

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



November 19, 2023

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, 6:30pm

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, 5:30pm

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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Parish Office Hours: Monday—Friday; 8am to 11:30am; 1:30pm to 5:30pm; Saturday: 8am to 5pm

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

Ages 9-14—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

The Legion of Mary

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

Meal Train

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

Prayer Chain

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

Pro-Life Group

Monthly—prolife@stlawrence.cc..... Kris Keck

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc Dan Miccolupi

Tuesday Adoration

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

Young Adult Group

Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc..... Fr. Cortes

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov 19	Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, II
7:30am	+Robert & Dorothy Stanely by Jamison & Kelly Jones
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	Thanksgiving to the IHM for Spec. Inten. by Kevin Ritchie
6:00pm	Daniella Mimoso by Michael Mimoso
Mon. Nov 20	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor, III
7:10am	+Phillip Patterson by the Lakatos Family
Tue. Nov 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III
7:10am	Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Joseph & Hermina Cunningham
Wed. Nov 22	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, III
6:15am	+Priscilla Lauer by the Fonticoba Family
6:30pm	Ted Dunn by Dan Drumm
Thu. Nov 23	St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr, III
7:10am	Reilly Leonard by the Fonticoba Family
Fri. Nov 24	St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor, III
7:10am	Joe Mack by Friday HS Program
6:30pm	Edmund Joseph Washington by Dan & Lydia Miccolupi
Sat. Nov 25	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr, III
9:00am	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sun. Nov 26	Twenty-Forth & Last Sunday After Pentecost, II
7:30am	+Marie Winand by Alan & Tina Buseby
9:00am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mark Pitman
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Living & +Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary by Joseph & Hermina Cunningham

TODAY

Sunday, November 19

- Sunday Socials provided by Knights of Columbus
- CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm
- Sunday Sports—1:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, November 20

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Thursday, November 23

- Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 25

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, November 26

- No Sunday Socials

Sunday, December 3

- First Sunday of Advent Sunday
- Sunday Socials provided by Holy Name Society

Friday, December 8

- Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the BVM—Masses at 7:10am, noon, 6:30pm

Saturday, December 9

- Knights of the Altar—10am
- Girls' Sodality—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, December 17

- Advent Program at Civic Club of Harrisburg

Saturday, December 30

- Parish Christmas Party

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson 1 Thess. 1:2-10

Brethren: We give thanks to God always for you all, continually making a remembrance of you in our prayers; being mindful before God our Father of your work of faith, and labor, and charity, and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brethren, beloved of God, how you were chosen. For our Gospel was not delivered to you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much fullness, as indeed you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great tribulation, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became a pattern to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has been spread abroad, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we need say nothing further. For they themselves report concerning us how we entered among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to await from

heaven Jesus, His Son, Whom He raised from the dead, Who has delivered us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Matt 13:31-35

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the crowds: The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. This indeed is the smallest of all the seeds; but when it grows up it is larger than any herb and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in its branches. He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and buried in three measures of flour, until all of it was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and without parables he did not speak to them; that what was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, I will open My mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION CONTINUES—May God reward all of the parishioners who have taken up preparation for total consecration according to the method of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort. Of the 150 booklets we published, all were taken two Sundays ago, the first day of the 33-day preparation. For your information, the schedule for this week is as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 19: Day 15 (day 3 of the First Week)
Monday, Nov. 20: Day 16 (day 4 of the First Week)
Tuesday, Nov. 21: Day 17 (day 5 of the First Week)
Wednesday, Nov. 22: Day 18 (day 6 of the First Week)
Thursday, Nov. 23: Day 19 (day 7 of the First Week)
Friday, Nov. 24: Day 20 (day 1 of the Second Week)
Saturday, Nov. 25: Day 21 (day 2 of the Second Week)

DEC. 3 DEADLINE: BUS FOR DC MARCH FOR LIFE—St. Lawrence has reserved buses to go to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., in January. Seats are reserved on a first-come basis, but must be paid for by Dec. 3. On Friday, Jan. 19, Holy Mass will be at 7:10am at St. Lawrence, with buses departing Harrisburg Mall (3501 Paxton Street, Harrisburg) at 8:30am, and returning there around 8 pm. Park at the mall for free while on the trip. This will be an opportunity to defend the defenseless and to spend a joyful day with friends and others of like mind. Each seat on the bus costs \$50. For meals, please bring a lunch, and we will stop for dinner at a restaurant on the way back. Please register at <https://bit.ly/2024marchforlife> and pay via the donation link on the parish website. Please specify that it is for the National March and email your receipt to prolife@stlawrence.cc. Email prolife@stlawrence.cc for questions.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE—Thank you for making this year's Thanksgiving food drive for the Silence of Mary Home a success! Due to the generous donations of St. Lawrence parishioners, the Holy Name Society was able to deliver over 100 bags of groceries to this organization to distribute to those in need. May God richly reward you for your participation in this corporal work of mercy!

NEEDED: GRANT WRITER—If you have experience writing applications for grants, your parish could use your advice and help. Please write to Fr. Smith at pastor@stlawrence.cc.

DEC. 17: ADVENT DRAMA PROGRAM—Children of the Friday Religious Program will present a Sunday afternoon program at the Harrisburg Civic Club that includes the performance of a one-act play, *My Sister, Macrina*, based on the *Life of St. Macrina* by St. Gregory of Nyssa (335-395), and various musical numbers performed by the children. The evening will finish back at St. Lawrence for the first "O" antiphon at Vespers at 5pm.

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 Saturday 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.

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY—There is no better way to give thanks to God than to piously assist at Holy Mass. Indeed, the word *eucharist* means giving thanks. Therefore, since we know there will be no work for most of you this Thursday, come to Mass, give thanks, then go celebrate with your families. From Dom Gueranger: "Then the Priest says: *Sursum Corda!* lift up your hearts! The Priest requires that their hearts be detached from earthly thoughts, so that they may be directed on God alone; for the Prayer he is about to make is that of Thanksgiving. Admire how well placed is this Prayer here, for the Priest is on the point of accomplishing the Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, and this Sacrifice is verily for us the Instrument of Thanksgiving; it is the means whereby we are enabled to render back to God that which we owe him."

EXPANDING: ALTAR LINENS GUILD—We are seeking additional ladies to care for sacred fabrics used for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Divine Office. These include cloths used for the ceremonial handwashing in the sacristy as part of the vesting prayers and at the *Lavabo* during Mass; the three layers of cloths on the altar, the long white albs worn by priests while celebrating Mass; and the shorter white surplices worn by priests while reciting the Divine Office. Due to the great dignity of the acts in which the Church uses these fabrics, they must always be clean and beautiful. Ladies generally work two hours once a month and meet as a group every two to three months. Training is provided. Those intending to assist with this important work should attend our next group meeting: Saturday, January 6, 2024, following the High Mass in Parish Center Room 10. Questions may be directed to altarcloths@stlawrence.cc.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS—The Knights of Columbus will be selling *Keep Christ in Christmas* car magnets this year. Knights will be out front of the church after the Sunday Masses beginning Nov. 26 until December 24th while supplies last. The price per magnet is \$5. If you want to purchase one and are unable to meet out front please email Josh Logan at knights@stlawrence.cc to make other arrangements.

LAUNCHING: A FLOWER GUILD—As can be seen, we strive to make every aspect of the Holy Sacrifice perfect, insofar as it lies in our power, and this includes the beautiful work of preparing and arranging the flowers for the sanctuary. Since it is better to share this labor with a group, we hope to start a ladies' flower guild in the new year. If interested, please email flowers@stlawrence.cc.

FOBS FOR PARENTS WITH BABIES IN NEED—With the cold weather approaching and the limited space in the narthex we would like to offer an option for parents who take their babies outside to console them when they are under duress. The reception hall of the parish center (112 State Street) may now be utilized by families as an optional cry room, which is equipped with video and audio of the Mass. Of course, families who avail themselves of this are still able and encouraged to come receive Holy Communion. We would like to keep this room as a place dedicated to prayer even while tending to children. Tending to your children is its own prayer. During Mass, though, this room should not be a place for conversation. If you would like a fob, which provides access to the church and parish center, please email contact@stlawrence.cc.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Praise to the Holiest In the Height*, 922
Recessional hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*, 937
Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo III, 776

Antiphon after Offertory: *Ubi Caritas*, Chant harmonized by
Craig Kingsbury (b. 1952)
Communion Antiphon: *Amen, Dico Vobis*, John Mason

The chant *Ubi Caritas* is the 8th and final antiphon that is sung during the washing of feet on Holy Thursday. The text of the refrain is: *Where charity and love are, there is God*. The choir will sing the original Gregorian melody with a choral refrain harmonized by Craig Kingsbury.

This Sunday's setting of *Amen, Dico Vobis* is a world premier written by John Mason, a composer who is a member of the St. Lawrence Choir. The text of this antiphon is from Mark's Gospel 11:24: *Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done to you*. The antiphon is alternated with Psalm 130 and followed by a *Gloria Patri*.

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Holiest In the Height

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's Presence and His very Self,
And Essence all divine.

Sunday Collections Week of November 12, 2023

Offertory (November 12)	\$ 6,125.00
Online Giving (November 12)	4,401.00
Vestments (November 12)	289.00
Coffee Social (November 12)	122.00
Seminary Burse (November 6 - November 12)	<u>2,103.00</u>

Total: **\$ 13,040.00**

STATUS OF DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—As of now, we have raised \$11,712 of our diocesan assessment of \$17,702, which is 66 percent. Please keep in mind that 86 percent of the year has elapsed, which means that we are significantly behind on our diocesan contributions.

Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
in this world and next!

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns
with Them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God,
whom earth and Heaven adore;
For this it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.