

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



June 25, 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

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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

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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. June 25	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, II
7:30am	Father's Day Novena
9:00am	Father's Day Novena
11:00am	Pro Populo
6:00pm	Father's Day Novena
Mon. June 26	Ss. John & Paul, <i>Martyrs, III</i>
7:10am	Father's Day Novena
Tue. June 27	Feria, IV
7:10am	Maximillian Acker by Fonticoba Family
Wed. June 28	Vigil of Ss. Peter an Paul, II
6:15am	Special Intention by Kevin Ritchie
6:30pm	+Michael Defelice by Chase & Brandi Defelice
Thu. June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul, <i>Apostles, I</i>
7:10am	+Ferenc Lakatos by Beata Lakatos
Fri. June 30	The Commemoration of St. Paul, <i>Apostle, III</i>
7:10am	+Romyne Agliotta by Elizabeth Firoozmand
6:30pm	Anthony DiSanto by Ana Lakatos
Sat. July 1	The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I
9:00am	Beverly O'Neill by Chuck & Chris Stoner
Sun. July 2	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, II
7:30am	Damien Jones by Daniel & Anastasia Jones
9:00am	+Dolly Clabaugh by Alan & Tina Busbey
11:00am	Deceased & Living Members of the Legion of Mary by Alice Mansell
6:00pm	Pro Populo

TODAY

Sunday, June 25

- Second Collection—Building Fund

UPCOMING

Monday, June 26

- Father's Day Novena—Ninth day
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, June 27

- Solemn Exposition—8am to 11:45am
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Thursday, June 29

- Indulgence for the Patronal Feast of the FSSP
- Ss. Peter & Paul—6:30pm Sung Mass

Saturday, July 1

- The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—10am
- Adult Inquiry Group—3:30pm
- St. Tarcisius—5:30pm

Monday, July 3

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, July 4

- Solemn Exposition—8am to 11:45am
- Parish business office closed for July Fourth
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Friday, July 7

- First Friday

Monday-Friday, July 10-14

- Chant Camp (signups are still open!)

Sunday, August 13

- External Solemnity of St. Lawrence
- Annual Parish Picnic

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Rom 8:18-23

Brethren: I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us. For the eager longing of creation awaits the revelation of the sons of God. For creation was made subject to vanity - not by its own will but by reason of Him Who made it subject - in hope, because creation itself also will be delivered from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the sons of God. For we know that all creation groans and travails in pain until now. And not only it, but we ourselves also who have the first-fruits of the Spirit - we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption as sons of God, the redemption of our body, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

At that time, while the crowds were pressing upon Jesus to hear the word of God, He was standing by Lake Genesareth. And He saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were

washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, He began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when He had ceased speaking, He said to Simon, Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch. And Simon answered and said to Him, Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at Your word I will lower the net. And when they had done so, they enclosed a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they beckoned to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so were also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid; henceforth you shall catch men. And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Completion of Construction of the Library—Throughout the Scriptures, many references are made to the importance of wisdom. Indeed, Christ himself is referred to as the “Wisdom of God,” (1 Cor. 1:24). St. Thomas Aquinas says that this is a correct way to refer to the second person of the Blessed Trinity: “Therefore, the Word of God is rightly called conceived or begotten wisdom, as being the wise conception of the divine mind” (*Summa contra Gentiles*, IV, 12).

Christ himself has revealed to us the hidden nature of God, and this revelation has been manifested to us over 20 centuries by many wise men whose wisdom and writings have been recognized by the Church. Since the Church does indeed possess *Begotten Wisdom* itself, it is very important for us as Catholics to learn from these teachers so that we come closer to knowing our great God.

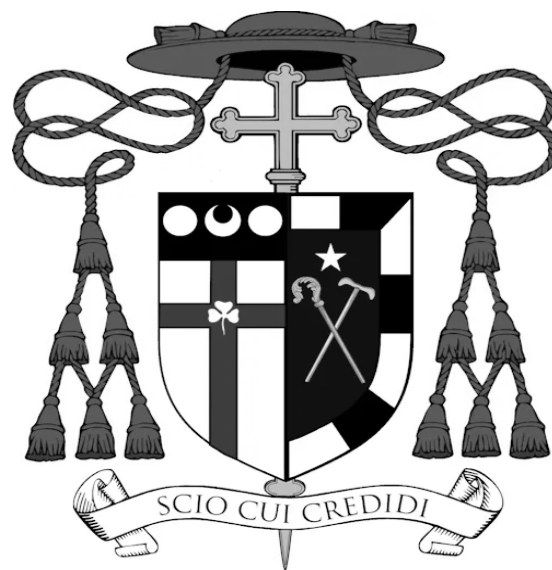
In the Old Testament, the people were warned that if they failed to seek God, they would be deprived of teaching: “If you seek him, you shall find: but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. And many days shall pass in Israel, without the true God, and without a priest a teacher, and without the law.” (2 Chron. 15:2-3). In the new covenant, we have not been left orphan but have been blessed with so much wisdom.

Recognizing this, it is important for a parish to have a place where wisdom can be acquired through reading the great doctors and teachers of the Church, as well as the Church’s magisterial documents. Our parish library in the basement of the church has been blessed with these resources thanks to the sacrifices of our parishioners in the past, but it is also important to house such wisdom in place that is beautiful, such that its beauty reflects something of the wisdom that it contains, and shows those interested in the Catholic Faith that our religion is serious, and truly wise.

Thanks to the generosity of our many benefactors, and the skilled carpentry of Fred Shabler and Co., room 216 in the parish center (112 State Street) has been marvelously transformed into a beautiful library. Most of our books have not been installed in the library yet, but this will happen over the next several weeks. We also plan to announce a system for borrowing books from the library, and a way to access the non-circulating volumes, which include our treasures: St. Thomas, St. Augustine, and our Fathers of the Church series.

May God reward those who have worked so hard on this project, and been so generous for it!

St. Lawrence Parish Library welcomes book donations!—We are very grateful as well to the several families who have offered donations of books. They keep coming in to the library, and these will help strengthen our beautiful collection. Please keep in mind the following policy regarding any donations of books: “Donated books must be in good condition. Series must be complete. If the books come into the category of non-fiction, they must be current with their information. Donated books are accepted at the discretion of either the Librarian or the Pastor, or both, and any books donated may be used in the periodic sales of books held by the library.” For your information, the parish library is Mrs. Sharon Knowles, who can be reached at library@stlawrence.cc.



Welcome to His Excellency, Timothy C. Senior—With the acceptance of the retirement of Bishop Ronald Gainer by Pope Francis in April, the Holy See has appointed Bishop Senior as the new Bishop of Harrisburg, effective this past Wednesday, June 21, when he was installed in a ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, just down the street. We are very grateful for the tender pastoral care that Bp. Gainer has shown us these past years, and we look forward to cooperating with Bp. Senior, and to being guided by him as we seek to obtain heaven.

From Bishop’s biography, posted on the diocesan website: “Bishop Senior was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia in July, 2009. He was the Regional Bishop of Montgomery County and Philadelphia-South, as well as Chancellor of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prior to these responsibilities with the Archdiocese, Bishop Senior served as Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary from 2012 to 2022, after having been the Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese from 2009 to 2012....A 1977 graduate of Lansdale Catholic High School, Lansdale, Pa., Bishop Senior is a classically trained pianist and the youngest of the three children of the late James H. and Elise Rothwell Senior. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1985.”

Tuesday, June 27: No Exposition Due to Maintenance—We plan to have an inspection of the rose window at the front of the church on Tuesday this week, so it would be better not to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with that work being done. Please note that if you would like to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the church is open every day after Mass for some hours and Our Lord can be kept company and adored in the tabernacle, even not during Solemn Exposition.

Sunday, July 2: Fr. Gregory Markey to Visit—Fr. Gregory Markey, chaplain of Thomas Aquinas College in Massachusetts, plans to visit the parish next Sunday, July 2, and is scheduled to celebrate the High Mass at 11 am. Fr. Markey is leading a pilgrimage and is to have nearly 40 people with him at the High Mass, so you can expect that Mass to be more crowded than

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: All Ye Who Seek A Comfort Sure, 862
Recessional hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, 933
Kyriale: Mass IX, 740; Credo I, 768

Chant after Offertory: *Cor Jesu*

Motet at Communion: *Factus est Dominus*, Orlandus Lassus (c.1532–1594)

The proper chants for this Sunday quote psalms that speak of the Lord as a deliverer and protector. This is restated in our English recessional hymn, Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, which paraphrases Psalms 102 & 103. Each verse gives a different reason to praise God—we sing in verse three, “...*In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes...*”

Similarly, the Communion is taken from Psalm 17:3 which proclaims, “*O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer: my God, my rock of refuge!*” **Orlandus Lassus** sets this same verse in the motet *Factus est Dominus*. This work, as *Discite a Me* sung last week, is structured in three distinct sections.

Orlandus Lassus (c.1532–1594) is known for the mature polyphonic style in the Franco-Flemish school. He wrote over 2,000 works in Latin, French, Italian, and German both sacred and secular. Lassus along with Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina and Tomás Luis de Victoria are the most influential composers of the late Renaissance.

Processional Hymn

All Ye Who Seek A Comfort Sure

All ye who seek a comfort sure
in trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress:

Our Lord, who gave Himself for you
upon the Cross to die,
Opens to you His sacred Heart,
oh, to the Heart draw nigh!

Ye hear how kindly He invites;
ye hear his words so blest;
“All ye that labor come to Me,
and I will give you rest.”

What meeker that the Savior's Heart?
As on the Cross He lay;
It did His murderers forgive,
and for their pardon pray.

O Heart! Thou joy of Saints on high,
Thou Hope of sinners here!
Attracted by those loving words
to Thee I lift my prayer.

Sunday Collections Week of June 18, 2023

Offertory (June 18)	\$ 5,851.00
Father's Day Novena (June 18)	\$ 229.00
Catholic Communications (June 18)	\$262.00
Online Giving (June 12 - June 18)	<u>\$ 3,849.00</u>

Total: **\$ 10,191.00**

* The Building Fund is reported once per month



Recessional Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.