

# Mater Dei Community

Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
St. Lawrence Chapel • 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

**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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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Sept 26</b> 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost, //</b> +For the Poor Souls by Kevin Ritchie Pro Populo +Christine Pitman by JoAnne Pitman +Charles & Arline O'Connell by Cecilia Nico
<b>Mon. Sept 27</b> 7:10am	<b>Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damian, ///</b> Our Lady's Triumph promised at Fatima & Special Intention by Kevin Ritchie
<b>Tues. Sept 28</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Wenceslaus, ///</b> +Joseph & Nancy Nico by Cecilia Nico
<b>Wed. Sept 29</b> 6:15am 7:00pm	<b>Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, /</b> In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Cecilia Nico +Ronald Grutza, Sr. by RJ Grutza
<b>Thurs. Sep 30</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Jerome, ///</b> +The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Cecilia Nico
<b>Fri. Oct 1</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>Feria, IV</b> Max Godsil by RJ Grutza Zofia Toton by Veronica Cecot
<b>Sat. Oct 2</b> 9:00am	<b>Holy Guardian Angels, ///</b> Jill Kaercher by Sharon Kaercher
<b>Sun. Oct 3</b> 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost, //</b> +Angelina Renda by Peter Renda Pro Populo +Susan Norton Charlotte Miller by Doug & Carrie Miller

## TODAY

### Sunday, September 26

- Second Collection Building Fund

### Sunday, September 26

- Third Collection Haiti Relief

### Sunday, September 26

- Parent meeting for Catechism Program -10:10 am Social Hall

## UPCOMING

### Monday, September 27

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

### Tuesday, September 28

- Adoration, 8am-1pm
- Legion of Mary meeting, 7pm-8:30pm

### Sunday, October 3

- Catechism Classes begin 10:10 am

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

### *1 Cor. 1:4-8*

Brethren: I give thanks to my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, because in everything you have been enriched in Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge; even as the witness to the Christ has been made so firm in you that you lack no grace, while awaiting the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will also keep you secure unto the end, unimpeachable in the day of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

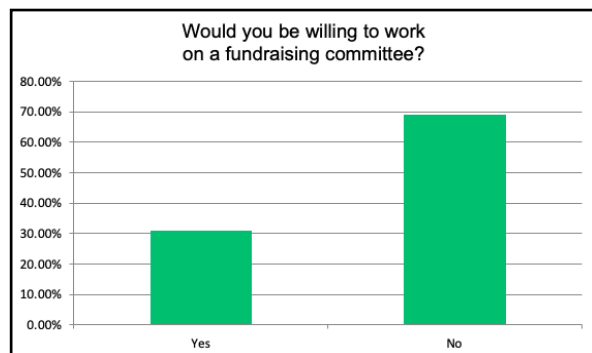
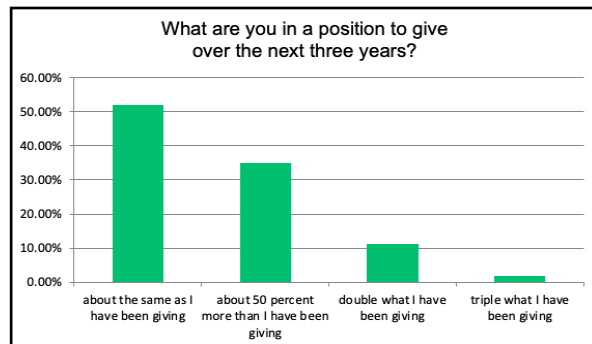
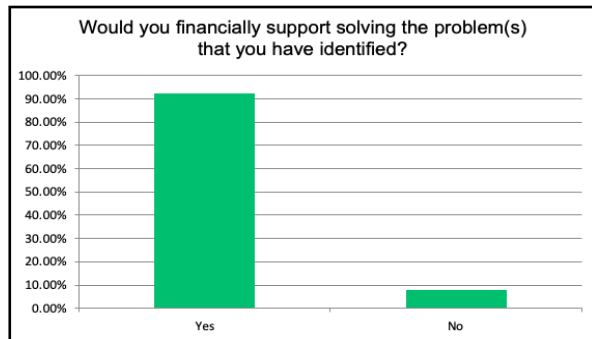
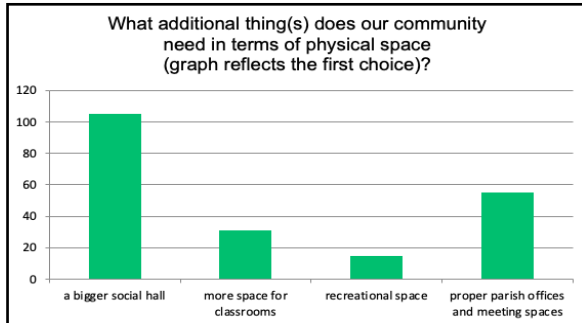
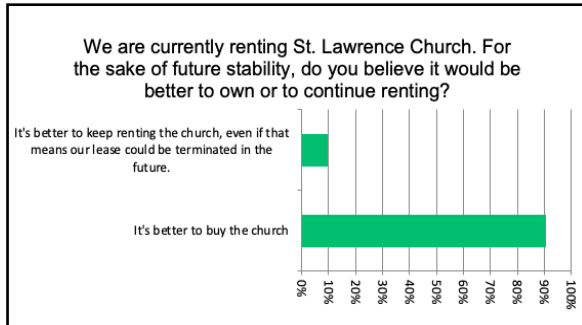
### *Matt 9:1-8*

At that time, Jesus, getting into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a pallet. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven you. And behold, some of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemes. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why do you harbor evil thoughts in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and walk'? But

that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, - then He said to the paralytic - Arise, take up your pallet and go to your house. And he arose, and went away to his house. But when the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear, and glorified God Who had given such power to men.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Survey results



## FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN — Fr. James M. Smith, FSSP

### The Future of Mater Dei: SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you very much for the great work on the survey related to the question of whether we should buy the church. A total of 224 people answered the survey with an overwhelming 90 percent (197 people) responding “it’s better to buy the church.” There were 21 people (10 percent) who said “it’s better to keep renting...”, and I am especially grateful for the thoughtful comments that they included with their responses. I interpret the results as a mandate to move forward with the purchase of the building if it can be done prudently, given the current storms through which we are passing.

The challenge now is how to execute this program, and there are many details still to be worked out. In total, 160 people left comments about many of those details, and those comments overall are extremely helpful. It revealed that despite the yes-or-no structure of question 1 (whether we should buy the church or continue renting instead), there are many nuances that people care about and concerns that people have questions about. These are all legitimate and are being considered by the priests and the finance council, but in the end, despite all of the nuances, we have been presented with a black-and-white choice.

As I’ve mentioned before, when I arrived at Mater Dei on August 4, a letter from the diocese dated August 2 was sitting on my desk saying that the bishop had approved a proposal to sell the church to us. As the brand-new chaplain, my duty to him was to give him a considered response; and my duty to you was to do my due diligence by seeking your overall preference, and checking many technical details as part of this process. This work has taken up a large part of the seven weeks that I have been here.

In addition to question 1 on the overall direction, most people said they would support the project financially, with 35 percent of the respondents (77 people) saying they would be willing to increase their giving by half over the next three years; 11 percent (25 people) willing to double their giving; and four people said they would triple their giving.

As for the question of priorities, we asked you to rank some of our needs. “A bigger social hall” was by far the greatest demand, with 51 percent identifying it as their highest priority; 27 percent of the respondents chose “proper parish offices and meeting spaces;” 17 percent chose “more space for classrooms;” and 8 percent “recreational space.”

Dear people, I would ask you please to pray for wisdom and success as we take the next steps in this project. I have many more details to address to you, some of which I will mention from the pulpit Sunday, and others will take weeks and months to determine. Thank you very much for your zealous response.

**Requiem Mass for Catherine Zambito** will be held on tomorrow, Monday, September 27th at St. Lawrence Chapel, 110 State St. Harrisburg, at 11 a.m. with the Fr. Smith, FSSP as celebrant. Private burial will be in Holy Saviour Cemetery. A viewing will be held Sunday, September 26th from 6-9 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary at 8, at John W. Keffer Funeral Home, 902 Mt. Rose Ave. York

#### Mass Intentions

We are now accepting Public and Private Mass Intentions. Envelopes are located in the vestibule.

#### Catechism Class

There will be a mandatory parent meeting **today, Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10:10 in the Social Hall. Our first day of classes will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will run from 10:10am - 10:50am.

#### ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY- Save the Date!

The All Saints Day party will be held on Sunday, October 31st, on the Feast of Christ the King, after the High Mass. More information and volunteer requests will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please email [allsaintsparty@materdeipa.com](mailto:allsaintsparty@materdeipa.com)

#### Sunday Social — Volunteers needed

We are looking for individuals to serve on a committee and coordinate future Sunday Socials. If you can help, please contact the Office at [socials@MaterDeiPa.com](mailto:socials@MaterDeiPa.com)

#### Parking

Starting in October, the parish will team up with the cathedral to rent parking in South Street Garage. We will publish more details next week.

**Second Collection -today, September 26th** for the Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**Third Collection -today, September 26th** for the for the Haitian people and the Church impacted by the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace.

#### Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 10th, at 11:30am we will commemorate the 104th Anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. All will assemble in the front of St. Lawrence Church and process to Front Street for the recitation of the Rosary. After the Rosary there will be a sermon followed by Benediction in St. Lawrence. In case of inclement weather, all will take place inside the church.



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### Processional Hymn

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell man vanish As the darkness clears away.



### Recessional Hymn

*The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady*

O Thou who hangedst on the tree. With arms wide stretched in charity. Grant us at thy blest mother's prayer. To meet thee on the heav'nly stair.

Love, and a sev'nfold sorrow's dart, Beside the cross transfixed Thy heart; Lady of mercy, grant to us: To share that wound most dolorous.

O Christ, thou sun that know'st no night, That conqu'rest death by death's own might, Unto thy servants' hearts appear. Now at thy blissful mother's prayer.

Maiden, who weepst for thy son, the blessed Sole-begotten One, Grant us the tears of love, we pray, And wash our every stain away.

Glory to Thee through all the earth, Lord Jesu, for thy virgin birth, With Father and with Spirit One; While endless ages onward run.