

# 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

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### Legion of Mary

*Meets weekly*

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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*

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### 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. 26</b> 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, II</b> +Jim Battenfelder by Sr. Mary Catherine Rose Pro Populo Priests who have served at Mater Dei by George Gilmer +Linda McKenna by M/M Fred Shibler
<b>Mon. Dec. 27</b> 7:10am	<b>St. John, II</b> +Irene & John Whealley by John E. Czarnomski
<b>Tues. Dec. 28</b> 7:10am	<b>Holy Innocents, II</b> Sharon Kaercher
<b>Wed. Dec. 29</b> 6:15am 7:00pm	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas, II</b> +Mrs. Fred Lyon by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Shibler Rev. James Smith by George Gilmer
<b>Thurs. Dec. 30</b> 7:10am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas, II</b> +Jim Deegan by Sr. Mary Catherine Rose
<b>Fri. Dec. 31</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas, II</b> Int. of Dave, Kathy, Milena Haddon by Barbara Sexton Pope Francis by George Gilmer
<b>Sat. Jan. 1</b> 9:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Octave Day of Christmas, I</b> Nancy Faller by Chris and Chuck Stoner Pro Populo Katie Jones by Helena Jones
<b>Sun. Jan. 2</b> 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>Most Holy Name of Jesus, II</b> Pro Populo FSSP by the Fonticoba family Holy Souls in Purgatory Anthony DiSanto and family by M/M Charles Stoner

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

### Gal 4:1-7

Brethren: As long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the master of all; but he is under guardians and stewards until the time set by his father. So we too, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that He is no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

### Luke 2:33-40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus were marvelling at the things spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers

## TODAY

### Sunday, December 26

- 2nd Collection—Building Collection
- No Catechism Classes
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

## UPCOMING

### Monday, December 27

- Blessing of Wine—after 7:10am Mass
- Adult Inquiry Class—No Class
- Adult Catechism Class—No Class

### Tuesday, December 28

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

### Friday, December 31

- 7:10am—*Te Deum* after Mass
- 6:30pm—*Te Deum* after Mass

### Saturday, January 1

- 9:00am—*Veni Creator* before Mass
- 12:00pm—*Veni Creator* before Mass
- 7:00pm—*Veni Creator* before Mass

### Sunday, January 2

- Sunday Socials—After 9am & 11am Mass
- 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

### January 21

- March for Life Washington, DC—8:30am



worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had fulfilled all things as prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From Dom Guéranger's *The Liturgical Year*:** "THIS is the



only day within the Christmas Octave which is not a Saint's Feast. During the Octaves of the Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost, the Church is so absorbed in the respective mysteries that she puts off everything that could share her attention; whereas during this of Christmas, there is only one day which does not celebrate the memory of some glorious Saint, and our Infant Jesus is surrounded by a choir of heroes who loved and served him. Thus the Church, or, more correctly, God—for God is the

first author of the cycle of the year—shows us how the Incarnate Word, who came to save mankind, desires to give mankind confidence by this his adorable familiarity.

**Dec. 31**—It is traditional on New Year's Eve to sing the song of praise and thanksgiving, *Te Deum Laudamus*, the solemn, traditional form of giving thanks to God for great things, such as priestly ordinations, and wedding anniversaries. A plenary indulgence may be obtained for praying the *Te Deum Laudamus* on the last day of the year, along with Communion, confession, and prayers for the Pope's intentions (the usual conditions). You are invited to recite this prayer after the 7:10 am Mass and to sing it after the 6:30 pm Mass on Dec. 31.

**Jan. 1**—Likewise, at the beginning of the year, the Church encourages us to begin but invoking the Holy Ghost and asking God to bless our work, therefore she grants another plenary indulgence for reciting the *Veni Creator* on Jan. 1. We will do this before each Mass.

**Driver for Epiphany Blessing:** 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 [epiphanyblessing@stlawrence.cc](mailto:epiphanyblessing@stlawrence.cc) and indicate what day (or days) you would be able to help.

**March for Life:** St. Lawrence Parish will be renting a charter bus to attend the March for Life on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington D.C. The bus will leave the Harrisburg East Mall Parking lot at 8:30am and will return at approximately 5:30pm. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$50 for a family of four or more. To reserve your seat,



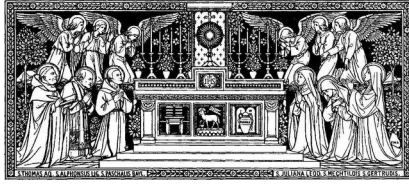
contact [prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc)

**Dec. 27: Blessing of Wine** — On Monday, Dec. 27, the feast of St. John the Evangelist, the Church provides a special blessing for wine in honor of this apostle. If you would like to benefit from this blessing, bring to Mass on Monday your bottles and place them in the place designated. They will be blessed immediately following the Last Gospel. Please remove your bottles right away, or no doubt someone else will drink them. The text of the blessing is as follows: "Bless and consecrate, O Lord God, this chalice of wine (or any other beverage) through the merits of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Bestow benediction and protection upon all who drink of this cup. For as the blessed John partook of the poisoned potion without any hurt, so may all who on this day drink of the blessed wine to the honor of St. John, by him be freed from poisoning and similar harmful things. And as they offer themselves soul and body to thee, O Lord God, give them absolution and pardon. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Bless, O Lord, this draught that it be a helpful medicine to all who drink it; and grant by thy grace that all who taste thereof may enjoy bodily and spiritual health in calling upon thy holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit come upon this wine and remain constantly. Amen."

**Regarding the obligation** to attend Mass on Jan. 1, the Octave Day of Christmas — Normally, the 1st day of the year is a Holy Day of Obligation, as it is the Octave Day of Christmas. However, the bishops of the United States have the authority (with the permission of the Holy See) to suppress some Holy Days, which they have decided to do when this Holy Day falls on a Saturday or Monday, as it does this year. All of this is to say that technically we are not bound by law, under punishment of mortal sin, to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Jan. 1, 2022, since it falls on a Saturday. However, I believe that most of you do not do things primarily for law but for love. Therefore, we will still keep the schedule of Jan. 1 as if it were a Holy Day, so that we will have enough Masses to fit everyone, lest we discourage you from attending. Further, we will offer a High Mass at noon that day in recognition of its importance.

**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.

**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)

**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).

**STARTING JANUARY 2:** We will begin our Sunday Socials 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.

**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.

**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)

**Tuesday Adorer needed:** We are in need of an Adorer for the 8am Adoration on Tuesdays. Please contact Amanda Healy at [tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc](mailto:tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc) you are able to spend an hour with our Lord.

### Processional Hymn The First Nowell



The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

### Recessional Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing over the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tiding be Which inspire your heavenly song?

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.