

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Home of the Mater Dei Community
Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter



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—11:45am (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

Terce: Wednesday, Friday; 8am

None: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 12noon

Vespers: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 5pm

Compline: 1st Friday, 7:00pm

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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 Sodality

Girls Age 8 - 14—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

Mater Dei Praesidium of The Legion of Mary

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

Meal Train

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

Prayer Chain

prayers@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group

18-35, Monthly—youngadults@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...Joelle Riethmil-

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sun. Jan 8 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, II**
 7:30am Natalie Fonticoba & Eric and Catherine Zeager by the Fonticoba Family
 9:00am Pro Populo
 11:00am For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass
 6:00pm For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass
- Mon. Jan. 9 Feria of Epiphany, IV**
 7:10am The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by the Fonticoba Family
- Tue. Jan. 10 Feria of Epiphany, IV**
 7:10am Jason Gudelski by Celine Gudelski
- Wed. Jan. 11 Feria of Epiphany, IV**
 6:15am +Mary O'Connor, TOCD by Janeann Kakalecz
 7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Stephen Jones
- Thu. Jan. 12 Feria of Epiphany, IV**
 7:10am +Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
- Fri. Jan. 13 The Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, II**
 7:10am +Margaret S. Perkinson by Rose Koufos
 6:30pm +Luis Fragelli by Joseph Yula
- Sat. Jan. 14 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor, III**
 9:00am +Albert Garcia by Michel Garcia
- Sun. Jan. 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany, II**
 7:30am Confraternity of St. Peter by Joseph Yula
 9:00am Pro Populo
 11:00am +Roarke Mitzel by Rose Koufos
 6:00pm +Nancy Faller by Mary Blair

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Col 3:12-17

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; unto that peace, indeed, you were called in one body. Show yourselves thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom teach and admonish one another by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing in your hearts to God by His grace. Whatever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Luke 2:42-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days,

when they were returning, the Boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it. But thinking that He was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished. And His Mother said to Him, Son, why have You done so to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and His Mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

TODAY

Sunday, January 8

- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Second Collection—Eastern Europe
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, January 9

- Feria of Epiphany
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, January 10

- Feria of Epiphany
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, January 11

- Feria of Epiphany

Thursday, January 12

- Feria of Epiphany

Friday, January 13

- The Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, January 14

- Altar Boys meeting after the 9am Mass
- Girls' Sodality meeting after the 9am Mass
- Adult Inquiry Class; 3:30pm

Sunday, January 15

- Second Sunday after Epiphany
- Young Adult Group Brunch—Squeaky Rail Diner, 1pm—Enola, Penn.
- Sunday Sports; 2:30pm

Monday, January 16

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, January 17

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm
- Knights of Columbus—6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS—Home blessings began on Friday Jan. 6, and will continue until Thursday, Jan.12.

Parishioners who signed up for their home to be blessed should have received notification regarding the day and time scheduled for the Priest's visit.

If you did not receive email notification about the scheduling of your home's blessing, please email: contact@stlawrence.cc.

During the priest's visit to the homes to be blessed this week, the priest will sprinkle and incense your house, and mark the front door (or doors) with chalk. This tradition commemorates the visitation of the three Magi to the Holy Family in Bethlehem. A priest visits the home, blessing each room (or at least, whichever rooms you would like him to bless) with Epiphany water and incense. The main entrance of the home is then marked with the initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and 20+C+M+B+23, the code of the current year (2023) connected with crosses. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi; and second, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*; "May Christ bless the house." Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the home, and that He abide with all those who dwell therein throughout the year.

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

"In Cathedral and other principal Churches, after the Gospel has been sung, the approaching Feast of Easter Sunday is solemnly announced to the people. This custom, which dates from the earliest ages of the Church, shows both the mysterious connection which unites the great Solemnities of the year one with another, and the importance the Faithful ought to attach to the celebration of that which is the greatest of all, and the center of all Religion. After having honored the King of the universe on the Epiphany, we shall have to celebrate him on the day which is now announced to us, as the conqueror of death. The following is the formula used for this solemn announcement:

"Know, dearly beloved Brethren, that by the mercy of God, as we have been rejoicing in the **Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**, so also do we announce unto you the joy of the Resurrection of the same our Saviour. **Septuagesima Sunday** will be on the 5th day of February. **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the fast of most **Holy Lent** will be on the 22nd of February. On the 9th of April we shall celebrate with joy the holy **Pasch of our Lord Jesus Christ**. The **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ** will be on the 18th of May. The **Feast of Pentecost** on the 28th of May. **The Feast of Corpus Christi** on the 8th of June. On the 3rd of December will occur the **First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ**, to whom are honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." From *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Guéranger.



Holy Name Society—Induction Ceremony today!

The Holy Name Society will celebrate its annual new member induction ceremony after the 11am Mass today; please note that all new Candidates and Novices must be present in order to become Professed Members of the Holy Name Society. Following the induction ceremony, we will host a Coffee Social Reception in the Parish Center at 112 State Street.

Openings in the St. Lawrence Choir—The choir has openings for additional dedicated volunteers (Soprano and Tenor) and one qualified Alto Section Leader. Members are expected to be available for Thursday evening rehearsals, Sunday 11am Masses from September to June, and for 1st Class Feast Days. Volunteers with previous choral experience are preferred, but those with strong desire may be considered at the discretion of the Music Director. Applicants for the Alto Section Leader Position must audition and demonstrate strong vocal musicianship. Please email all inquiries to Paul Thomas May at: music@stlawrence.cc.

St. Lawrence Pro-Life Committee—We thank the parishioners who have expressed interest in forming a Pro-Life Committee to address the needs of the community and to organize future events. If you are interested in joining, please email the Parish Office at: contact@stlawrence.cc.

March for Life buses—Friday, Jan. 20, 2023—Even with the blessing of Roe vs. Wade being overturned, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States is not finished. The goal of the National March for Life is not only to change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the American culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable. The National March for Life will continue until a culture of life is restored to the United States.

The Diocese of Harrisburg has seats available on local buses that will be taking participants to the March for Life. For the latest information and to register, please visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/march-for-life-bus-information/>

Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade—Day of Prayer—Monday, Jan. 23—Each year on Jan. 22, all dioceses within the United States are called to observe a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." Since Jan. 22, 2023, falls on a Sunday, the date will shift to Monday, Jan. 23, 2023. Resources are available from the USCCB to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

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: youngadults@stlawrence.cc for more information.

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 3:30pm in the 2nd floor conference room at our 112 State Street Parish Center. This is a no commitment class and all one needs to do is show up. If you have questions, you are welcome to email the office at: contact@stlawrence.cc.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James McGrain

United in the Sacrament of Marriage on January 7, 2023



Email Prayer Chain—If you are not currently on the Mater Dei prayer request email list and would like to be added, please email: prayers@stlawrence.cc. In this way, Parishioners can submit prayer intentions that we then share with everyone on the email list.

Processional Hymn Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and
Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned and lowly, lived on earth our
Savior holy.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he
grew;
he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us
he knew.
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our
gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re-
deeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heaven
above:
And he leads His children on, to the place where He is
gone.

Not in the poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand
on high,
Where like stars His children crowned all in white shall
wait around

Sunday Collections Week of January 1, 2023

Offertory (January 1):	\$ 22,126.00
Solemnity of Mary (January 1):	\$ 2,171.00
Online Giving (December 26-December 31):	\$ 4,834.00
Building Fund (December 1-December 31):	\$ 9,991.00
Total:	\$ 39,122.00

* The Building Fund is reported once per month

Legion of Mary—meeting time change effective Jan. 2023—In an effort to meet the needs of the active members who regularly attend its weekly Tuesday evening meetings, the Mater Dei Praesidium of the Legion of Mary will begin meeting at 6:30pm after the change of the year. We will also be moving our meeting location from the Church's Social Hall to our 112 State Street Parish Center. Guests are always welcome!

FSSP 2023 Liturgical Calendars—are now available for purchase @ \$17 each; please place your donations in the black metal box after purchasing one.

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: cotact@stlawrence.cc.

Recessional Hymn God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone
astray.
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by
name.
Refrain

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now em-
brace;
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth efface.
Refrain

