

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Home of the Mater Dei Community  
Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter



## 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](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 8 -14*—[girlssodality@stlawrence.cc](mailto:girlssodality@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

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### Meal Train

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

### Prayer Chain

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### Young Adult Group

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

### 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

### Youth Group

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Sun. Mar. 12** **Third Sunday of Lent, I**  
 7:30am For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass  
 9:00am Sr. Phyllis Simmons by Kevin Kelly  
 11:00am Pro Populo  
 6:00pm For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass
- Mon. Mar. 13** **Feria of Lent, III**  
 7:10am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Renda Family
- Tue. Mar. 14** **Feria of Lent, III**  
 7:10am +Thomas Bowman
- Wed. Mar. 15** **Feria of Lent, III**  
 6:15am Fraternity of St. Peter by Matthew Pitman  
 6:30pm Agnes Serpiello by Daniel & Lydia Miccolupi
- Thu. Mar. 16** **Feria of Lent, III**  
 7:10am +Francis Mackin Snr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
- Fri. Mar. 17** **Feria of Lent, III**  
 7:10am +Mary Larkins by Matthew Pitman  
 6:30pm Ana Rizo-Lakatos by Samuel Jones
- Sat. Mar. 18** **Feria of Lent, III**  
 9:00am Protection of the Unborn
- Sun. Mar. 19** **Fourth Sunday of Lent, I**  
 7:30am Joy Glancy by Fonticoba Family  
 9:00am Pro Populo  
 11:00am +Agnes Serpiello by Daniel & Lydia Miccolupi  
 6:00pm +Karen MacKay by Kevin Stover

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

### *Lesson Eph 5:1-9*

Brethren: Be imitators of God, as very dear children and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and delivered Himself up for us an offering and a sacrifice to God to ascend in fragrant odor. But immorality and every uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becomes saints; or obscenity or foolish talk or scurrility, which are out of place; but rather thanksgiving. For know this and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous one - for that is idolatry - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one lead you astray with empty words; for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience. Do not, then, become partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk, then, as children of light, for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth.

### *Gospel Luke 11:14-28*

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb; and when He had cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke. And the crowds marveled. But some of them said, By Beelzebub, the prince of devils, He casts out devils. And others, to test Him, demanded from Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desola-

tion, and house will fall upon house. If, then, Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that I cast out devils by Beelzebub. Now, if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When the strong man, fully armed, guards his courtyard, his property is undisturbed. But if a stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he will take away all his weapons that he relied upon, and will divide his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he roams through waterless places in search of rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house which I left.' And when he has come to it, he finds the place swept. Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. Now it came to pass as He was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to Him, Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts that nursed You. But He said, Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

## TODAY

### Sunday, March 12

- Daylight Savings Time begins
- Sunday Social—after all morning Masses

## UPCOMING

### Monday, March 13

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

### Tuesday, March 14

- Legion of Mary meeting—6:30pm

### Wednesday, March 15

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

### Friday, March 17

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm
- Feast of St. Patrick—6:30pm Mass

### Saturday, March 18

- Youth Group meeting—6pm
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

### Sunday, March 19

- *Laetare* Sunday
- Sunday Social—after all morning Masses
- Young Adult Group Brunch—Squeaky Rail Diner; Enola, Penn.—1pm
- Sunday Sports

### Monday, March 20

- St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM—6:30pm Mass

### Saturday, March 25

- Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

### Sunday, March 26

- Passion Sunday

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mar. 20: Traditional St. Joseph Table**—This popular devotion in honor of St. Joseph will be arranged in the reception hall of the parish center. Please visit after the 6:30pm High Mass on Mar. 20 (the feast is moved by one day because it falls on a Sunday). The tradition of the “St. Joseph Table” (“*la tavola di San Giuseppe*”) has its origin in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer-devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. This celebration is a symbolic “thank you” and renewal of the Sicilian people’s devotion to Saint Joseph. To participate, please drop off your bread inside the wooden doors of 112 State St. before the 6:30pm High Mass.

**New Votive Candles for St. Joseph**—Also in honor of St. Joseph, we will be making candles available on Mar. 19 to be burned before his altar as votive offerings. These specific candles will normally be stubs from the candles burned on the high altar for Mass. Rather than waste these candles by recycling them with several inches remaining, and rather than burning them all the way down at the altar for Mass (that can get messy), we provide these stubs for you to offer for your own private intentions. We invite you to make a donation to cover the cost of these candles, and to burn them beside the altar of St. Joseph. For your information, for the past several months, we have been burning candles on the altars that are made of 100 percent beeswax (previously we burned 51 percent beeswax), which is a precious substance required for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and deep in its religious symbolism. Once these beeswax stubs have burned all of the way down, we will then take the small bit that remains, collect them, then send them back to be recycled into new candles. In this way, we will try to avoid wasting any of this wonderful substance made by the bees.

**Update on matching gift for new parish library:** Thanks to two generous donations last Sunday, totaling \$1,650, we now only need \$8,350 to meet the matching gift goal of \$10,000. If we meet that goal, an anonymous benefactor will donate an additional \$20,000. The funds will go towards the construction of a new parish library, which is expected to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and the additional will go toward buying more books. To contribute, please mark your contributions “For the Library.”

**Friday Fish Fries in Lent continues**—The Knights of Columbus’ Fish Fry is every Friday in Lent from 6:15pm to 8pm. When placing your orders, please indicate whether or not you wish to have your meal ready after Stations of the Cross so that it will be done in time for you. \$10 buys a plate with Fried Fish, French Fries, Mac and Cheese, and Salad. To-go options are available and can be scheduled in advance.

**Mar. 17: 6:30pm Mass** for the Feast of St. Patrick, the principal patron of the Diocese of Harrisburg and of the Diocesan Cathedral which places this feast day in a unique and important relationship to the Church of Harrisburg. As such, Bishop Gainer has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on this day. It is not required that Catholics make use of this dispensation; those who voluntarily choose to avail themselves of this dispensation are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

**New sign for St. Lawrence**—St. Lawrence now has a new sign hanging on the front of the church. This sign replaces its predecessor which needed to be updated with the latest details of parish life, including information about the Divine Office, updated scheduling of Mass and Adoration, and details of the parish’s business office hours, which are now finally published, enabling parishioners to stop by unannounced to take care of any of their parish business. The success of this project is thanks to the hard work of Melissa Roma and others; and it’s amazing how much detail and work are involved in the process! We encourage parishioners to download a copy of the new sign that is available on our website, and post it on their refrigerators.

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**St. Lawrence’s new registration database**—With the launch of our new website, we are also offering parishioners the opportunity to manage their own family’s parish registration record, helping us to have the most up-to-date information that you would like us to have.

This software is called ParishSOFT with a Family Suite module that we will use to keep Family records current. Please feel free to create a login for yourself, and update your information to the extent you can. The system generates notifications of changes to records which we will check with our records to confirm that the records match, then send you an email confirmation, giving you access to your account. Once you have received the confirmation, you can set a password for yourself, review your family’s records, correct any errors and update it with any new information going forward.

From the home page on our website, click on the “Get Involved” header, select “Parish Registration,” then click the “Register online” option which will take you to ParishSOFT registration where you must select “St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Harrisburg” in the drop-down menu options for your Organization.

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**Mar. 17: St. Lawrence’s Young Adult Group** will host a St. Patrick’s Day party on Friday, Mar. 17 from 7:30pm to 9pm.

**Mar. 14: Catholic War Veterans Post 707** meeting cancelled—due to participation in the Harrisburg St. Patrick’s Day parade. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 PM in the Saint Lawrence Parish Center. Prospective members may contact post commander Bob DeSousa at [cptjag@yahoo.com](mailto:cptjag@yahoo.com) or (717) 648-8317. The St. Patrick’s Day parade in Harrisburg is Saturday, the day after St. Patrick’s Day. Members of Post 707 will meet at the Cathedral for Mass at 10:30 and then proceed to City Island to participate in the parade. Prospective members are welcome to join us in the parade!

**Apr. 9 to Apr. 16—Octave of Easter:** We are looking for volunteers to maintain/water the Easter Flowers in the church during the Octave of Easter. Parishioners who are interested in helping can email [secretary@stlawrence.cc](mailto:secretary@stlawrence.cc).

## Banns of Marriage



### James McNinney and Elisa Hall

Be it known to all here present that James McNinney, son of James and Jacqueline McNinney, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, Harrisburg, Penn.; and Elisa Hall of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, Harrisburg, Penn., daughter of James and Laura Hall of Lynchburg, Va.; intend to be united in holy matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if any of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent their marrying, whether it be an impediment of blood relationship, relationship through marriage, spiritual relationship, or of any other kind, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or bishop as soon as possible. This is the second publication of the banns.

### Holy Week Schedule—Parish's business office

The office will be open Monday to Wednesday, Apr. 3 to Apr. 5, and Saturday Apr. 8; it will be closed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Apr. 6 and Apr. 7.

**Apr. 7:** Parking is free in Harrisburg on Good Friday.

### Processional Hymn

*Jesus, Meek and Lowly*

Jesus, meek and lowly,  
Savior, pure and holy,  
On thy Love relying  
Come I to Thee flying.

Prince of life and power,  
My salvation's tower,  
On the cross I view Thee  
Calling sinners to Thee.

There behold me gazing  
At the sight amazing;  
Bending low before Thee  
Helpless I adore Thee.

See the red wounds streaming,  
With Christ's life-blood gleaming,  
Blood for sinners flowing  
Pardon free bestowing.

Fountain rich in blessing,  
Christ's fond love expressing,  
Thou my aching sadness  
Turnest in to gladness.

Lord, in mercy  
Guide me, Be Thou e'er beside me;  
In Thy ways direct me;  
'Neath Thy wings protect me.

## Sunday Collections

### Week of March 5, 2023

Offertory (March 5)	\$ 10,635.69
Online Giving (Feb. 27 - Mar. 5)	\$ 7,632.00
Building Fund (Feb. 1 - Feb. 28)	\$ <u>8,025.00</u>

**Total:** \$ **26,292.69**

\* The Building Fund is reported once per month

### Holy Week Mass Schedule for 2023

#### Palm Sunday April 2

Regular Sunday Schedule for Low Masses  
High Mass with blessing of palms and procession, 11am

#### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 3, 4, 5

Regular Schedule for Low Masses

#### Maundy Thursday April 6

High Mass 6:30pm followed by All Night Adoration

#### Good Friday April 7

Solemn Liturgy 3pm

#### Holy Saturday April 8

Easter Vigil 8pm

#### Easter Sunday April 9

Low Masses 7:30am, & 9:00am  
High Mass 11am with orchestra playing Mozart's *Missa Brevis in D Minor, K. 65*  
No 6:00pm Mass

### Recessional Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins  
And close by Thee to stay

As Thou with Satan didst contend,  
And didst the vic'try win,  
O give us strength in Thee to fight,  
In Thee to conquer sin.

As Thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live,  
By Thy most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence,  
And through Thy passion tide  
Yea, evermore in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life  
Of suffering over past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last.