

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

Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen! There's jubilation in those words; yet, despite the reason for humanity's reason for Joy, it is stunning to witness how many people don't recognize or believe in the Power of *Evil*. *Evil* is not only the absence of Good; *Evil* is the opposite of Good; *Evil* loves being a Contradiction! Somehow, those who claim not to believe in *Evil* or care if it exists, live in an intellectual bubble of their own making. They do not recognize *Evil* in our current Coronavirus Pandemic, or in the grip of world-wide terrorism, or in the millions of faces in those people who are hungry every day, or who hunger for freedom, in the outrageous promotion of sexually driven perversions, nor in our abuse of the environment. You & I could add dozens of examples to this list, but you get the point. These comments, might seem like a dark way of introducing my Easter message, but I reference *Evil*, because it helps us place the Resurrection of Our Savior in its deserved context. Easter should be understood in the light of two fundamental acts: 1. Jesus' determination that his teachings about the Father's Love and his actions that were inspired by that Love, would not be silenced or denied; that they were greater than any power! 2. The proof of the power of God's Love is demonstrated when the Father raises the Son from the dead. Is there anything more final in this world than death, the ultimate expression of the hopelessness of *Evil*? According to the Father & his Son, there is; namely, themselves and the eternal life they wish to share with us. Their message is this: The Father in his Love can overcome anything that is bad. The Father can reverse any manifestations of *Evil*. This is why Easter stands at the center of Christianity. This is why the Eucharist stands at the center of our Catholic life. In a mysterious way that only Our Lord has a handle on, the Eucharist embodies and perpetuates all of the Love witnessed in Our Lord's teaching & actions, in his death & in his Resurrection. It is so great, so profound that we can only respond with Faith, and that is not a bad thing. The proud [a manifestation of *Evil*] will complain that this is not good enough; that God should be able to

do better; that we have a right to understand the details. We lost all of those rights and all of those abilities in the Garden. Still, despite the incredible handicaps that we caused ourselves, God persists in loving us. Like all good parents, it's as if he is addicted to his wayward children; that he can't and won't give up on us, even at the cost of his broken heart. These two fundamental truths make up the ultimate sign of how God feels about us and wants for us. Not even God, can express it any better, nor should he have to reinforce it again. Christ's life, death & resurrection is God's ultimate message of Love for you and me. During this Easter Sunday & Season, we need to reflect on this and ask ourselves how seriously do we appreciate God's Love for us. If we believe in it, it should show in our lives every day until the Father calls us home. Each day of our lives should be a continuous "Alleluia" to those around us and to the peoples of the World! Do they see that "Alleluia" in you? Do they hear that "Alleluia" in you?

Your brother in Christ, 

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.

Live Streaming the Celebration of Mass

See sites below and remember to visit the Archdiocese of Phila Web site and CatholicPhilly.com too.

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia: Sunday Mass at 11 a.m., with Archbishop Nelson Perez as celebrant

Assumption B.V.M Parish, Feasterville: Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. **Mary, Mother of the**

Redeemer Parish, North Wales: Daily Mass at 7:30 a.m. (Monday to Friday) and 8 a.m. (Saturday); Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:15 p.m. Livestreamed videos of Masses are archived on parish website.

Collections: *We need your continued financial support. Mail to or put in Rectory door mail slot.*
March 22nd & 29th & April 5: to post at later date.
Thank you!!

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: “test” emails have been sent. If you did not receive on or before March 28th we do not have a current address for you. Please provide.

Parish Social Activities: Lenten Soup Suppers, Coffee & Donuts, Sausage & Pancakes & Children's Religious Edu. are suspended till future notice. Will keep you advised. 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: has begun with in pew donation envelopes & direct mailings from AOP. Make checks payable to Catholic Charities Appeal not St. Lawrence. Thank you.

CatholicPhilly.com is the official news website of Archdiocese of Phila. Sign up for free bi-weekly emailed newsletters or just visit the web for Catholic happenings & current events.

Catholic Happenings:

Malvern Retreat House: Mothers of Children with Disabilities, Tues., May 5th, Info: 610-644-0400

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Saturday, May 2nd @ the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul @ 5:15PM celebrating all married couples especially those married; 1-5 years; 25 years & 50 years+. Registration required at: www.phillycatholiclife.org or 215-587-0500.

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 to make arrangements to meet him. Thank you. We are ready to welcome you.

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

Saturday - April 11th -

Confessions: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

7PM: Easter Virgil No Public Mass - Tom Murphy
(Altar Rosary Community)

Sunday - April 12th -

9:30AM: No Public Mass - Special Intentions
(Janet Achuff)

Monday - April 13th – Octave of Easter

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

Tuesday - April 14th - Octave of Easter

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

Wednesday - April 15th – Octave of Easter

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

9:00AM: No Public Mass - For the Protection of all people from the Coronavirus & those protecting us.

Thursday - April 16th - Octave of Easter

9AM: No Public Mass or Readings & Communion
For the Protection of all people from the Coronavirus & those protecting us.

Friday - April 17th - Octave of Easter

9AM: No Public Mass Intentions of Barbara
(Lay Carmelite Community)

Saturday - April 18th - Octave of Easter

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

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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