

# 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 31, 2023

## MASS TIMES

### Sunday:

7:30am	Low Mass
9:00am	Low Mass
11:00am	Sung Mass
6:00pm	Low Mass

Monday to Friday:	7:10am
Saturday:	9:00am
Wednesday and Friday:	6:30pm

## CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

## EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sunday: 5:30—5:50pm	Solemn with Benediction
Tuesday: 8—11:45am	Solemn with Benediction
Friday: 5:30—6:25pm	Simple Adoration except during Lent
Saturday: 8—8:45am	Solemn with Benediction

## MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

**St. Jude:** 3rd Wednesday, 5:30—7:30pm  
**Sacred Heart:** 1st Friday, 5:30—7:30pm

## DIVINE OFFICE

Chanted every day except Monday and Thursday.

**Terce:** 8am  
**None:** Noon  
**Vespers:** 5pm  
**Compline:** 7pm (1st Friday)

Terce and None are recited privately on Sunday.

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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](mailto:music@stlawrence.cc)..... Paul Thomas May

### Church Cleaning

*Rotates weekly*—[clean@stlawrence.cc](mailto:clean@stlawrence.cc) ..... Kristin Patterson

### Confraternity of Christian Mothers

*Monthly*—[mothers@stlawrence.cc](mailto:mothers@stlawrence.cc) ..... Stephanie Fonticoba

### Girls Sodality

*Ages 9-14*—[girlsodality@stlawrence.cc](mailto:girlsodality@stlawrence.cc)..... Rebecca Mack

### Holy Name Society

*Monthly*—[holyname@stlawrence.cc](mailto:holyname@stlawrence.cc)..... William Gabig

### Knights of the Altar

*Altar Servers*—[altarboys@stlawrence.cc](mailto:altarboys@stlawrence.cc)..... Ed Pitman

### Knights of Columbus

*Monthly*—[knights@stlawrence.cc](mailto:knights@stlawrence.cc)..... Josh Logan

### The Legion of Mary

*Weekly*—[legionofmary@stlawrence.cc](mailto:legionofmary@stlawrence.cc)..... Daniel Jones

### Meal Train

[mealtrain@stlawrence.cc](mailto:mealtrain@stlawrence.cc)..... Alyssa Showers

### Prayer Chain

[prayers@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prayers@stlawrence.cc)..... Fr. Cortes

### Pro-Life Group

*Monthly*—[prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc)..... Kris Keck

### St. Tarcisius

*Ages 5-12, Monthly*—[sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc](mailto:sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc) ..... Dan Miccolupi

### Tuesday Adoration

*Tuesdays 8-1pm*—[tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc](mailto:tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc)..... Amanda Healy

### Young Adult Group

*Ages 18-35, Monthly*—[youngadults@stlawrence.cc](mailto:youngadults@stlawrence.cc)..... Fr. Cortes

### Youth Group

*Ages 13-18, Monthly*—[yg@stlawrence.cc](mailto:yg@stlawrence.cc)..... Joelle Riethmiller

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Dec 31</b>	<b>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, II</b>
7:30am	Daniel and Anastasia Jones & Family by the Vigilante's
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	+LaDawanna Clancy by John & Mary Blair
6:00pm	Ed and Suzy Cottrill by David Wendell
<b>Mon. Jan 1</b>	<b>Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord, I</b>
7:10am	Mrs. Mary Belton by Thomas and Jennifer Lynch
12:15pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:30pm	FSSP by Daniel and Anastasia Jones
<b>Tue. Jan 2</b>	<b>Most Holy Name of Jesus, II</b>
7:10am	+Catherine Maria Moroz by Rachel Gabig
<b>Wed. Jan 3</b>	<b>Feria in Christmastide, IV</b>
6:15am	Joseph Mackin Sr. by Joe and Joyce Mackin
6:30pm	Fr. John Szada by Julianne Burke
<b>Thu. Jan 4</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow, III</b>
7:10am	+Fr. James Buckley, FSSP
<b>Fri. Jan 5</b>	<b>St. John Neumann, Bishop &amp; Confessor, III</b>
7:10am	Mr. Fred Shibler by St. Lawrence High School Students
6:30pm	+Francis Mackin Sr. by Joe and Joyce Mackin
<b>Sat. Jan 6</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord, I</b>
9:00am	Thanksgiving to IHM/Special Intention by Kevin Ritchie
<b>Sun. Jan 7</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, II</b>
7:30am	Grayson Robinson/Alex & Christine Barry by Barry Family
9:00am	Emma Riethmiller
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	+Holy Souls in Purgatory by Frank and Michelle Galushka

**HARRISBURG STREET EVANGELIZATION**—The downtown location of our parish sees many pedestrians most days, and especially on days of the city's festivals. If you are interested in learning more about cooperating with St. Paul Street Evangelization, please email the office at [contact@stlawrence.cc](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc). If there is enough interest, we will invite a representative of this organization to give a presentation. A one-minute video can be found here: <https://shorturl.ac/street>

**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](mailto:stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com) to arrange registration and payment with him.

## TODAY

- Plenary indulgence for reciting the *Te Deum*
- No CCD classes
- Adult catechism—12:45pm

## UPCOMING

### Monday, January 1

- Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord—Masses at 7:10am, 12:15pm (High Mass), 6:30pm
- *Veni Creator Spiritus* sung before each Mass—Plenary Indulgence

### Tuesday, January 2

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### January 2 to January 5

- Priests travelling to Nebraska

### January 4

- Funeral for Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, in Nebraska, and Requiem Mass at St. Lawrence

### January 5

- First Friday
- Blessing of Epiphany Water following Vespers, instead of Exposition

### Saturday, January 6

- Feast of the Epiphany
- First Saturday
- Installation of new officers of the Holy Name Society
- Organization of the Altar Linen guild

### January 6 to January 13

- Epiphany Blessings

### Friday, January 19

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

### Saturday, January 20

- Midterm Interviews for First Communion and First Penance

### Sunday, January 28

- Septuagesima Sunday

### Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday

### Sunday, February 18

- First Sunday in Lent

### Saturday, March 2

- Final Interviews for First Penance
- Final Interviews for Confirmation

### Saturday, March 16

- First Penance

### Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunday

### Sunday, April 14

- Confirmations

### Saturday, May 4

- Final Interviews for First Communion

### Sunday, June 2

- First Communion

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JAN. 2-5: PRIESTS TRAVELLING**—Frs. Smith and Cortes are scheduled to travel to Nebraska for the funeral of Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, and previously scheduled meetings. Fr. Joseph Tuscan, O.F.M. Cap., is to provide coverage through Thursday, and Fr. Johannes Smith, is to be here Friday morning. We are grateful for their help, as always.

**JAN. 4: FR. BUCKLEY REQUIEM MASS**—We will offer a Requiem Mass here at St. Lawrence for Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, on Thursday morning, the day of his burial in Nebraska. Please join us in praying for Fr. Buckley, who generously spent his life in faithful service to the Church and the FSSP.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**—Catholic men 18-years old and older are invited to join the St. Lawrence Holy Name Society. Information about this traditional confraternity can be found at [www.nahns.com](http://www.nahns.com). All eligible men are encouraged to consider this spiritual and social opportunity. Men interested or needing information about the activities of the Society may approach a member at a table located in the narthex after all Sunday Masses today. The Society will host a new member induction ceremony after the 9am Mass on Saturday, Jan. 6. If you have any questions, you may also email Mr. William Gabig at [holynamesociety@stlawrence.cc](mailto:holynamesociety@stlawrence.cc).

**DIVINE OFFICE: TERCE**—Starting in the new year, the priests will recite the Office of Terce together at 8am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, Terce will be recited immediately after Exposition and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will then begin at 7:55am on Tuesdays and Saturdays so Terce can be recited at 8am. When the Divine Office is recited in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, all remain standing.

**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.

**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](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc).

**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.

**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](mailto:dre@stlawrence.cc).

**BP. SENIOR LATIN MASS DECREE**—Bishop Senior has published a decree detailing his implementation of Pope Francis's 2021 instruction regulating the Traditional Latin Mass, *Traditionis Custodes*. In short, Bp. Senior has confirmed the status of St. Lawrence as a place where the Faithful may enjoy parish life with all of the traditional forms of the sacraments and a traditional liturgical life as well as being fully integrated with the diocese and in communion with the Holy See. Bp. Senior cited a special decree issued by Pope Francis (Feb. 11, 2022) for the FSSP in which the Holy Father confirmed the right of the FSSP to use the traditional books. This decree of the Holy Father can be found here: <https://bit.ly/fssp-decree>. The section of Bp. Senior's decree for the Diocese of Harrisburg relevant to St. Lawrence, says:

The *Mater Dei* Latin Mass Community was canonically erected by Bishop Kevin Rhoades on December 2, 2007, as a public diocesan association of the Christian faithful (c. 312, §1, 39), with juridic personality (c. 313). The community, since established as Saint Lawrence of Rome Quasi-Parish by my predecessor (c. 516), continues to celebrate Holy Mass according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 at Saint Lawrence Chapel, Harrisburg. While entrusted to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP), this community enjoys the special permission granted by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to celebrate all of the sacraments and its liturgical life according to the antecedent form.

We are very grateful to Bp. Senior for his pastoral care for the people of St. Lawrence Church, and we likewise remain very grateful to our Holy Father for the special decree granted to the FSSP. The full text of Bp. Senior's decree should be available on the website of the Diocese of Harrisburg shortly. It goes into effect tomorrow, Jan. 1, 2024. The priests at St. Lawrence remain available to assist any of the Faithful from other parishes who might be affected by this change.

**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](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PLENARY INDULGENCE**—A plenary indulgence is granted to all those who publicly recite the *Te Deum* on December 31st (*Ench. Ind.* 26). It is an ancient custom of the Church to sing the *Te Deum*, a hymn of thanksgiving, on New Year's Eve, to thank God for all of the blessings received over the course of the preceding year. We will recite the *Te Deum* after all the Masses.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY PLENARY INDULGENCE**—A plenary indulgence is granted to all those who publicly recite the *Veni Creator* on January 1st (*Ench. Ind.* 26). This hymn calls on the Holy Ghost's guidance, protection, and blessing for the start of the new year. We will recite the *Veni Creator* after each of the Masses.

## Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*, 807

Recessional hymn: *Angels We Have Heard On High*, 812

Credo IV, 780

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Te Deum*, Simple Tone (music for this hymn is found in the back of the church)

Kyriale: *Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus*, a5, Cristóbal de Morales

Offertory motet: *O Magnum Mysterium*, Johann Stadlmayr (c. 1580–1648)

Communion motet: *Quaeramus cum pastoribus*, Jean Mouton (c.1459–1522)

The Kyriale offered by the choir for the Christmas season is one composed by **Cristóbal de Morales** and is a parody Mass based off of the motet sung at communion by Jean Mouton. The text for *Quaeramus cum pastoribus* is of uncertain origin, apparently first being used by Mouton. This setting became so popular it has been found not only in the Vatican and throughout Europe, but even in Guatemalan churches.

**Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553)** was an organist and composer regarded as the first Spanish composer of international renown. He sang and composed for the Papal choir in Rome for which he wrote many Mass settings. His compositions consist almost entirely of sacred vocal motets.

### Processional Hymn

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

*Refrain:*

O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

*Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth efface.

*Refrain*

## Sunday Collections Week of December 24, 2023

Offertory (December 24)	\$6,349.00
Online Giving (December 18 - December 24)	4,282.00
Vestments (December 24)	69.00
Christmas (December 25)	<u>7,551.00</u>

**Total:** **\$18,251.00**

\*The Building Fund is reported once per month

**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](mailto:medical+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc).

### Recessional Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing over the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

*Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*