

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..... 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. 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
- Mon. Mar. 27** **Monday of Passion Week, III**
 7:10am The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by The Kole Family
- Tue. Mar. 28** **Tuesday of Passion Week, III**
 7:10am Thanksgiving to the IHM/Special Intention by Kevin Ritchie
- Wed. Mar. 29** **Wednesday of Passion Week, III**
 6:15am +Dorothy Kelly by Kevin Kelly
 6:30pm John & Lauren Zalesky
- Thu. Mar. 30** **Thursday of Passion Week, III**
 7:10am +Brian D. Morrow by Mary Alice Howard
- Fri. Mar. 31** **Friday of Passion Week, III**
 7:10am Vincent Puntureri by Matthew Pitman
 6:30pm +John J. Broseius by Mary Alice Howard
- Sat. Apr. 1** **Saturday of Passion Week, III**
 9:00am Kevin McCarthy by Charles & Chris Stoner
- Sun. Apr. 2** **Palm Sunday, I**
 7:30am +Mother Maria Louisa by Anthony DiSanto
 9:00am Michael & Barbara Serpiello by Daniel & Lydia Miccolupi
 11:00am Pro Populo
 6:00pm +Charles Klein Smith by Ben Hiegert

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson *Heb 9:11-15*

Brethren: When Christ appeared as high priest of the good things to come, He entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands - that is, not of this creation, - nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of His own blood, into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean unto the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the Blood of Christ, Who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself unblemished unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And this is why He is mediator of a new covenant, that whereas a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions committed under the former covenant, they who have been called may receive eternal inheritance according to the promise, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel *John 8:46-59*

At that time, Jesus said to the crowds of the Jews: Which of you can convict Me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear is that you are not of God. The Jews

therefore in answer said to Him, Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan, and have a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet, I do not seek My own glory; there is One Who seeks and Who judges. Amen, amen, I say to you, if anyone keep My word, he will never see death. The Jews therefore said, Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets, and You say, ‘If anyone keep My word he will never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself? Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father Who glorifies Me, of Whom you say that He is your God. And you do not know Him, but I know Him. And if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be like you, a liar. But I know Him, and I keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he was to see My day. He saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? Jesus said to them, Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am. They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out from the temple.

TODAY

Sunday, March 26

- Passion Sunday
- Second Collection—Building Fund

UPCOMING

Monday, March 27

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, March 28

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, March 29

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Friday, March 31

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Saturday, April 1

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society meeting—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- St. Tarcisius meeting—5:30pm

Sunday, April 2

- Palm Sunday—11am High Mass with blessing of palms and procession

Monday, April 3

- No Men’s Monday Night Basketball

Maundy Thursday, April 6

- *Tenebrae*—7am
- High Mass— 6:30pm
- All Night Adoration—8pm to 12 noon Good Friday

Good Friday, April 7

- *Tenebrae*—7am
- Solemn Liturgy— 3pm
- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 8

- *Tenebrae*—7am
- Easter Vigil— 8pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passion Sunday—This Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide. Inspired by the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church veiled sacred images in the sanctuary and chapel. 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 have not veiled the large Crucifix hanging in the sanctuary.

The Mystery of Lent—The suspension of the Alleluia; the purple vestments; the laying aside of the deacon’s dalmatic, and the subdeacon’s tunic; the omission of the two joyful canticles Gloria in excelsis and Te Deum; the substitution of the mournful Tract for the Alleluia-verse in the Mass; the Benedictamus Domino instead of the 1^{te} Missa est; the additional prayer said over the people after the Postcommunions on ferial days; the celebration of the Vesper Office before midday, excepting on the Sundays: all these are familiar to our readers.

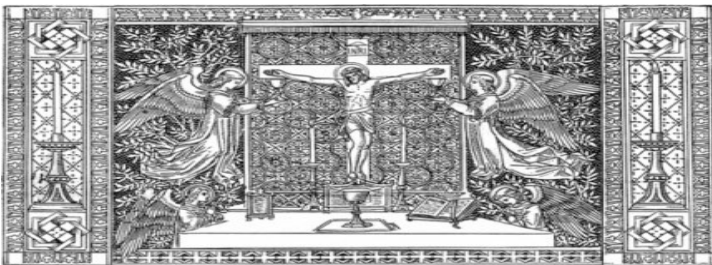
We have now only to mention, in addition, the genuflections prescribed for the conclusion of all the Hours of the Divine Office on ferias, and the rubric which bids the choir to kneel, on those same days, during the Canon of the Mass. Of these rites, the most imposing was that of putting up a large veil between the choir and the altar, so that neither clergy nor people could look upon the holy mysteries celebrated within the sanctuary. This veil — which was called the Curtain, and, generally speaking, was of a purple colour—was a symbol of the penance to which the sinner ought to subject himself, in order to merit the sight of that divine Majesty, before whose face he had committed so many outrages.

— From *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Guéranger

Apr. 6: Maundy Thursday All Night Adoration—begins immediately after the 6:30pm Mass and will continue through to 12 noon on Good Friday, Apr. 7. A sign-up sheet for Adoration will be available near the entrance of the church. Please contact Amanda Healy at tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc for more information.

Easter Break for CCD and Friday Religious Education classes
CCD Apr. 2 and 9; Friday Religious Education, Apr. 7 and 14.

Mar. 2, 2024: Bach’s The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John—coming to St. Lawrence next year in conjunction with Messiah University !



Easter Sunday Potluck—If you plan to come to the Mozart orchestral Mass at 11 am Easter Sunday, consider bringing a dish to share for our Easter party afterwards in the parish center (112 State Street). Access will be provided to drop off food in advance. If enough volunteers sign up, we will have an Easter egg hunt for the children as well. Parishioners will receive next week, an email with the link to sign up.

Blessing of Paschal lambs, eggs, bread, and new fruits— After the 11 am orchestral Mass on Easter Sunday, the priests will give special blessings only given at Easter for any lambs, eggs, bread, or new fruits that parishioners would like to bring to be blessed.

Planning Committee: For purposes of assisting the Parish and the Pastor in developing a Master Plan to identify and recommend priorities for future maintenance, repairs, and renovations to Parish buildings and infrastructure, Fr. Smith has appointed a Planning Committee, chaired by Marv Smith, and including Joe Dattoli, Kevin McKeon, Ed Pitman, Brian Rosenberg, and Joe Yula. The Committee is reviewing various projects including the new library, a new accessible ramp, roof replacement for the school house, social hall updates to include air conditioning, as well as stained glass window protection. The Committee welcomes any comments or questions, which can be provided in person or via email addressed to planningcomments@stlawrence.cc.

July 10-14: Save the Date—Chant Camp 2023 is scheduled for July 10-14. The first four days will be spent learning and preparing the sacred music for an 11am Sung Mass on the feast of St. Bonaventure, Friday July 14. Lunch, sports, and games are included each day at Wormleysburg Park. Registration opens May 21 for Parishioners and June 4 for non-parishioners.

2023 Mass Intentions—As our Parish family continues to grow, the Mass intention calendar is quickly filling up! To accommodate everyone’s requests, we ask that going forward, each family submit no more than four Mass intentions per month. This will enable everyone an opportunity to have their Masses said throughout the year. Thank you!

St. Jude Devotion Mass Intention—The Mass intention on the third Wednesday of each month will be for the prayer requests received on the Parish prayer email list. Please note that when a third Wednesday falls within the Novenas for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, the Mass intention for the 6:15am morning Mass will be designated for the respective novena. The 6:30pm evening Mass intention will be for the list of prayer requests..

Library update—We are now at nearly \$6,500 of our \$10,000 fundraising goal for the parish library. If we get to \$10,000, an anonymous benefactor will contribute an additional \$20,000. This money will pay for the construction of a new parish library room, which is expected to cost around \$25,000, and any excess raised will go towards the purchase of books. To help us reach this goal, please mark your donation “for the library.” Thank you very much to all who have contributed so far.

New telephone menu options for the Parish’s business office
We have updated the menu on the parish telephone system, which now provides a menu suite of priest and staff extensions as well as Mass times, directions to St. Lawrence, and contacting a priest in the event of a sacramental emergency.

Banns of Marriage



William Stover and Claudia Wert

Be it known to all here present that William Stover, son of Kevin and Kathleen Stover of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, Harrisburg, Penn.; and Claudia Wert, daughter of Robert and Mary Wert of Sinking Springs, Penn.; 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 first 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. 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 contact@stlawrence.cc.

Processional Hymn

How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
'Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee:
I crucified Thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep us offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my
deserving

Sunday Collections

Week of March 19, 2023

Offertory (March 19)	\$ 14,598.00
Online Giving (Mar. 13 - Mar. 19)	\$ <u>4,777.00</u>
Total:	\$ 19,375.00

* 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

O Sacred Head, Surrounded

O sacred Head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn!
Our sins have marred the glory of Thy most holy face,
Yet angel hosts adore Thee and tremble as they gaze.

I see Thy strength and vigor all fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor, bereaving Thee of life;
O agony and dying! O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying, O turn Thy face on me.

In this Thy bitter passion, Good Shepherd think of me
With Thy most sweet compassion, unworthy though I be:
Beneath Thy cross abiding for ever would I rest,
In Thy dear love confiding, and with Thy presence blest.

