

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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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: 8:00am—1:00pm (Solemn with Benediction)

Friday: 5:30pm—6:25pm (Simple Adoration except during Lent)

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

DEVOTIONS

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

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

DIVINE OFFICE

Vespers: Every Sunday, 5:00pm

Compline: 1st Friday, 7:00pm

Choir & Choristers

Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc.....Paul Thomas May

Church Cleaning

Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc.....Kristin Patterson

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc.....Stephanie Fonticoba

Girls Junior Sodality

Girls Age 9 - HS—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc.....Rebecca Mack

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc.....William Gabig

Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc.....Ed Pitman

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc.....Josh Logan

Legion of Mary

Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.....Daniel Jones

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc.....Alyssa Showers

Prayer Chain

prayers@materdeipa.com.....Fr. Cortes

St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group

18-35, *Monthly*—assistant.pastor@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc...Loretta Ferguson

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8-1pm—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc.Amanda Healy

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—youthgroup@stlawrence.cc..Dawn Forbeck

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. July 31 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, II Damien Jones by Dan and Anna Jones FSSP Confraternity by Linda Boyd +Joseph and Dorothy Caine by Todd and Karin Caine +Edward Ritchie by the Fonticoba family
Mon. August 1 7:10am	Feria, IV Holy Souls in Purgatory by Cecilia Nico
Tues. August 2 7:10am	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, III Jack and Jason Gilbride by Steven Grist
Wed. August 3 6:15am 7:00pm	Feria, IV +Eleanor Sevold by Joe and Joyce Mackin Fred Scharf by Linda Boyd
Thurs. August 4 7:10am	St. Dominic, Confessor, III Gwendolyn Hall by the Fonticoba family
Fri. August 5 7:10am 6:30pm	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, III Alex and Karen Vincent by Steven Grist +Johanna Boyd Scharf by Linda Boyd
Sat. August 6 9:00am	The Transfiguration of our Lord, II Intentions of Joseph Yula by the Miccolupi family
Sun. August 7 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, II Pro Populo Charles T. Pavlick, Jr. by Kate Suhrbier Karol Jones by Dan and Anna Jones Rita Margaret Lynch by Thomas Lynch

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Rom 8:12-17

Brethren: We are debtors, not to the flesh, that we should live according to the flesh, for if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the flesh, you will live. For whoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Now you have not received a spirit of bondage so as to be again in fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons, by virtue of which we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit Himself gives testimony to our spirit that we are sons of God. But if we are sons, we are heirs also: heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Luke 16:1-9

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: There was a certain rich man who had a steward, who was reported to him as squandering his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear of you? Make an accounting of your stewardship, for you can be steward no longer.' And the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do, seeing that my master is taking away the stewardship from me? To

dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I shall do, that when I am removed from my stewardship they may receive me into their houses.' And he summoned each of his master's debtors and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he said, 'A hundred jars of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bond and sit down at once and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred kors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bond and write eighty.' And the master commended the unjust steward, in that he had acted prudently; for the children of this world, in relation to their own generation, are more prudent than the children of the light. And I say to you, make friends for yourselves with the mammon of wickedness, so that when you fail they may receive you into the everlasting dwellings.



TODAY

Sunday, July 31

- Doughnut Social after 9am & 11am Masses in the Social Hall
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, August 1

- Legion of Mary—5:45pm
- Adult Inquiry Class—6pm-6:55pm
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, August 2

- Indulgence—Portiuncula

Friday, August 5

- First Friday

Saturday, August 6

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—after 9am Mass

Sunday, August 7

- Saint Lawrence Feast Day—Pontifical Orchestral High Mass—11am
- Parish Picnic—Noon-5pm at Roof Park, New Cumberland

Wednesday, August 10

- Saint Lawrence Feast Day—Sung Mass—7pm

Saturday, August 13

- Altar Boy Meeting—after 9am Mass

Sunday, August 14

- Young Adult Brunch—Squeaky Rail Diner in Enola, 1pm

Monday, August 15

- Solemnity of the Assumption—Sung Mass—7pm

Tuesday, August 16

- Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday Religious Education Academic Program: Registration for St. Lawrence's 2022-23 Religious Education Academic Program will begin next week, August 7, for any interested student from preschool (age 3) - high school. We are pleased to announce the addition of Sacramental Preparation classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please stop by the information table located outside today, July 31, after the morning Masses, to learn more and speak with alumni from our program.

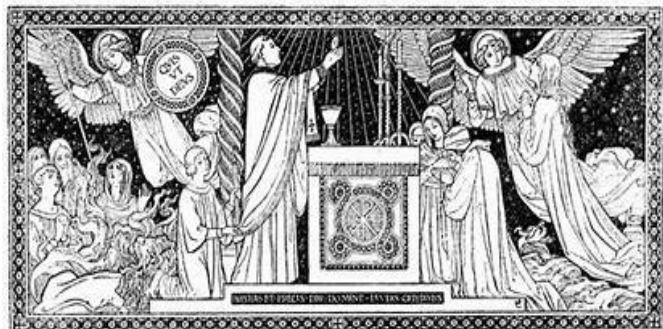
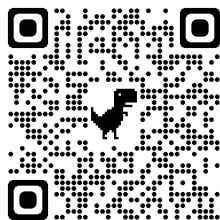
St. Lawrence Youth Group: Youth Group will NOT meet in August this year. Stay tuned for details regarding our next gathering Saturday, September 17 and mark your calendar to participate in PA March for Life, Monday, **September 19, 2022**. Thank you to Mrs. Dawn Forbeck for her dedication and continued support of Mater Dei Youth Group at St. Lawrence of Rome! Please offer a private prayer or other spiritual offering for Mrs. Forbeck's intentions. Questions?
Email: youthgroup@stlawrence.cc

Parish Picnic—Sunday, August 7 following Pontifical Orchestral High Mass. The parish Picnic will be held at Roof Park, 599 Lewisberry Rd., New Cumberland, Noon -5pm. We invite all parishioners to join us at the picnic to celebrate our Feast Day! A sign up genius link will be emailed to Parishioners this week. Please use the signup genius to volunteer at the picnic and to bring a dish to share. If you are a registered parishioner and are not on the email list, please contact the office at secretary@stlawrence.cc or use the QR code provided.

Volunteer Sign-up



RSVP / Dish Sign-up



Fr. Smith will be away today, Sunday July 31. He will be celebrating the Pro Populo while he is away.

Pontifical Orchestral High Mass and Parish Picnic— Sunday August 7: Bishop Gainer will preside over the Principle Mass at 11:00 am for the external solemnity of St. Lawrence's Feast day. To compliment the solemnity of the Feast, the Mass will be accompanied by an orchestra playing Joseph Haydn's Missa Brevis St. Joannis de Deo. This Mass setting also highlights the organ which will be played by Brian Myers,

FSSP Seminarian. It will be a joyous occasion and a great blessing to have our Bishop joining us for our Patron's Feast. Our Parish Picnic will follow immediately after the Mass (Noon until 5pm) at Roof Park, 599 Lewisberry Rd., New Cumberland.

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions are filled for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year. We currently are not accepting Mass intentions. We will resume taking Mass Intentions on October 1.

2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Our goal for 2022 is \$16,093.00. So far this year, parishioners have contributed \$11,210.00. If you would like to help St. Lawrence reach our goal, please contact Fr. Smith.

27th Annual Pilgrimage for Restoration: The Pilgrimage of Restoration will be held this year on September 23-25, 2022. Members of St. Lawrence are invited to participate! Fellow pilgrims, young and old, join in penance and in hope on the way to Our Lady's Shrine of Martyrs, Auriesville, New York. For more information about the Pilgrimage, visit: www.pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/modified-pilgrimage/.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: The Confraternity will meet after the 9am Saturday Mass each fourth Saturday of the month. The next regular scheduled meeting is this Saturday, August 27. We will begin the day with 8am Adoration followed by 9am Mass. The Meeting will be in the Social following the 9am Mass. For information email: mothers@stlawrence.cc



St. Catherine of Siena Young Adults' Group: For any young adults (ages 18-35) interested, St. Lawrence has a Young Adult Group which meets about three times a month for different events, including social events, charitable works, and Bible studies. Please email Fr. Cortes: assistant.pastor@stlawrence.cc for more information.

Congratulations to

**Nicholas and Ana Maria Julien on the
Baptism of their daughter Mary Lily Julien
June 23, 2022**



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 send photos of your new baby to include on our new Website!** Please notify us at contact@stlawrence.cc

Legion of Mary: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification:..." (First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians Chpt 4, vs 3). This is the goal of the Legion of Mary, to sanctify its members by actively bringing souls to Christ through the work of Our Lady. Please consider becoming an active member. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings on Mondays at 5:45pm. Contact Dan Jones at: legionofmary@stlawrence.cc for more information.

South Street Garage Parking: You are able to park for free on Sundays at South Street Garage. The procedure for using the garage is as follows: 1. Enter the garage using the Susquehanna Street entrance. 2. At the gate, take an entrance ticket. 3. Go to Mass and ask an usher for an exit voucher. (The exit voucher functions as your payment method). 4. When departing, use both the entrance ticket and the exit voucher at the departure gate. Any problems please notify Fr. Smith.

Processional Hymn O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt
secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is
sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal
home.

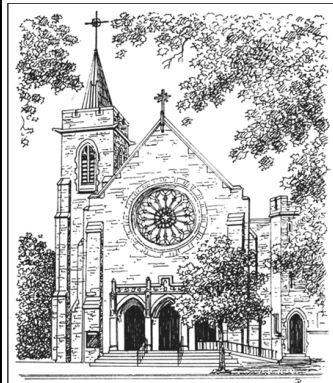
Sunday Collections Week of July 24, 2022

Offertory (July 24):	\$ 11,494.00
Online Giving (July 17-July 24):	\$ 2,610.00
Building Fund (July 3 - July 24)	\$ 6,708.00
Coffee Social (July 24)	\$ 35.00
Total:	\$ 20,847.00

*The Building Fund is reported once per month

Sunday Socials: Help still needed: Please consider helping with our Sunday Socials after the 9am and 11am Masses. The goal is to have many volunteers so that volunteers only have to do their duty once every month or two. If you can help please email: socials@stlawrence.cc.

Inquiry Class Reminder: If you are not Catholic and are interested in Catholicism, or if you know of anyone who is at all interested, we hold an Inquiry class every Monday at 6pm in the school building behind church. This is a no commitment class and all one needs to do is show up. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact the office at contact@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.

Recessional Hymn Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before
Thee! All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in Heav'n
above adore Thee; Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is
Thy reign. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy
reign.

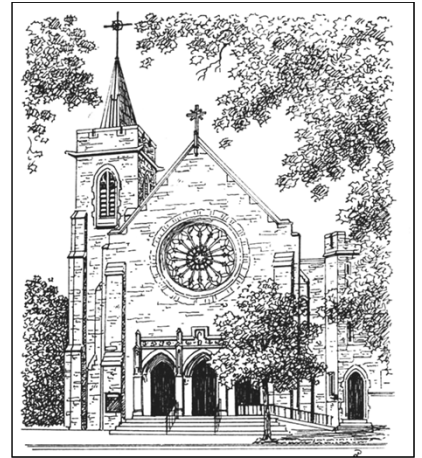
Hark! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy,
Lord. Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy,
Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.
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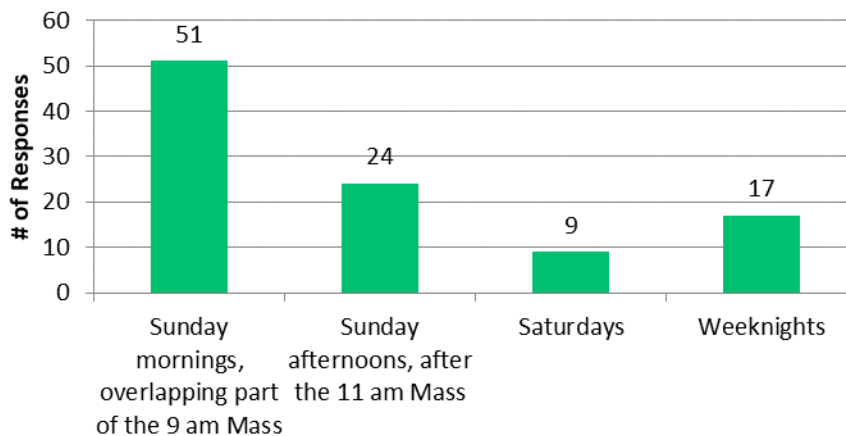
FROM YOUR PASTOR: UPDATE ON THE EXPANSION OF OUR CCD PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023

Thank you very much to the 111 people who responded to my survey last week regarding the future of our catechism program here at St. Lawrence. Special thanks to the many people who have volunteered to be involved in the dozens of jobs that the revised program will require. It is a very exciting time.

The most popular choice in the survey was to keep the catechism on Sunday morning (50 percent of the respondents indicated this as their preference), but there were also many people who preferred to have it Sunday afternoon (24 percent), on weeknights (17 percent), or on Saturday (9). I was surprised that the latter options had significant support, which shows how important it is to share ideas with each other (and the benefit of these surveys).



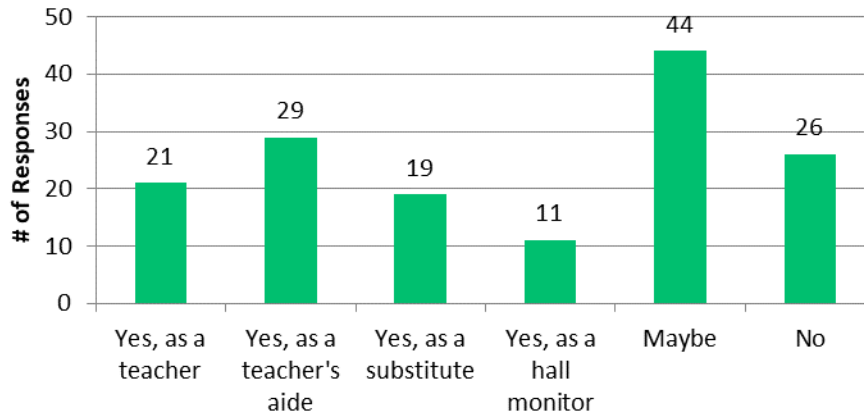
When would be the best time for a 1-hour catechism class?



Several people either spoke to me or emailed me and suggested to change the Mass times to avoid having catechism during the 9 am Mass, because they prefer to go to that Mass, or that is the only Mass that works for their family schedule. The most frequently mentioned suggestion was to move the 11 am Mass later, and keep catechism between these two Masses. Some also suggested moving the 7:30 am and 9 am Masses earlier to achieve the same goal.

I believe that if we move the early Mass earlier, or the later Mass later, that would push more people to the 9 am Mass, which until now has been very crowded. Indeed, something like this already happens during the academic year, as there are a significant number of families who prefer to go to the 7:30 am Mass, but during the academic year they must attend either the 9 am or 11 am Masses. When the academic year ends, the 7:30 am Mass grows significantly.

Would you be willing to volunteer in any capacity as part of the catechism (CCD) program?



By keeping catechism class on Sunday morning, we help people to save money and time by not requiring multiple trips to the church during the week, which weeknight or Saturday classes would do.

Recognizing also that for some people, the only option that works for them is to attend the 9 am Mass, I have decided to offer an additional option that would work for those families too. Indeed, we will offer two separate courses for the mandatory sacramental classes:

1. The main catechism program will be on Sunday morning during the 9 am Mass (the start time will be determined in the near future). This program will include First Communion and Confirmation, taught by our exceptional and experienced lay teachers.
2. In addition, as part of our Friday Religious Education program, we will also offer classes for both First Communion and Confirmation, taught by the priests.

This will provide two different options for families, and I hope that one of these options will meet the needs of all of our families who have children ready for First Communion and Confirmation.

For those of you who face difficulty with this change: I am very sorry that this solution is not the best one for your family. I hope you will trust that I have done my best to discern the wisest way forward on this, yet do not claim to have achieved that—it is just the best that I could come up with after many months of prayer and conversation with dozens of families. Let us continue to hold each other up in prayer, and please let me know what I might do to make this transition easier for you.