us.

**Monday - April 20th – Easter Weekday**

9AM: No Public Mass -

**Tuesday - April 21st - St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of The Church**

9AM: No Public Mass - Cecelia Bartosiewicz  
(Kathy Weiss)

**Wednesday - April 22nd – Easter Weekday**

***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - Postponed***

9:00AM: No Public Mass - Special Intentions (Ted & Janet Achuff)

**Thursday - April 23rd - St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**

9AM: No Public Mass or Readings & Communion

**Friday - April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

9AM: No Public Mass Ruth Cosgrove  
(Senior Family)

**Saturday - April 25th - St. Mark, Evangelist**

9AM: No Public Mass

## **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE**

Lectors, Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers: no assignments till future notice.

***Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life!*** Maria Middleton, Virginia Lohmeyer, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Julie Petry, Eve Zelle, Steven Fusco, Russ & Ann Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bill Chabot, Bethany Steinberg, MaryLou VonDohlen, Lucy Herman, Mary Ann & Roger Brahler, Mel Dion, Fran Reavey, Sue & Beach Wires, Joann Thaler

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