

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



December 10, 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. Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass
9:00am	The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	+Holy Souls in Purgatory / Special Intention
Mon. Dec 11	St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor, III
7:10am	Romulus David Stine by the Vigilante Family
Tue. Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe, III
7:10am	Int. of Mary Mediatrix of All Graces by the Cunningham Family
Wed. Dec 13	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, III
6:15am	Maria Magdalena Carrizo by Jamison & Kelly Jones
6:30pm	Veronica Alice Healy
Thu. Dec 14	Feria of Advent, III
7:10am	Patrick Kauffman by the Fonticoba Family
Fri. Dec 15	Feria of Advent, III
7:10am	Marie Mackin by Joe and Joyce Mackin
6:30pm	Lucia Immaculata Carrizo by Jamison and Kelly Jones
Sat. Dec 16	St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr, III
9:00am	Protection of the Unborn
Sun. Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	+Mother Maria Louisa by Anthony DiSanto
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	Fr. John Killacky, FSSP
6:00pm	+Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Cunningham Family



TODAY

- Second Collection: Retired Religious Fund
- Sunday Socials organized by Young Adults Group
- CCD classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm

UPCOMING

Monday, December 11

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, December 12

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Saturday, December 16

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Confirmation students midterm exams

Sunday, December 17

- Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday
- Advent Program at Civic Club of Harrisburg
- Sunday Socials organized by Knights of Columbus
- CCD classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm
- Sunday Sports at YMCA—1:30pm

December 17 to December 24

- 'O' Antiphons at Vespers—5pm every night

Sunday, December 24

- No CCD classes
- Christmas Eve: regular Sunday Mass schedule
- 1st Vespers of Christmas—5pm
- Matins of Christmas—9pm
- Midnight Mass—12midnight

Monday, December 25

- Christmas Day
- Mass schedule: 12midnight, 7:30am, 9am, 11am
- Orchestral Mozart Mass—11am

Tuesday, December 26

- High Mass with induction ceremony for the Guild of St. Stephen—12:15pm

Saturday, December 30

- Parish Christmas Party

Monday, January 1

- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord—Masses at 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm

Saturday, January 6

- Feast of the Epiphany
- Installation of new officers of the Holy Name Society

January 6 to January 13

- Epiphany Blessings

Friday, January 19

- National March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sunday, January 28

- Septuagesima Sunday

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW THIS CHRISTMAS: MATINS—We are excited to announce that thanks to the hard work of our music directory and several singers in the parish, we will sing Matins of Christmas Day on Sunday, December 24, at 9pm.

NOTE: WEDNESDAY AM MASS TIME CHANGE—Effective in the new year, the time of the Wednesday morning Mass will be changed to 7:10am, which means that all of the morning Masses from Monday through Friday will all have the same time. The new weekday Mass schedule then will be: Monday through Friday: 7:10am; Saturday: 9am; Wednesday and Friday: 6:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST—We invite the children of the parish to participate in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest which is open to age groups: 5–7; 8–10; 11–14; and 15–18 (not yet a high school graduate). Competition rules: Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches, though the Council will not disqualify based on poster size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Judging: Posters will be given a 100-point system; Slogan=30 points; How clear is the theme? Visuals=30 points; Does the art convey this message beautifully? Overall Impact=40 points; Does it capture the viewer’s attention and reflection on the topic? Once judged, all artwork will be on display in the Aula Magna at 112 State Street and winners will be announced at the Parish Christmas Party on Dec. 30. Entries will be taken from Sunday, Dec. 3 and must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, Dec. 24.

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. Please RSVP via this link <https://bit.ly/slc-christmas-23> and sign up if you are bringing food to share or can help.

JAN 26-28: FSSP TRADITIONAL MEN’S RETREAT—The St Mary’s Holy Name Society (the FSSP’s church in Conshohocken, PA) is organizing the first annual Traditional Men’s silent retreat at Malvern Retreat House from the evening of Friday, January 26th, to the morning of Sunday, January 28th. Fr Portzer, FSSP will be the retreat master and will celebrate the traditional mass all three days. Please wear collared shirt and trouser, with jacket preferred, tie optional. Age Restriction: 18 and older. Cost: \$325 inclusive. Gratuity for dining staff is not included but encouraged and generally given in cash, at Sunday breakfast. RSVP to Ken Orner stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com to arrange registration and payment with him. Malvern Retreat House is located at: 315 S Warren Ave, Malvern, PA 19355. A schedule and more information will be provided to retreatants.

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. 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.

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.

MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES—Starting Feb. 9, 2024, and going until March 15, 2024, there will be a Marriage Preparation Class every Friday night at 7:30pm. This class is mandatory for any spring or summer marriages at St. Lawrence next year.

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. We hope to start a ladies’ flower guild in the new year. If interested, please email flowers@stlawrence.cc.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT: PENN STATE HARRISBURG—The Catholic Student Association is currently recruiting members for the spring semester. Join us for fun events, faith-based conversations, and community service projects. Please contact Jonathan Lerch at jal6636@psu.edu if interested.

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.

INQUIRY CLASS REMINDER—If you are interested in learning about Catholicism, 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.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Creator of the Stars of Night*, 799
Recessional hymn: *Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling*, 795
Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo IV, 780

Motet at Offertory: *Conditor Alme Siderum*, Guillaume Dufay
Communion Antiphon: *Jerusalem Surge*, Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517)

The Vespers hymn for Advent, *Conditor alme siderum*, dates to the 7th-century. It alludes both to Christ's coming at Christmas for our salvation, and to His final return in glory. Sunday's Mass will include the English chanted version for the procession and one of the earliest choral settings by **Guillaume Dufay**. Dufay's compositions often use the technique of *fauxbordon*, where the original melody is retained with some embellishment while the other voices harmonize in a fixed parallel structure.

Guillaume Dufay (c. 1397–1474) was a priest, composer, and music theorist of early Renaissance music, who is variously described as French or Franco-Flemish. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1428 and spent his life directing and composing for papal and cathedral choirs. Dufay was among the most influential composers of the fifteenth century, and his music was copied, distributed and sung everywhere that polyphony had taken root.

Processional Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesus, Savior of us all,
regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
as drew the world to evening tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own
that thou art Lord and King alone.

Sunday Collections Week of December 3, 2023

Offertory (December 3)	\$6,084.73
Coffee Social (December 3)	30.00
Vestments (December 3)	189.00
Online Giving (November 27 - December 3)	<u>5,845.00</u>
Total:	\$12,148.73

Recessional Hymn

Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

Hark, a herald voice is calling;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven:
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

So when next he comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honor, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While eternal ages run.