

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 26, 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 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 of the Legion of Mary by Cunninghams
Mon. Nov 27	Feria, IV
7:10am	Robert & Pamela Kole 30th Anniversary
Tue. Nov 28	Feria, IV
7:10am	+Francis Mackin Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Wed. Nov 29	Feria, IV
6:15am	Marie Rose Ritchie by Kevin Ritche
6:30pm	+Kelly Kofalt by Doug & Kay Faber
Thu. Nov 30	St. Andrew, Apostle, II
7:10am	Beata Lakatos
Fri. Dec 1	Feria, IV
7:10am	Chris Sloane by HS Education Program
6:30pm	Ted Dunn by Dan Drumm
Sat. Dec 2	St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr, III
9:00am	+Deceased Members of the HNS by the HNS
Sun. Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	+Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP by Jamison & Kelly Jones
9:00am	Andrew Sloane
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Antonio Vigilante

TODAY

- No Sunday Socials
- No CCD today
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm

UPCOMING

Monday, November 27

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Saturday, December 2

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, December 3

- Sunday socials provided by Holy Name Society
- Sunday sports at YMCA—1:30pm

Friday, December 8

- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Feast of The Immaculate Conception—Masses at 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm

Saturday, December 9

- Rorate Mass—6:30 am
- Knights of the Altar—10am
- Girls' Sodality—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, December 17

- Sunday socials organized by the Knights of Columbus
- Sunday sports at YMCA—1:30pm

Saturday, December 30

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Parish Christmas Party

Sunday, December 31

- No regular Sunday Socials
- Adult Catechism — 12:45pm

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Col 1:9-14

Brethren: We have been praying for you unceasingly, asking that you may be filled with knowledge of God's will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. May you walk worthily of God and please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. May you be completely strengthened through His glorious power unto perfect patience and long-suffering; joyfully rendering thanks to God the Father, Who has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have our redemption, through His Blood, the remission of our sins.

Gospel Matt 24:15-35

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: When you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place - let him who reads understand - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. But woe to those who are with child, or have infants at the breast in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will be. And unless those days had

been shortened, no living creature would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Then if anyone say to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the desert,' do not go forth; 'Behold, He is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines even to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together. But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then will all tribes of the earth mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with great power and majesty. And He will send forth His angels with a trumpet and a great sound, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch is now tender, and the leaves break forth, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DEC. 30: CHRISTMAS PARTY—The annual parish Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 30, starting after the 9am Mass, with caroling in the Alma Magna (room 315 in the parish center) and ending with Vespers at 5pm. Parishioners are welcome to come and go as they please throughout the day. Please RSVP via this link <https://bit.ly/slc-christmas-23> and sign up if you are bringing food to share or can help.

FIRST AID KITS—In order to be prepared for emergencies, please note that the parish has two AED machines and about 10 first aid kits on site. There is one AED in the church, on the wall of the stairwell going up to the choir loft; the other is in the parish center on the wall by the parish office on the first floor. There are also first aid kits in every bathroom, both in the church and in the parish center. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of them as needed. When using icepacks or a substantial amount of any of the materials in the kits, please notify the parish office so that they can be restocked.

DOCTORS, NURSES, and EMTs—The parish has created an email group for doctors, nurses, and EMTs in order to be able to identify qualified people in event of an emergency, and so that Fr. Smith can consult this group for best practices. We request that you add yourselves to our email group by sending a message to medical+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc.

DEC. 30: WEEKLY POINSETTIA WATERING—The poinsettias in the church and parish center will need dead leaves pulled off and watering once a week, starting from Dec. 30 (for a few weeks). Please email christmasparty@stlawrence.cc if you are able to help keep our flowers healthy!

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.

FOBS FOR PARENTS WITH BABIES IN NEED—With colder 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. If you would like a fob, which provides access to the church and parish center, please email contact@stlawrence.cc.

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. 26: Day 22 (day 3 of the Second Week)
Monday, Nov. 27: Day 23 (day 4 of the Second Week)
Tuesday, Nov. 28: Day 24 (day 5 of the Second Week)
Wednesday, Nov. 29: Day 25 (day 6 of the Second Week)
Thursday, Nov. 30: Day 26 (day 7 of the Second Week)
Friday, Dec. 1: Day 27 (day 1 of the Third Week)
Saturday, Dec. 2: Day 28 (day 2 of the Third Week)

DEC. 2: FUNERAL FOR JOHN COSTELLO—Please come to pray for the soul of long-time parishioner John Costello (1935 to 2023) at his funeral on Dec. 2 at 12:30pm. Having served as an usher in the early days of the Mater Dei Latin Mass Community and been a member of the Holy Name Society, John died on Nov. 21.

DEC. 2: CCM SOLEMN RECEPTION—The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM) will solemnly receive new members at its specially scheduled monthly meeting. Any Catholic mother or would-be mother, from any parish in the area, is welcome to seek membership in CCM. To join, send a message to ccm+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc. For information, email mothers@stlawrence.cc.

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.

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.

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. 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. Questions may be directed to altarcloths@stlawrence.cc.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *O God, Almighty Father*, 877
Recessional hymn: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*, 881
Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo III, 776

Offertory Antiphon: *De Profundis*, Estêvão Lopes Morago
Communion Antiphon: *Amen, Dico Vobis*, John Mason

De Profundis is the Offertory Antiphon which repeats for the final Sundays after Pentecost. The text is from the beginning two verses of Psalm 129 and today's setting is composed by **Estêvão Lopes Morago**. One technique Morago employs is that each time a voice sings *clamavi* (*cry*) a neighboring voice sings the same phrase a little higher or stronger. Another intriguing aspect of the composition is how even though it does not use any melody from the Gregorian Antiphon, it is clearly in the same ancient melodic mode as the original chant.

Estêvão Lopes Morago (c.1575–c.1630) was a Spanish-born composer who studied, lived, worked and died in Portugal. He was a canon and choirmaster of Viseu Cathedral. Morago composed motets, responsories, psalms, *Magnificats*, and a *Requiem*. His work is considered to be highly innovative in the Iberian Peninsula.

Processional Hymn

O God, Almighty Father

O God, Almighty Father,
Thou Majesty divine,
All glory, laud and honor
Eternally be Thine.
O most holy Trinity,
Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God,
God Immortal, be adored.

Together with the Father
We praise His holy Son,
Through Jesus, Word Incarnate,
Was our Redemption won.
O most holy Trinity,
Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God,
God Immortal, be adored.

And God the Holy Spirit
Who dwells within the soul,
With truth and comfort guide us
To heav'n's eternal goal.
O most holy Trinity,
Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God,
God Immortal, be adored.

Sunday Collections Week of November 19, 2023

Offertory (November 19)	\$ 5,342.00
Vestments (November 19)	139.00
Online Giving (November 13 - November 19)	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 9,481.00

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.

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.
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.