

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 17, 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 17	Third Sunday of Advent, I +Mother Maria Louisa by Anthony DiSanto 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm <i>Pro Populo</i> Fr. John Killacky, FSSP +Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Cunningham Family
Mon. Dec 18	Greater Feria of Advent, II 7:10am Trey Keating by the Fonticoba Family
Tue. Dec 19	Greater Feria of Advent, II 7:10am +Michael N. Serpiello by Michael & Barbara Serpiello
Wed. Dec 20	Ember Wednesday of Advent, II 6:15am 6:30pm Robert Carballo by Judith Boutin St. Jude Intentions
Thu. Dec 21	St. Thomas, Apostle, II 7:10am Ted Dunn by Dan Drumm
Fri. Dec 22	Ember Friday of Advent, II 7:10am 6:30pm Tobia Joseph Benedict Carrizo by Jamison & Kelly Jones Norbert A Winter by Charles & Mary Zambito
Sat. Dec 23	Ember Saturday of Advent, II 9:00am Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sun. Dec 24	Vigil of the Nativity, I 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm Rowan Kushla & Godparents Mark & Rachel Pitman +Susan C. Lawrence by Andrew B. Lawrence <i>Pro Populo</i> Rod Raver by Brenda Raver

TODAY: 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.

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.

LAUNCHING: A FLOWER GUILD—If you are you interested in the beautiful work of preparing and arranging the flowers for the sanctuary, please email flowers@stlawrence.cc.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST—The Knights are accepting submissions for the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest which is open to youth from ages 5 to 18 (if not yet a high school graduate). Details about the contest, including the \$320 of cash prizes, can be found at: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2023posters>. Posters must be turned in to the parish office by next Sunday, Dec 24.

TODAY

Sunday, December 17

- Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday
- First ‘O’ Antiphon: O Sapientia
- Advent Program at Civic Club of Harrisburg
- Sunday Socials organized by Knights of Columbus
- Second collection: Building fund
- CCD classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm
- Sunday Sports: Cancelled for the Advent Program

UPCOMING

December 17 to December 24

- ‘O’ Antiphons at Vespers—5pm every night

Monday, December 18

- Second ‘O’ Antiphon: O Adonai
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, December 19

- Third ‘O’ Antiphon: O Radix
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, December 20

- Fourth ‘O’ Antiphon: O Clavis

Thursday, December 21

- Fifth ‘O’ Antiphon: O Oriens

Friday, December 22

- Sixth ‘O’ Antiphon: O Rex

Saturday, December 23

- Seventh ‘O’ Antiphon: O Emmanuel
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, December 24

- No CCD classes nor adult catechism
- 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

Sunday, December 31

- Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
- No CCD classes
- Adult catechism—12:45pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday) AND CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday).

Sunday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Low Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 6pm

High Mass: 11am

1st Vespers Christmas, followed by Exposition, Benediction, and Low Mass: 5pm

Matins of Christmas: 9pm

Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas

Midnight Mass: 12midnight

Low Masses: 7:30am and 9am*

Orchestral Mozart Mass: 11am

2nd Vespers of Christmas, followed by Exposition and Benediction: 5pm

* Confessions will be offered before each Mass, but will be limited during these two Masses since both priests will be offering Masses. One will offer the public Mass while the other a private Mass. Along with All Souls Day, Mother Church allows a priest to offer three Masses on Christmas Day. In total, we will have six Masses said on Christmas, but only four will be public.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS AVAILABLE—For those who sign up, the priests plan to visit homes during the time of Epiphany to bring them the special blessing only available during that season. If you would like to be put on the list, please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2024epiphany>

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

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH ARCHIVES—The St. Lawrence archivist is looking for copies of bulletins associated with the Latin Mass and Mater Dei Community activities prior to September 2015. If you have any copies dating to this period of our history, please bring them in. We will scan them for the electronic archives and get the originals back to you. For coordination, please write to contact@stlawrence.cc.

CCD (SUNDAY CATECHISM) EXPANSION—The CCD Program at St. Lawrence has more than doubled in size over the past few years. With that development, the need has grown for more teachers, teacher aides, substitutes, admin assistants and hall monitors. If you are interested in assisting with Sunday Religious education program in any of these capacities, or you want to find out more information about getting involved, please contact dre@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.

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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS—The Knights of Columbus are selling *Keep Christ in Christmas* magnets. They are at the entrance of the church after Sunday morning Masses from Nov. 26 to Dec. 24, while supplies last. 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.

DEC. 20: ST. JUDE MASS INTENTIONS—Each month, we offer Holy Mass for the intentions shared with us as part of the parish devotion to St. Jude, the patron saint of lost causes, on the third Wednesdays. This month's intentions include the following prayer requests published in our weekly prayer intention email from Nov. 15 to Dec. 13.

Please pray for: +Joseph, +Joan, Christopher, +John, Janice, +Sr. Augustine, +Nancy, Peg, Chris, Audrey, +Sr. Phyllis, Sr. Catherine, Ron, Noah, Romulus, Lizzie, Billie, William, +Mary, Jack, +Fr. Buckley, and Bill.

Please also pray for: the health and conversion of the mother of a parishioner; parishioner's children who have left the Faith; the conversion of the family members of a parishioner; the grandchild of a parishioner, whose parents are delaying baptism; a family in the parish, who are looking for a new home, a parishioner who is struggling with severe depression; the son of a parishioner, who is experiencing work-related difficulties, the brother of a parishioner, who is battling an alcohol addiction; the sister of parishioner, whose husband is battling an alcohol addiction; the spiritual and physical well-being of a certain parishioner; a parishioner, who will be undergoing surgery; the friend of a parishioner, who had back surgery; and the son of a parishioner, who needs healing.

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 trousers, 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.

PART-TIME PARISH EMPLOYMENT—We will have a part-time opening at St. Lawrence in accounts early July 2024. Hours will be 8 to 16 hours per week, including Mondays. Duties will include submitting financial documents to the diocese, payroll, reviewing budget, etc. If this is an employment opportunity interests you, please contact Fr. Smith at pastor@stlawrence.cc.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Savior of the Nations Come*, 798

Recessional hymn: *On Jordan's Bank*, 800

Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo IV, 780

Offertory: *Ostende nobis Domine*, Nicholas Lemme (b. 1978)

Hymn during communion: *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*, Christoph Dalitz (b. 1993)

In 1935 Karl Ott published the *Offertoriale*, which is a book that provides verses for the offertory chants of Sundays and Feasts throughout the year which are not otherwise provided in schola chant scores. This Sunday, the offertory antiphon will be chanted and the verse is a new composition by **Nicholas Lemme** set for three part men's voices. Lemme's setting is anchored on two notes which are repeated often in the verse and droned as the original chant melody returns at the end. The text is from Psalm 84:8, "*Show us Lord, your mercy and grant us Thy salvation.*"

Nicholas Lemme (b. 1978) is a composer, singer, and professor of music based in Lincoln, NE. Mr. Lemme teaches sacred polyphony, and voice at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, FSSP, Denton, NE and holds the position of Choir Master at St. Francis of Assisi Oratory, Lincoln, NE.

Processional Hymn

Savior of the Nations Come

Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood;
by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous bright! O wondrous child
of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
still to be in heav'n enthroned.

From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell
High the song of triumph swell!

Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

Sunday Collections Week of December 10, 2023

Offertory (December 10)	\$7,129.00
Immaculate Conception (December 8)	2,266.00
Retired Religious Fund (December 10)	998.00
Coffee Social (December 10)	7.00
Vestments (December 10)	114.00
Online Giving (December 4 - December 10)	<u>4,985.00</u>

Total: **\$15,499.00**

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: FR. JAMES BUCKLEY, FSSP—

Father James Buckley was born in New York on November 29, 1937. Ordained a priest on July 5, 1965, for the Society of the Divine Savior, he devoted himself to education, taking on pastoral responsibilities in several American states, as well as five years in Tanzania. From 1987 to 1992, he tried to join the Fathers of Mercy, before joining the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, where he was permanently incorporated on November 1, 1997. After a period in our apostolate in Dallas, Texas, he taught fundamental theology and gave spiritual direction in our American seminary from 1994 to 2016. Since 2016, he had been serving in our apostolates in Texas. He died on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Recessional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and harken for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every soul from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
Prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, forevermore.