

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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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 8 -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

Young Adult Group

Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc..... Fr. Cortes

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc.....Dan Miccolupi

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8-1pm—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc...Amanda Healy

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc.....Joelle Riethmiller

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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
- Mon. Mar. 20** **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I**
 7:10am +Louis Larkins by Matthew Pitman
 6:30pm +Evan Kodas by Chase & Brandi Defelice
- Tue. Mar. 21** **Feria of Lent, III**
 7:10am Marie Rose Ritchie by Kevin Ritchie
- Wed. Mar. 22** **Feria of Lent, III**
 6:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Renda Family
 6:30pm Tim Dennis
- Thu. Mar. 23** **Feria of Lent, III**
 7:10am +Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
- Fri. Mar. 24** **Feria of Lent, III**
 7:10am The Lynch Family by Samuel Jones
 6:30pm +George Kelly by Kevin Kelly
- Sat. Mar. 25** **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I**
 9:00am Br. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, O.P. by Paul Thomas May
- Sun. Mar. 26** **Passion Sunday, I**
 7:30am Christina Stoner by Bev O'Neill
 9:00am +Michael A. Jurosky by Jane Jurosky
 11:00am Pro Populo
 6:00pm +Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Gal 4:22-31

Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by a slave-girl and the other by a free woman. And the son of the slave-girl was born according to the flesh, but the son of the free woman in virtue of the promise. This said by way of allegory. For these are the two covenants: one indeed from Mount Sinai bringing forth children unto bondage, which is Agar. For Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and is in slavery with her children. But that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written, Rejoice, O barren one, that do not bear; break forth and cry, you that do not travail; for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that has a husband. Now we, brethren, are the children of the promise, as Isaac was. But as then he who was born according to the flesh, persecuted him who was born according to the spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? Cast out the slave-girl and her son, for the son of the slave-girl shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. Therefore, brethren, we are not children of a slave-girl, but of the free woman - in virtue of the freedom wherewith Christ has made us free.

Gospel John 6:1-15

At that time, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias. And there followed Him a great crowd, because they witnessed the signs He worked on those who were

sick. Jesus therefore went up the mountain, and sat there with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. When, therefore, Jesus had lifted up His eyes and seen that a very great crowd had come to Him, He said to Philip, Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? But He said this to try him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, that each one may receive a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Him, There is a young boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many? Jesus then said, Make the people recline. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore reclined, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, distributed them to those reclining; and likewise the fishes, as much as they wished. But when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather the fragments that are left over, lest they be wasted. They therefore gathered them up; and they filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. When the people, therefore, had seen the sign which Jesus had worked, they said, This is indeed the Prophet Who is to come into the world. So when Jesus perceived that they would come to take Him by force and make Him king He fled again to the mountain, Himself alone.

TODAY

Sunday, March 19

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

UPCOMING

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

- Knights of Columbus meeting—6:30pm
- Legion of Mary meeting—6:30pm

Saturday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 26

- Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 2

- Palm Sunday

Monday, April 3 to Saturday April 8

- Holy Week
- *Triduum—Tenebrae—7am; Apr. 6, 7, 8*

Sunday, April 9

- Easter Sunday—11am Sung Mass—Mozart's *Misa Brevis in D Minor K65*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar. 25: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lent

This is a great day, not only to man, but even to God Himself; for it is the anniversary of the most solemn event that time has ever witnessed. On this day, the divine Word, by whom the Father created the world, was made flesh in the womb of a virgin, and dwelt among us. We must spend it in joy. Whilst we adore the Son of God who humbled Himself by thus becoming Man, let us give thanks to the Father, who so loved the world, as to give His only-begotten Son; let us give thanks to the Holy Ghost, whose almighty power achieves the great mystery. We are in the very midst of Lent, and yet the ineffable joys of Christmas are upon us: our Emmanuel is conceived on this day, and, nine months hence, will be born in Bethlehem, and the angels will invite us to come and honour the sweet Babe.

Mary has heard the angel's explanation of the mystery; the will of heaven is made known to her, and how grand an honour it is to bring upon her! She, the humble maid of Nazareth, is to have the ineffable happiness of becoming the Mother of God, and yet the treasure of her virginity is to be left to her! Mary bows down before this sovereign will, and says to the heavenly messenger: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word. This sublime mystery puts between the eternal Word and a mere woman the relations of Son and Mother; it gives to the almighty God a means whereby He may, in a manner worthy of His majesty, triumph over Satan, who hitherto seemed to have prevailed against the divine plan.

— From *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Guéranger

Mar. 26: Passion Sunday—After having proposed the forty-days' fast of Jesus in the desert to the meditation of the faithful during the first four weeks of Lent, the holy Church gives the two weeks which still remain before Easter to the commemoration of the Passion. She would not have her children come to that great day of the immolation of the Lamb, without having prepared for it by compassionating with Him in the sufferings He endured in their stead. The Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide. Inspired by the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church veils sacred images in the sanctuary and chapel the evening before Passion Sunday.

We read, "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple." (John 8:59). In an effort to unite all of our senses to this mystery, where Christ hid himself from those who would stone Him when it was not yet His time, we "hide" our sacred images and statues with purple cloth. The statues remain covered until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, and the unveiling signifies Christ's revealing His Risen nature and victory to all. Please note that for practical reasons, we will not be veiling the large Crucifix hanging in the sanctuary.



Seminary Burse Collection—We thank parishioners who donated \$2,721 during the last quarter of 2022 and which we sent to Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska, to support fellow parishioner Andrew Sloane, a first-year seminarian. We received a note of thanks from Andrew in which he expressed his gratitude:

"Yesterday I received notice of the seminary burse funds that you sent to the seminary in my name. That came as quite a surprise when I saw that in my box! I would like to extend my deepest thanks to both you and the parish for supporting me. If you are able, please let the parishioners know that I am very grateful for their donation."

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 tomorrow (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—Additionally, in honor of St. Joseph, we will be making candles available today, 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.

Apr. 2 and Apr. 9: CCD Classes cancelled for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Apr. 7 and Apr. 14: Friday Religious Education Classes cancelled for Good Friday and the Octave of Easter.

Update on matching gift for new parish library: Thanks to six generous donations last Sunday, totaling \$3,650, that makes our total received to date \$5,300, we now only need \$4,700 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."

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 third publication of the banns.

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.

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.

Processional Hymn

O Kind Creator, Bow Thine Ear

O Kind Creator, bow Thine ear
To mark the cry, to know the tear
Before Thy throne of mercy spent
In this Thy holy fast of Lent

Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee:
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek Thy face
Abundance of Thy pard'ning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;
And for all honor of Thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs
From abstinence in outward things,
That fasting inward secretly
The soul may purely dwell with Thee.

We pray Thee, Holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence.

Sunday Collections

Week of March 12, 2023

Offertory (March 12)	\$ 8,220.00
Catholic Relief Services (Mar.12)	\$ 166.00
Online Giving (Mar.6 - Mar.12)	\$ <u>2,942.00</u>

Total: \$ **11,328.00**

* The Building Fund is reported once per month

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

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

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious,
Christ the Son of God.

Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

Each newborn soldier of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain