

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 3, 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 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
Mon. Dec 4	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III 7:10am +Pat Dennis by Tim Dennis
Tue. Dec 5	Feria of Advent, III 7:10am +Minna C. Lieto by Myong Lieto
Wed. Dec 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor, III 6:15am Living & +Deceased of AMQH by Cunninghams 6:30pm Mary Margaret Vahovious by Dan & Lydia Miccolupi
Thu. Dec 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III 7:10am Isabella Vargas by the Fonticoba Family
Fri. Dec 8	The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M., I 7:10am Matt Showers by HS Education Program 12:15pm +Rudolph Pierich & Anna Margaret Pierich 6:30pm +Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Sat. Dec 9	Feria of Advent, III 6:30am John Costello by Mater Dei Community 9:00am Fr. Cidrian Cortes by Elizabeth Kadar-Kallen
Sun. Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent, I 7:30am The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass 9:00am <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:00am The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass 6:00pm +Holy Souls in Purgatory/ Special Intention

MASS PROPERS HAVE MOVED—The Scripture readings of today’s Mass are now included in a separate handout, which includes the Scripture readings as well as other propers of the Mass, including the collects, gradual, alleluia, Communion, etc.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—The volunteers and I have processed almost 600 books at this point and it is easier to see the progress now if you visit. I still don’t want any donations for the time being, with two exceptions. One; we need books on philosophy or by philosophers. Two, we need quality children’s books. This includes board books for toddlers and babies. Please make sure anything you donate is in very good condition. Thank you all for your patience. I am going as fast as I can! As soon as I have an idea of when the library can open for lending, I will let you know!

TODAY

- Sunday Socials organized by Holy Name Society
- CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism — 12:45pm
- Sunday Sports at YMCA—1:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, December 4

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, December 5

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Friday, December 8

- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the BVM—Masses: 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 10

- Second Sunday of Advent
- Sunday Socials organized by Young Adults Group
- CCD classes
- Adult Catechism — 12:45pm

Saturday, December 16

- 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

Sunday, December 24

- Christmas Eve
- No CCD classes

Monday, December 25

- Christmas Day
- Orchestral Mozart Mass at 11am

Tuesday, December 26

- Induction Ceremony for Guild of St. Stephen

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

January 6 to January 13

- Epiphany Blessings

Friday, January 19

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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). Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age category. 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. 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. 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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—

Congratulations to the following who were inducted into the CCM yesterday: Brenda Asso-Gonzalez, Mary Blair, Johanna Byers-Pena, Judith Boutin, Caitlin Briscoe, Mary Ann Gaffney, Lauryn Healy, Ari Keck, Kim Lane, Cathy Martin, Sue Mason, Maribeth O’Hara, Gina Pitman, Maria Read, Mary Ann Schleihauf, Gina Sierra, Cheryl Strauser.

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.

DEADLINE TODAY: 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.

PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION CONTINUES—Our preparation for total consecration comes to an end this week, just in time for our consecration on Friday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Sunday, Dec. 3: Day 29 (day 3 of the Third Week)
Monday, Dec. 4: Day 30 (day 4 of the Third Week)
Tuesday, Dec. 5: Day 31 (day 5 of the Third Week)
Wednesday, Dec. 6: Day 32 (day 6 of the Third Week)
Thursday, Dec. 7: Day 33 (day 7 of the Third Week)

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.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Savior of the Nations Come*, 798
Recessional hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, 801
Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo IV, 780

Motet after Offertory: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, G.P. Palestrina
Communion antiphon: *Rorate Caeli De Super*, Christoph Dalitz
(b. 1967)

During Advent and Christmastide until February 2 the proper Marian antiphon sung at compline and for other occasions is *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. **G.P. Palestrina** set this text three times and this Sunday the choir will sing one version set for double choir. This motet is one of Palestrina's most famous aside from *Sicut Cervus* and *Jesu Rex*. The motet begins with the incipit from the simple chant and the full choir continues from "*redemptoris...*" Unlike his other settings, this composition is entirely original in melody and has a mostly homophonic texture. This means that the choir moves mostly together rhythmically instead of as individual voices.

G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594) is highly regarded for his contributions of Sacred Polyphony and development of counterpoint in the late 16th Century. In the post-Tridentine period he earned the reputation of the ideal Catholic composer for his success in reconciling the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music. Palestrina wrote over 105 Masses and 250 sacred motets in addition to many other works.

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.

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 November 26, 2023

Offertory (November 30)	\$5,342.00
Building Fund (October 23 - November 26)	7,391.00
Coffee Social (November 26)	61.00
Vestments (November 26)	49.00
Online Giving (October 23 - November 26)	<u>3,789.00</u>

Total: **\$16,632.00**

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN COMPLETE—Thank

you very much to all of the parishioners who contributed to the Diocesan Annual Campaign for 2023. Our assessment for this year was \$17,702, and you contributed \$19,547. The excess of \$1,845 will be returned by the diocese to our parish. Some have asked how much of their contributions to the parish go to the diocese. Actually none go to the diocese except for payments on our loan for purchasing the church. Some dioceses structure their finances so that each parish is taxed through a cathedraicum, but Harrisburg does not do that. Instead, the diocese assesses each parish an amount based on its income in previous years. This amount is paid on a voluntary basis through the Diocesan Annual Campaign. I am very grateful to those who have voluntarily stepped up to do this. It is a big help for our parish.

Each parish, however, is required to support the local diocesan high school, regardless of how many of its students attend. Last year, we were dispensed from this obligation, but this current fiscal year (FY24) our assessment is approximately \$55,000. That will come out of our regular budget, and it is part of our duty as citizens of the diocese, as Catholics in communion with the Holy See through our local bishop.

Recessional Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.