

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church



Home of the Mater Dei Community  
Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
110 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

## MASS TIMES

**Sunday:** 7:30am (Low Mass), 9:00am (Low Mass), 11:00am  
(Sung Mass), 6:00pm (Low Mass)

**Monday:** 7:10am

**Tuesday:** 7:10am

**Wednesday:** 6:15am, 7:00pm

**Thursday:** 7:10am

**Friday:** 7:10am, 6:30pm

**Saturday:** 9:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

## EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

**SUNDAY:** 5:30pm

(Solemn with Benediction)

**Tuesday:** 8am—1pm (Solemn with Benediction)

**Friday:** 5:30—6:25pm (Simple Adoration)

**Saturday:** 8:00—8:50am (Solemn with Benediction)

## DEVOTIONS

**St. Jude:** 3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm

**Sacred Heart:** 1st Friday, following 6:30pm Mass

## DIVINE OFFICE

**Vespers:** 2nd & 4th Sunday, 5:30pm

**Compline:** 1st Friday, 7:00pm

**Fr. James Smith, FSSP - Pastor**

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**St. Tarcisius**

Ages 5-12, 1st Saturday

[sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc](mailto:sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc) .....Loretta Ferguson

**Youth Group**

Ages 13-18, 3rd Saturday

[youthgroup@stlawrence.cc](mailto:youthgroup@stlawrence.cc) .....Dawn Forbeck

**St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group**

Ages 18-35, Meets monthly

[assistant.pastor@stlawrence.cc](mailto:assistant.pastor@stlawrence.cc) .....Fr. Killackey

**Choir & Choristers**

Practice weekly

[music@stlawrence.cc](mailto:music@stlawrence.cc) .....Paul Thomas May

**Holy Name Society**

Meets monthly

[holyname@stlawrence.cc](mailto:holyname@stlawrence.cc) .....Anthony Patterson

**Knights of the Altar**

Altar Servers

[altarboys@stlawrence.cc](mailto:altarboys@stlawrence.cc) .....Ed Pitman

**Church Cleaning**

Rotates weekly

[Clean@materdeipa.com](mailto:Clean@materdeipa.com) .....Kristin Patterson

**Girls Junior Sodality**

Girls Age 9 - High School

[girlssodality@stlawrence.cc](mailto:girlssodality@stlawrence.cc) .....Rebecca Mack

**Meal Train**

[mealtrain@stlawrence.cc](mailto:mealtrain@stlawrence.cc) .....Alyssa Showers

**Prayer Chain** .....[prayers@materdeipa.com](mailto:prayers@materdeipa.com)

**Tuesday Adoration**

Tuesdays 8am-1pm

[tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc](mailto:tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc) .....Amanda Healy

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Dec. 19</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent, I</b> 7:30am +Msgr. James V. Hobbs by Michael Kennedy 9:00am +Dorothy & John Czarnomski by John E. Czarnomski 11:00am +John M. Rozman by Jack Rozman 6:00pm Pro Populo
<b>Mon. Dec. 20</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b> 7:10am Dr. Robert Carbello by Judith Boutin
<b>Tues. Dec. 21</b>	<b>St. Thomas, II, III</b> 7:10am +Thomas & Agnes Kennedy by Michael Kennedy
<b>Wed. Dec. 22</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b> 6:15am Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by John Czarnomski 7:00pm +William Sitler by John Osuch
<b>Thurs. Dec. 23</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b> 7:10am The Patterson family
<b>Fri. Dec. 24</b>	<b>Vigil of Christmas, I</b> 7:10am +Thaddeus Czarnomski by John E. Czarnomski 6:30pm +Donna Shields by Ben Hiebert-
<b>Sat. Dec. 25</b>	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord, I</b> Midnight Pro Populo 7:30am Fr. Eugene Romano by Sr. Catherine Rose Giacobbe 9:00am Confraternity of St. Peter by Darren Miller 11:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Anna Laura Russell
<b>Sun. Dec. 26</b>	<b>Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, II</b> 7:30am +Jim Battenfelder by Sr. Mary Catherine Rose 9:00am Pro Populo 11:00am Priests who have served at Mater Dei by George Gilmer 6:00pm +Linda McKenna by M/M Fred Shibley

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

*1 Cor. 4:1-5* Brethren: Let a man so account us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's tribunal. Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the things hidden in darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.

*Luke 3:1-6* Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphaz, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the prophet, The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

## TODAY

### Sunday, December 19

- Catechism Classes—10:10-10:50
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

## UPCOMING

### Monday, December 20

- Adult Inquiry Class—6pm-6:55pm
- Adult Catechism Class—7pm-8pm

### Tuesday, December 21

- Adoration —8am-1pm
- Legion of Mary Meeting—7:30pm

### Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day

- Midnight—Mass
- 7:30am—Mass
- 9:00am—Mass
- 11:00am—High Mass



### Sunday, December 26

- No Catechism Classes
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

### Saturday, January 1

- 9:00am—Mass
- 12:00pm—High Mass
- 7:00pm—Mass

### Sunday, January 2

- No Catechism Classes
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

### Wednesday, January 5

- 5pm—Blessing of Epiphany Water at Vespers

### January 6—13

- Epiphany Blessings at Homes

forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From the Pastor**—What a joy it was to have Bishop Gainer at our church yesterday celebrating the work of the Lord in this wonderful parish. We presented to him the spiritual bouquet that so many of you contributed to over these past two months. The bishop said that he has never received so many thank you messages for any thing that he has done as has received from the people of this parish in thanksgiving for his work here. I am very grateful to you and proud of you for showing your gratitude to him. I am very grateful too to the nearly 100 people who worked to make our day yesterday perfect in every way. Of course, we were so happy to welcome back Fr. Eichman, whose work made possible all that the bishop has done for us. It was very good that we could have other Fraternity and diocesan clergy visit us too, to help us make the sacred episcopal ceremonies very special and dignified. The altar boys, choir, sacristans, ushers, church cleaners, and IT people also provided indispensable help. And what an amazing party we had at the Civic Club of Harrisburg after the Mass. We would not have been able to have that beautiful party without the army of volunteers who did everything from wrapping the utensils, setting up the Civic Club, cooking the food, directing traffic, moving the food, monitoring the food and drink tables, removing the trash during the party, cleaning up afterwards, serving the drinks, running the food, cleaning up the Civic Club afterwards, and moving the items back to the church after all was said and done. Finally, and not least, I want to thank the 25 people whose financial contributions help us raise about \$6,000 to pay for the cost of this event, which includes hiring of singers for the Mass, travel for some of the clergy to come, use of the Civic Club, food supplies and paper products purchased by the parish. We expect that we will have perhaps \$2,000 excess, which will go to our building fund. Thank you very much to all who have done so much for this special day. May God reward you! —Fr. Smith

**FSSP 2022 Calendars:** You will find the calendars on the back table inside the Church. **The cost is \$11.00. Please place payment in metal box labeled Calendars. Thank you!**

**Book-sales Table**—Items for sale: After 9am & 11am Mass  
2022 FSSP Calendars: \$11.00  
Children's Illustrated Calendar- 4-piece: 18x24 inch posters.  
4-piece Calendar set: \$29.00  
Mother Love: \$18.00  
Angelus Press Hand Missal: \$55.00

**Calling More Altar Boys:** All boys of St. Lawrence who have received their 1st Holy Communion are invited to become altar boys starting January 2. We will have new altar boys start as torch bearers for the Sunday High Masses, then as they learn their responses and server rubrics, they will be given a chance to start serving Low Masses. For more information, please email [altarboys@stlawrence.cc](mailto:altarboys@stlawrence.cc).

**Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements for the Bulletin should be sent to [secretary@stlawrence.cc](mailto:secretary@stlawrence.cc) by the Monday—prior to that week's bulletin by 9am. Thank you.

**Blessings of Homes for Epiphany**—The priests will visit homes of the Faithful to give the traditional home blessing with the Epiphany water created in a special ceremony on the vigil of the Epiphany (Jan. 5). The priests will organize their visits so that they will spend about 15-to 30-minutes at each home, which will include: blessing each room (or each room you would like to be blessed) with incense (in remembrance of the gift of frankincense from the Magi) and Epiphany water (in remembrance of the baptism of Our Lord, also commemorated at the Feast of the Epiphany), then using the chalk blessed on the Epiphany, they will mark the main door of the house with the symbol 20C + M + B +22. This home blessing, one of the most beautiful sacramentals the Church provides, will be done during the octave of the Epiphany (Jan. 6 to 13) on a first-come, first-served basis for those who request it. For those who cannot be accommodated this year, we will put them first on the list for next year. If you would like to avail yourselves of this tradition, make your request by sending a message to [epiphanyblessing@stlawrence.cc](mailto:epiphanyblessing@stlawrence.cc). All requests must be made before Jan. 1. The priests would be able to visit more homes if they could be driven from home to home by a father-son team, with the father driving and the son dressed in cassock and surplice assisting the priest for the blessings. If a father and son are able to volunteer for this duty, please email the same address and indicate what day (or days) you would be able to help.

**Music Lessons:** Would you like to have your children enrolled in music lessons? The State Street Academy (SSA), which is located in the St. Lawrence lower level, accepts students for a semester-length course of lessons in an instrument of choice with a recital at the end of the semester. There are skilled teachers for lessons in piano, violin, and voice among other instruments. In the coming semester the SSA will be able to offer instruction in harp if there is enough interest. For further inquiries on price and/or to reserve a spot for harp lessons, please send an email to Paul Thomas May at [music@stlawrence.cc](mailto:music@stlawrence.cc).



**HNS Membership Drive:** Catholic men 18 years of age and older are invited to join the St. Lawrence Holy Name Society. Information about this traditional confraternity can be found at [www.nahns.com](http://www.nahns.com). There will be a new member induction ceremony in early January and all eligible males are encouraged to consider this spiritual and social opportunity. To seek enrollment or for additional information about the specific activities of the Holy Name Society at St. Lawrence, please contact Anthony Patterson at [holyname@stlawrence.cc](mailto:holyname@stlawrence.cc).

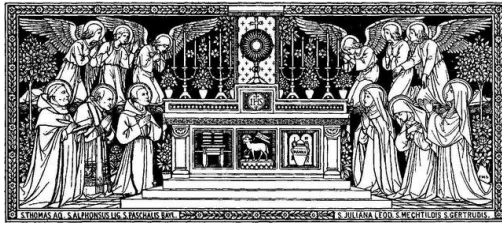
**Registration at St. Lawrence Church:** The Pastor and Assistant Pastor have the special grace to guide those who are registered parishioners and are hence assigned to their care. The Mass offered for the people every Sunday, *Pro populo*, is offered for those who are registered members. Anyone seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony here must be registered and active parishioners for 6 months. Registration forms are available on our website.



**Thank you for Thanksgiving bags:** Dear St. Lawrence Parishioners, Thank you and God bless you for your goodness to those in need. Your sacrifice will not only help warm the poor, but nurture them in body, soul, and spirit. The healing that takes place has a lasting effect on our community. You are making the Silence of Mary's mission a reality. Together we are making a difference. We are blessed with your support.

—With sincere appreciation, the Silence of Mary family

**Openings in the Choir at St. Lawrence:** The choir has openings for additional dedicated volunteers and three



qualified section leaders. Members are expected to be available for Thursday evening rehearsals, Sunday 11 am

Masses throughout the year, and for other important Feast Days as notified. Volunteers with previous choral experience are preferred, but those with strong desire may be considered at the discretion of the Music Director. Section Leader positions are available for Soprano, Alto, and Tenor; all applicants must audition and demonstrate strong vocal musicianship. Inquiries can be directed to Paul Thomas May at [music@stlawrence.cc](mailto:music@stlawrence.cc)

**Sunday Socials returning in January:** We will begin our Sunday Socials in January after the 9am and 11am Mass. The goal is to have many volunteers so that volunteers only have to do their duty once every month or two, and volunteers are needed in the following areas:

**Doughnut Procurement:** (1 volunteer weekly; 6—8 volunteers in rotation) Instructions will be provided for ordering and picking up doughnuts at your local Giant. The volunteer then deliver the doughnuts to the social hall kitchen prior to the 9am Mass.

**Coffee Social Setup:** (2—4 volunteers needed weekly) Prepare the social hall for the coffee social. This involves preparing the coffee and drink table and setting up the refreshment table.

**Coffee Social Cleanup:** (2—4 volunteers needed weekly) Clean social hall after 4pm.

**Coffee Social Greeter:** (1 volunteer needed weekly) Greet parishioners at the door and let them into the Social Hall.

Please contact email [socials@stlawrence.cc](mailto:socials@stlawrence.cc) to volunteer.

**Expectant Mothers:** If you are expecting a child and registered in the Community, please let us know so we can put your expected date in our date book and rejoice with your family! Please notify us at [contact@stlawrence.cc](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc)

### Processional Hymn The Angel Gabriel



The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden, Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!



### Recessional Hymn Daily, Daily, Sing of Mary

Daily, daily, sing of Mary, Sing my soul, her praises due; All her feats, her actions honor With the heart's devotion true. Lost in wond'ring contemplation, Be her majesty confessed! Call her Mother, call her Virgin, Happy Mother, Virgin blest!

She is mighty to deliver; Call her; trust her lovingly; When the tempest rages round thee, She will calm the troubled sea. Gifts of Heaven she has given Noble Lady! To our race: She, the Queen, who decks her subjects With the light of God's own grace.

Sing my tongue, the Virgin's trophies, Who for us our Maker bore; For the curse of old inflicted, Peace and blessing to restore. Sing the songs of praise unending Sing the world's majestic Queen. Weary not, nor faint in telling All the gifts she gives to men.